Q1 Please indicate which schools your children attend (check all that apply).

Answered: 8,566 Skipped: 438

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Oak Grove Elementary	14.39%	1233
Ashford Park Elementary	8.30%	711
Evansdale Elementary	7.06%	605
Lakeside High	6.98%	598
Other (please specify) Show responses	5.25%	450
Henderson Middle	5.16%	442
Vanderlyn Elementary	4.84%	415
Kittredge Magnet	3.96%	339
Chamblee High	3.96%	339
Chamblee Middle	3.62%	310
Dunwoody High	3.02%	259
Midvale Elementary	2.81%	241
Brockett Elementary	2.37%	203
Peachtree Middle	2.36%	202
Montgomery Elementary	2.31%	198
Lithonia High	2.18%	187
Cedar Grove High	2.10%	180
Henderson Mill Elementary	2.03%	174
Redan Elementary	1.74%	149
Total		**13436**

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Arabia Mountain High	1.66%	142
Sagamore Elementary	1.60%	137
Robert Shaw Elementary	1.47%	126
Chesnut Elementary	1.47%	126
Cedar Grove Middle	1.47%	126
Tucker High	1.45%	124
Druid Hills Middle	1.45%	124
Laurel Ridge Elementary	1.42%	122
Briarlake Elementary	1.41%	121
Druid Hills High	1.37%	117
Champion Theme Middle	1.33%	114
Cedar Grove Elementary	1.33%	114
Kingsley Elementary	1.28%	110
Tucker Midde	1.21%	104
GLOBE Academy Charter	1.21%	104
Bob Mathis Elementary	1.19%	102
Austin Elementary	1.17%	100
Southwest DeKalb High	1.14%	98
Livsey Elementary	1.09%	93
Stoneview Elementary	1.07%	92
Dunwoody Elementary	1.07%	92
Huntley Hills Elementary	1.02%	87
Total		**13436**

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Coralwood Education Center	1.00%	86
DeKalb Arts Academy	0.93%	80
Lithonia Middle	0.92%	79
Columbia High	0.91%	78
Rock Chapel Elementary	0.89%	76
DeKalb School of the Arts	0.86%	74
Fernbank Elementary	0.85%	73
Stephenson High	0.84%	72
Columbia Elementary	0.83%	71
Narvie J Harris Elementary	0.82%	70
Avondale Elementary	0.81%	69
Wynbrooke Elementary	0.76%	65
Miller Grove Middle	0.76%	65
Martin Luther King, Jr High	0.75%	64
Chapel Hill Middle	0.75%	64
Towers High	0.74%	63
Snapfinger Elementary	0.72%	62
Smoke Rise Elementary	0.71%	61
Miller Grove High	0.71%	61
Redan High	0.70%	60
Museum School Avondale Estates	0.68%	58
Early Learning Academy	0.68%	58
Total		**13436**

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Flat Rock Elementary	0.67%	57
Stephenson Middle	0.65%	56
Oak View Elementary	0.65%	56
McLendon Elementary	0.65%	56
Columbia Middle	0.65%	56
McNair Middle	0.64%	55
McNair Discovery Learning Academy	0.63%	54
Hawthorne Elementary	0.63%	54
Barack Obama Elementary	0.63%	54
Kelley Lake Elementary	0.61%	52
Browns Mill Elementary	0.61%	52
Toney Elementary	0.58%	50
Wadsworth Magnet	0.57%	49
Rainbow Elementary	0.56%	48
Edward L Bouie, Sr Elementary	0.56%	48
Clarkston High	0.55%	47
Woodridge Elementary	0.53%	45
Tapestry Public Charter	0.53%	45
Marbut Elementary	0.53%	45
McNair High	0.51%	44
Briar Vista Elementary	0.51%	44
John Robert Lewis Elementary	0.50%	43
Total		**13436**

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Salem Middle	0.46%	39
Redan Middle	0.46%	39
DeKalb Agriculture, Technology, and Environment	0.42%	36
Stone Mountain High	0.40%	34
Chapel Hill Elementary	0.40%	34
Flat Shoals Elementary	0.39%	33
Cross Keys High	0.37%	32
Peachcrest Elementary	0.36%	31
Canby Lane Elementary	0.36%	31
Stone Mill Elementary	0.35%	30
Stone Mountain Middle	0.34%	29
Stone Mountain Elementary	0.34%	29
Sequoyah Middle	0.34%	29
Princeton Elementary	0.34%	29
Freedom Middle	0.34%	29
Mary McLeod Bethune Middle	0.33%	28
Rowland Elementary	0.32%	27
Allgood Elementary	0.32%	27
Rockbridge Elementary	0.30%	26
Eldridge L Miller Elementary	0.29%	25
Indian Creek Elementary	0.28%	24
DeKalb Preparatory Charter School	0.28%	24
Total		**13436**

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Stephenson Elementary (formerly Pine Ridge)	0.27%	23
International Community	0.26%	22
Fairington Elementary	0.25%	21
DeKalb Early College Academy	0.25%	21
Panola Way Elementary	0.22%	19
Woodward Elementary	0.21%	18
Hambrick Elementary	0.21%	18
Elizabeth Andrews High	0.21%	18
Murphey Candler Elementary	0.20%	17
Shadow Rock Elementary	0.19%	16
Pleasantdale Elementary	0.19%	16
Dunaire Elementary	0.19%	16
DeKalb HS Technology- South	0.19%	16
Cary Reynolds Elementary	0.19%	16
Oakcliff Elementary	0.18%	15
Jolly Elementary	0.16%	14
Montclair Elementary	0.15%	13
Margaret Harris Comprehensive	0.15%	13
Doraville United Elementary	0.15%	13
Dresden Elementary	0.14%	12
DeKalb PATH Charter School	0.14%	12
Idlewood Elementary	0.13%	11
Total		**13436**

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Hightower Elementary	0.13%	11
DeKalb Alternative	0.13%	11
DeKalb HS Technology- North	0.12%	10
Shadow Rock Center	0.09%	8
International Student Center	0.09%	8
Warren Technical Center	0.08%	7
Viewpoint Health	0.08%	7
Leadership Preparatory Charter School	0.08%	7
Eagle Woods Academy	0.08%	7
UHS of Laurel Heights	0.07%	6
Total		**13436**

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	My son graduated years ago but attended Evansdale & Kittredge	3/8/2026 10:26 PM
2	Flat rock elementary	3/8/2026 10:21 PM
3	I do not have children yet, but they would go to Evansdale.	3/8/2026 10:13 PM
4	NO CHILDREN	3/8/2026 10:06 PM
5	Live in community. Went to Oak Grove Elementary and I am 62 now	3/8/2026 10:04 PM
6	Paidiea	3/8/2026 9:34 PM
7	my children attended Evansdale Elem	3/8/2026 9:26 PM
8	Resident in Oak Grove Elementary zone	3/8/2026 8:53 PM
9	John Lewis Elementary	3/8/2026 8:35 PM
10	Former Parent, Current community member	3/8/2026 8:33 PM
11	No children in school.	3/8/2026 8:32 PM
12	Atlanta international school	3/8/2026 8:31 PM
13	My 3 children attended Livsey Elementary, Chamblee Middle, and Chamblee High School. My youngest child graduated from Chamblee High School in 2017.	3/8/2026 8:25 PM
14	Not applicable as no school age children in household	3/8/2026 8:24 PM
15	Staff member	3/8/2026 8:15 PM
16	My children do not attend any of the above schools.	3/8/2026 8:08 PM
17	St Pius X, IHM	3/8/2026 8:07 PM
18	N/A	3/8/2026 7:58 PM
19	IHM	3/8/2026 7:47 PM
20	My children attended oak grove elementary. They are now at Paideia.	3/8/2026 7:04 PM
21	No school age children	3/8/2026 6:55 PM
22	Private	3/8/2026 5:34 PM
23	My kids are not yet school age	3/8/2026 5:17 PM
24	Children not of school age	3/8/2026 4:51 PM
25	My children attended Oak Grove Elementary	3/8/2026 4:48 PM
26	Kids in college now	3/8/2026 4:21 PM
27	former parent Oak Grove Elementary, Henderson Middle, Lakeside High. Community member	3/8/2026 4:01 PM
28	no children in school anymore	3/8/2026 4:00 PM
29	Marist HS	3/8/2026 3:23 PM
30	none	3/8/2026 3:06 PM
31	No kids in school system	3/8/2026 2:52 PM
32	Arbor and on track for Oak Grove Elementary	3/8/2026 2:26 PM
33	My kids are adults. Checked schools they attended when younger.	3/8/2026 2:20 PM
34	No kids yet	3/8/2026 2:04 PM
35	my children atended Oak Grove Elementary	3/8/2026 1:25 PM
36	My grandkids attend Hawthorne and Vanderlyn. I live in the Oak Grove school district	3/8/2026 12:45 PM

37	Kids have not yet started kindergarten.	3/8/2026 12:43 PM
38	*attended	3/8/2026 11:50 AM
39	The checked schools are in my neighborhood	3/8/2026 11:30 AM
40	Fernbank Science Center	3/8/2026 11:16 AM
41	Former DeKalb student currently in private school	3/8/2026 10:59 AM
42	Community Member	3/8/2026 10:39 AM
43	Lakeside district	3/8/2026 10:33 AM
44	None yet. Currently districted for APES.	3/8/2026 10:31 AM
45	Resident of Oak Grove	3/8/2026 10:16 AM
46	neighbor and voter	3/8/2026 10:15 AM
47	OLA	3/8/2026 9:57 AM
48	no children	3/8/2026 9:48 AM
49	Attended Oak Grove Elementary	3/8/2026 9:33 AM
50	I do not currently have children in school	3/8/2026 3:22 AM
51	CSD elementary via courtesy tuition (live in Mclendon zone)	3/7/2026 9:55 PM
52	Non DeKalb Catholic school	3/7/2026 8:58 PM
53	son graduated Browns Mill, Chapel Hill Middle and Chamblee HS	3/7/2026 8:37 PM
54	Staff	3/7/2026 8:17 PM
55	Preschool aged child zoned for Ashford Park	3/7/2026 7:58 PM
56	No kids but live in neighborhood	3/7/2026 6:25 PM
57	Druid Hills Cluster community member	3/7/2026 5:36 PM
58	My child enters Oak Grove ES in the fall.	3/7/2026 4:17 PM
59	Senior homeowner living in Oak Grove neighborhood	3/7/2026 4:03 PM
60	My children are graduates Oak Grove, Henderson, Lakeside	3/7/2026 3:17 PM
61	My children graduated already	3/7/2026 3:17 PM
62	No children	3/7/2026 2:16 PM
63	My children attended Oak Grove Elementary	3/7/2026 2:14 PM
64	All children have graduated	3/7/2026 2:05 PM
65	I’m staff	3/7/2026 1:52 PM
66	Former Evansdale Elementary School parent	3/7/2026 12:29 PM
67	I am a DCSD employee	3/7/2026 12:26 PM
68	Graduated from DCSD. Attended Evansdale, Henderson Middle, and Lakeside High School.	3/7/2026 11:17 AM
69	Children are adults	3/7/2026 10:43 AM
70	Former Evansdale Parent	3/7/2026 10:40 AM
71	Tucker middle school	3/7/2026 10:39 AM
72	None	3/7/2026 9:40 AM
73	Coralwood	3/7/2026 9:17 AM
74	My children are graduates of Oak Grove Elementary	3/7/2026 9:00 AM

75	None yet, will enter Midvale Elementary in 2027-2028 school year.	3/7/2026 8:33 AM
76	No longer attend, but attended Evansdale/Henderson/Lakeside and Evansdale/Kittredge/Chamblee MS/Chamblee HS	3/7/2026 7:40 AM
77	I have no children in schools	3/7/2026 5:35 AM
78	No children	3/6/2026 10:40 PM
79	Graduates of these schools	3/6/2026 9:00 PM
80	Our 3 children attended the 3 schools selected above from 2001-2018	3/6/2026 8:49 PM
81	Path Academy charter Schools	3/6/2026 7:58 PM
82	My children are not yet public school age	3/6/2026 7:47 PM
83	I no longer have school-age children.	3/6/2026 7:18 PM
84	Retired Teacher and community member	3/6/2026 6:15 PM
85	No school age children	3/6/2026 5:10 PM
86	I’m a teach at this school	3/6/2026 5:02 PM
87	No child in school	3/6/2026 4:34 PM
88	Schenck School (current 5th grader) - will return to public school for 7th grade	3/6/2026 4:10 PM
89	Concerned retirer	3/6/2026 3:55 PM
90	Parent of former student	3/6/2026 3:41 PM
91	2 children Graduated from Clarkston High	3/6/2026 3:32 PM
92	No school	3/6/2026 3:18 PM
93	do not have children	3/6/2026 3:10 PM
94	My child / children do not attend any DCSD schools	3/6/2026 3:07 PM
95	N/A	3/6/2026 3:06 PM
96	FLEX Academy	3/6/2026 2:54 PM
97	I work in Dekalb	3/6/2026 2:48 PM
98	Community Member and District Employee	3/6/2026 2:14 PM
99	I do not currently have any children attending schools in DeKalb.	3/6/2026 1:42 PM
100	I have no children	3/6/2026 1:31 PM
101	Daycare	3/6/2026 1:27 PM
102	Adult children	3/6/2026 1:10 PM
103	Community Member	3/6/2026 1:07 PM
104	DCSD Student	3/6/2026 12:37 PM
105	Employee	3/6/2026 12:33 PM
106	My child needed to attend a private school because of her dyslexia	3/6/2026 12:06 PM
107	My children do not attend Dekalb County District Schools	3/6/2026 12:02 PM
108	No children	3/6/2026 11:53 AM
109	Evansdale family	3/6/2026 11:44 AM
110	No school age children .	3/6/2026 11:44 AM
111	N/A	3/6/2026 11:17 AM
112	No school age children	3/6/2026 11:09 AM

113	Beginning kindergarten at Evansdale 2026-2027	3/6/2026 11:04 AM
114	Arbor Montessori	3/6/2026 10:53 AM
115	I have no children in school but am a concerned community member	3/6/2026 10:43 AM
116	Granddaughter in Early Learning Academy	3/6/2026 10:28 AM
117	I have no kids.	3/6/2026 9:40 AM
118	Attended Evansdale, Henderson middle, and Lakeside High	3/6/2026 9:35 AM
119	Children have graduated.	3/6/2026 9:34 AM
120	IHM, Intown, St Pius	3/6/2026 9:05 AM
121	WBBC	3/6/2026 9:05 AM
122	Dekalb Early Learning Center	3/6/2026 9:02 AM
123	No children in School I am an employee	3/6/2026 8:54 AM
124	Staff	3/6/2026 8:34 AM
125	staff	3/6/2026 8:28 AM
126	Homeschool	3/6/2026 7:50 AM
127	No children	3/6/2026 7:24 AM
128	No children attending school at this time	3/6/2026 7:18 AM
129	na	3/6/2026 7:09 AM
130	Home school but zoned for Smokerise and Tucker	3/5/2026 11:31 PM
131	None	3/5/2026 11:31 PM
132	Future parent of Ashford Park	3/5/2026 10:22 PM
133	The Howard School	3/5/2026 9:42 PM
134	None	3/5/2026 8:52 PM
135	Previous students in Dekalb	3/5/2026 8:30 PM
136	Future Oak Grove Elementary student	3/5/2026 8:27 PM
137	Zoned to evansdale. School choice	3/5/2026 8:13 PM
138	Lakeside High	3/5/2026 7:51 PM
139	Children grown, but did attend Evansdale, Henderson HS	3/5/2026 7:50 PM
140	NA	3/5/2026 7:41 PM
141	None	3/5/2026 7:19 PM
142	High School Teacher	3/5/2026 6:53 PM
143	Our children are grown	3/5/2026 6:10 PM
144	Staff at Miller Grove Middle	3/5/2026 6:09 PM
145	Cliff Valley school	3/5/2026 5:00 PM
146	No student in the DCSD	3/5/2026 3:58 PM
147	community member	3/5/2026 3:32 PM
148	None	3/5/2026 3:29 PM
149	None	3/5/2026 3:18 PM
150	DeKalb Early Learning Center	3/5/2026 3:12 PM

151	I am a teacher and my kids have graduated from DCSD	3/5/2026 2:58 PM
152	Early Learning Center at Terry Mills	3/5/2026 2:32 PM
153	Na	3/5/2026 1:25 PM
154	None	3/5/2026 1:18 PM
155	Unknown	3/5/2026 12:58 PM
156	Will be starting school in 2026	3/5/2026 12:35 PM
157	both of my children went to Ashford Park and we LOVE IT!	3/5/2026 12:08 PM
158	All three of my children attended Oak Grove Elementary	3/5/2026 11:12 AM
159	None	3/5/2026 11:09 AM
160	n-a	3/5/2026 11:08 AM
161	Rising kindergartner at APES	3/5/2026 10:59 AM
162	none at this time	3/5/2026 10:39 AM
163	We will be attending McNair Discovery Learning Academy in the fall	3/5/2026 10:38 AM
164	Cornerstone	3/5/2026 10:33 AM
165	does not matter, this is a decision of taxes and efficiency	3/5/2026 10:20 AM
166	Child graduated	3/5/2026 9:12 AM
167	Teacher	3/5/2026 8:56 AM
168	no children at these schools	3/5/2026 8:54 AM
169	I have no children	3/5/2026 8:27 AM
170	No children in Dekalb county, I'm a teacher	3/5/2026 8:25 AM
171	Not children	3/5/2026 8:07 AM
172	My Nieces and nephews attend these schools, I also have a rental property that surrounds the schools listed.	3/5/2026 7:59 AM
173	I do not have any kids.	3/5/2026 7:54 AM
174	No longer have a child in school but care about the future of my community and it's schools	3/5/2026 7:34 AM
175	DCSD Staff member	3/5/2026 6:49 AM
176	Recent students of the checked schools	3/5/2026 6:31 AM
177	None	3/5/2026 6:14 AM
178	only grand children in school	3/5/2026 6:13 AM
179	None	3/5/2026 5:49 AM
180	Not of school age yet but will go to ashford park	3/4/2026 10:44 PM
181	N/A	3/4/2026 10:36 PM
182	None	3/4/2026 9:13 PM
183	None	3/4/2026 9:05 PM
184	My children have graduated, but attended Sagamore Hills, Henderson and Lakeside	3/4/2026 9:05 PM
185	former Oak Grove elementary students	3/4/2026 8:50 PM
186	the Paideia School	3/4/2026 8:46 PM
187	None	3/4/2026 8:22 PM
188	Private	3/4/2026 8:21 PM

189	None - my children attended DeKalb County Schools in the 1990s-2010s	3/4/2026 8:13 PM
190	Georgia Cyber Academy	3/4/2026 8:11 PM
191	Withdrawn from Chamblee High School	3/4/2026 7:38 PM
192	Parentnof graduates of these schools	3/4/2026 7:37 PM
193	None	3/4/2026 7:27 PM
194	Oak Grove ES alumnus	3/4/2026 7:11 PM
195	Son and nephew graduated from the Tucker Cluser (Livsey ES, Tucker MS, Tucker HS)	3/4/2026 6:28 PM
196	Children would go to Ashford Park elementary	3/4/2026 6:02 PM
197	Kids grown	3/4/2026 5:17 PM
198	NA	3/4/2026 5:11 PM
199	Community Member District 3	3/4/2026 5:11 PM
200	Parent of former Oak Grove/Lakeside students	3/4/2026 5:11 PM
201	None	3/4/2026 4:43 PM
202	we do not have children at Oakgrove but we live near the school	3/4/2026 4:21 PM
203	None. Senior Citizen	3/4/2026 4:20 PM
204	Northwoods Montessori	3/4/2026 4:05 PM
205	Graduates of Henderson Mill, Henderson Middle and Lakeside	3/4/2026 4:02 PM
206	No children in home	3/4/2026 2:56 PM
207	No children in school	3/4/2026 2:50 PM
208	I have no children in this school district.	3/4/2026 2:41 PM
209	no children	3/4/2026 2:40 PM
210	All my children have graduated	3/4/2026 2:40 PM
211	none	3/4/2026 2:17 PM
212	Not currently enrolled	3/4/2026 1:56 PM
213	homeowner	3/4/2026 1:48 PM
214	My children went to marbut and stoneview elementary lithonia middle amd Deca high school	3/4/2026 12:42 PM
215	Went to oak grove when they were younger	3/4/2026 12:26 PM
216	United elementary doraville	3/4/2026 11:22 AM
217	children out of school	3/4/2026 11:12 AM
218	I am not a parent	3/4/2026 10:40 AM
219	None yet, but they would go to Vanderlyn	3/4/2026 10:40 AM
220	I'm concerned about Bethune as child wi be there next year	3/4/2026 10:31 AM
221	No children	3/4/2026 9:51 AM
222	Not applicable (children grown)	3/4/2026 9:45 AM
223	Fernbank ES pipeline in the coming years	3/4/2026 9:06 AM
224	Flex Academy	3/4/2026 9:05 AM
225	employee	3/4/2026 8:33 AM
226	no students in my family	3/4/2026 8:16 AM

227	None	3/4/2026 7:41 AM
228	Cliff Valley School	3/4/2026 7:20 AM
229	Early learning center	3/4/2026 6:53 AM
230	Student Graduated	3/3/2026 9:13 PM
231	Former DeKalb County student living in the Lakeside High District	3/3/2026 7:53 PM
232	Community member	3/3/2026 7:03 PM
233	I do not have any children in schools but i am an educaator and when i was in schools before obtaining advanced degrees, I attended public schools in the cities and coiunties and these schoools need to make sure thathaat they remain as they are, no need to consconsolodiate. Lots of mmoneies have already been put into different schools adding to them and making them better so these funds already used have been spent dffoolishly. it is hard also for school age children and lowers grades to have to change schools and enronments just because some hierarchy says this shuould be done. this is a waste of good taxpayer monies.	3/3/2026 4:58 PM
234	I’m a prior student	3/3/2026 4:08 PM
235	IHM	3/3/2026 3:50 PM
236	My child attended all 3 schools above.	3/3/2026 3:02 PM
237	My children attended all of these schools.	3/3/2026 2:32 PM
238	Capstone Academy	3/3/2026 12:22 PM
239	Child will be in Ashford Park Elementary once she is if age	3/3/2026 12:21 PM
240	Live in Oak Grove School District. My children attended school there. I also attended school there.	3/3/2026 12:18 PM
241	My children are not yet enrolled, but we moved to be zoned for Midvale.	3/3/2026 11:06 AM
242	My children are preschooled age. Zoned for midvale elementary	3/3/2026 11:02 AM
243	None	3/3/2026 9:04 AM
244	OPERATIONS	3/3/2026 5:47 AM
245	Kids zoned for Flat Rock, Lithonia Middle and Lithonia High	3/2/2026 3:36 PM
246	Attended in the past and we continue to live in the neighborhood	3/2/2026 12:33 PM
247	Goddard Georgia pre-k	3/1/2026 3:50 PM
248	My child will attend Midvale Elementary beginning 28-29 and is currently at SMES PreK3	3/1/2026 2:08 PM
249	Kids will attend Ashford Park Elementary in the future.	3/1/2026 10:36 AM
250	OLA	2/28/2026 3:44 PM
251	My children graduated from SWD, but I remain an active member, advocate, and enabler of healthy/vibrant school communities.	2/28/2026 12:06 PM
252	My children have graduated from DCSD schools	2/28/2026 10:59 AM
253	Lakeside high school	2/27/2026 7:29 PM
254	Previous parent of an Oak Grove Elementary student	2/27/2026 6:10 PM
255	Parent of former Ashford Park	2/27/2026 5:07 PM
256	These are the schools zonned for my resident; i dont have children	2/27/2026 3:20 PM
257	Child graduated from Lakeside last year; Chamblee 5 years ago	2/27/2026 3:00 PM
258	2 children graduated from Oak Grove Elementary	2/27/2026 8:49 AM
259	NO kids in school	2/27/2026 8:03 AM
260	Attend private zoned for failing mcclendon	2/26/2026 8:40 PM

261	None at present	2/26/2026 8:21 PM
262	IHM	2/26/2026 7:55 PM
263	Preschool/Private School	2/26/2026 2:59 PM
264	taxpayer	2/26/2026 1:57 PM
265	NA	2/26/2026 1:49 PM
266	Lithonia High School	2/26/2026 1:40 PM
267	Rising 6th grader in our family - attending Tapestry or Tucker MS next year.	2/26/2026 12:37 PM
268	We have a toddler who is zoned for Evansdale and will start there in the next two years.	2/26/2026 12:16 PM
269	I do not currently have a child in DCSD. My children attended Narvie ES, Chapel Hill MS, Cedar Grove MS, Cedar Grove HS, Southwest DeKalb HS.	2/26/2026 11:39 AM
270	Resident directly on Oak Grove Rd.	2/26/2026 11:32 AM
271	I am taxpayer and community member in Southwest DeKalb community and a retired teacher from DeKalb School District	2/26/2026 11:06 AM
272	PreK zoned for Evansdale Elementary	2/26/2026 6:56 AM
273	Private	2/26/2026 5:34 AM
274	Cedar Grove High School Alumni	2/26/2026 2:30 AM
275	My children are adults, but I live in Brockett Meadows district.	2/25/2026 5:07 PM
276	If I had school age children; these are our home schools.	2/25/2026 12:04 PM
277	My children are grown but I marked the schools they attended	2/25/2026 10:10 AM
278	My kids attends school in another county. I work at Kingsley ES.	2/25/2026 9:13 AM
279	My children are adults	2/24/2026 10:36 PM
280	Do not currently attend DCS but plan to in next 2 years	2/24/2026 7:23 PM
281	I graduated from Ashford Park and later Cross Keys HS. I am a retired DCSD teacher and administrator. My son graduated from Tucker HS.	2/24/2026 7:13 PM
282	Kid isnt old enough	2/24/2026 6:49 PM
283	Private Middle School	2/24/2026 5:52 PM
284	Not school aged yet.	2/24/2026 4:37 PM
285	I don’t have a child in school. I live in the Evansdale, Henderson Middle and Lakeside HS districts.	2/24/2026 2:52 PM
286	One child attends Wesleyan School	2/24/2026 2:32 PM
287	robert shaw theme school	2/24/2026 1:58 PM
288	Retired Dekalb Teacher	2/24/2026 1:48 PM
289	HENDERSON HIGH .. shortly before it became a middle school	2/24/2026 12:33 PM
290	Concern community advocate	2/24/2026 12:14 PM
291	No kids; I'm staff member	2/24/2026 11:15 AM
292	I have no children.	2/23/2026 4:33 PM
293	Have pre K kids planning on school options	2/23/2026 3:11 PM
294	community stakeholder	2/23/2026 1:43 PM
295	Community member	2/22/2026 10:09 PM
296	N?A	2/22/2026 8:05 PM

297	Community member	2/21/2026 2:03 PM
298	Concerned community member	2/21/2026 1:35 PM
299	2 children attended oak grove elementary	2/20/2026 3:29 PM
300	Future Vanderlyn	2/20/2026 12:57 PM
301	Children are grown	2/20/2026 10:53 AM
302	No longer attend DCSD	2/20/2026 10:34 AM
303	My children are grown but attended: Oak Grove, Henderson MS and Lakeside HS	2/19/2026 5:09 PM
304	N/A	2/19/2026 4:29 AM
305	employee...no students attending dcsd	2/18/2026 4:39 PM
306	I have no school age children	2/18/2026 10:29 AM
307	Last child attended oak grove in 2011	2/18/2026 10:01 AM
308	Private school	2/18/2026 9:54 AM
309	Homeschool	2/18/2026 12:26 AM
310	Private School	2/17/2026 11:15 PM
311	No school children	2/17/2026 9:21 PM
312	They do not attend yet, but will in 26-27	2/17/2026 8:23 PM
313	None	2/17/2026 7:36 PM
314	Live by Southwest Dekalb. Kids graduated from Chamblee HS.	2/17/2026 12:06 PM
315	I am a graduate of Cedar Grove HS	2/17/2026 10:08 AM
316	Flex	2/17/2026 8:46 AM
317	Future student	2/17/2026 6:53 AM
318	Zoned for Jolly Elementary	2/16/2026 4:47 PM
319	Redan Middle	2/16/2026 4:04 PM
320	My children are grown but attended Druid Hills High and Middle and Laurel Ridge Elementary	2/16/2026 3:45 PM
321	graduated - we did Redan ES Brown's Mill ES magnet, Miller Grove Magnet, Kittredge Magnet, Lakeside HS. I was part of the first group to attend Oak Grove ES.	2/16/2026 2:28 PM
322	Child is not of school age yet	2/16/2026 2:18 PM
323	My child will be attending the Early Learning Academy 2028-2029	2/16/2026 12:43 PM
324	No children	2/16/2026 12:05 PM
325	Future Kingsley Elementary Parent	2/16/2026 11:43 AM
326	Early Learning Center	2/16/2026 11:17 AM
327	Children graduated from Dunwoody ES, Peachtree Middle, Dunwoody HS	2/16/2026 10:56 AM
328	Grandma's Finest	2/16/2026 10:33 AM
329	Teacher Staff Member	2/16/2026 9:19 AM
330	None	2/16/2026 8:07 AM
331	My child will attend in the near future.	2/16/2026 7:06 AM
332	No current DCSS students	2/16/2026 4:01 AM
333	N/A	2/16/2026 1:31 AM

334	Staff	2/15/2026 11:25 PM
335	I do not have a child attending DCSD	2/15/2026 11:08 PM
336	district employee	2/15/2026 10:09 PM
337	None	2/15/2026 7:56 PM
338	No students in Dekalb	2/15/2026 6:41 PM
339	n/a	2/15/2026 2:59 PM
340	Children have already graduated	2/15/2026 1:29 PM
341	Children are out of school. I live in the stephenson cluster	2/15/2026 12:39 PM
342	Prefer not to answer	2/15/2026 11:42 AM
343	Sons graduated	2/15/2026 9:29 AM
344	No children.	2/15/2026 9:14 AM
345	They attended huntley hills (Montessori program), Henderson middle, and lakeside	2/15/2026 9:07 AM
346	Remaining anonymous	2/15/2026 6:08 AM
347	My children attended the Druid Hills cluster and I live across from Laurel Ridge	2/14/2026 9:06 PM
348	N/A	2/14/2026 3:01 PM
349	Peace Academy Charter	2/14/2026 2:36 PM
350	None	2/14/2026 2:08 PM
351	None	2/14/2026 1:06 PM
352	My children attended Oak Grove Elementary. I also worked in DeKalb County for years as a teacher and an LTSE. I retired December 1, 2025.	2/14/2026 12:54 PM
353	1	2/14/2026 12:38 PM
354	Do not have kids but concerned	2/14/2026 11:53 AM
355	I have no children	2/14/2026 11:11 AM
356	The Globe Academy	2/14/2026 11:08 AM
357	I don’t have school aged kids but I have a 3 year old grandson	2/14/2026 8:53 AM
358	My children are high school graduates but I’m a veteran teacher married to a veteran teacher and we are residents of Dekalb.	2/14/2026 8:17 AM
359	Graduated	2/14/2026 8:15 AM
360	Dekalb Brilliance	2/14/2026 8:02 AM
361	No kids	2/14/2026 8:01 AM
362	We are zoned for Brockett however I bring my kids to school where I work in GCPS	2/14/2026 6:16 AM
363	No children attend	2/13/2026 11:18 PM
364	Have adult children	2/13/2026 9:59 PM
365	Narvie	2/13/2026 9:52 PM
366	None	2/13/2026 9:11 PM
367	N/A	2/13/2026 8:52 PM
368	They attended Huntley Hills, Henderson middle and Lakeside	2/13/2026 8:24 PM
369	Homeowner between Midvale and Henderson mill es	2/13/2026 8:21 PM
370	Homeschool - planning for Lakeside	2/13/2026 7:47 PM

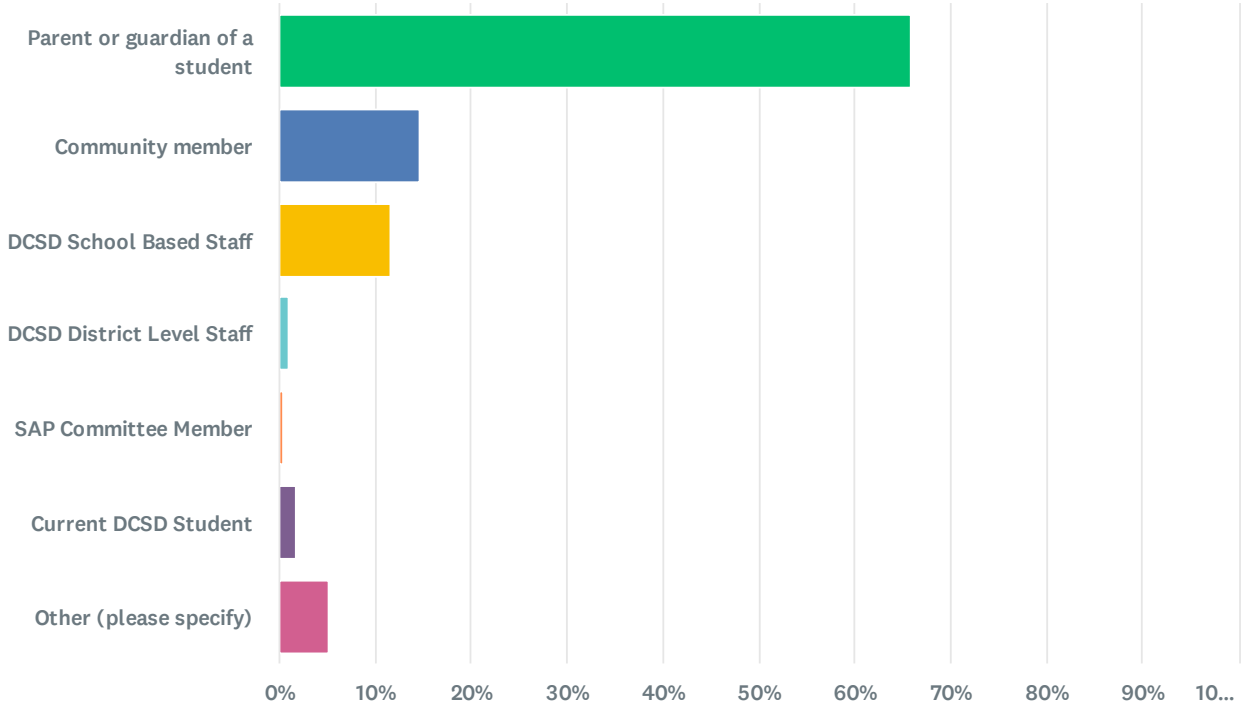
371	Community Member with no kids	2/13/2026 7:02 PM
372	I don’t have kids in schools	2/13/2026 6:46 PM
373	NA	2/13/2026 6:08 PM
374	None.	2/13/2026 4:46 PM
375	child is a former attendee of two DeKalb schools	2/13/2026 2:41 PM
376	Lithonia High Alumni	2/13/2026 2:10 PM
377	No children, I'm a teacher	2/13/2026 1:13 PM
378	I do not have children but I live in District 7.	2/13/2026 11:31 AM
379	Family Member teacher at Bob Mathis EM	2/13/2026 10:55 AM
380	Dekalb native (Lithonia), currently in unincorporated Decatur	2/13/2026 10:20 AM
381	My children are still in Pre-school but will be attending Montgomery in a few/next year	2/13/2026 9:44 AM
382	Employee of Evansdale	2/13/2026 9:38 AM
383	Teacher	2/13/2026 9:23 AM
384	Teacher at Cross Keys high school	2/13/2026 8:33 AM
385	DCSD Employee	2/13/2026 7:58 AM
386	Private school	2/13/2026 7:50 AM
387	Not currently attending	2/13/2026 4:14 AM
388	Community Member - Former DCSD Parent and Employee	2/13/2026 4:09 AM
389	I have no children in school	2/12/2026 11:49 PM
390	None	2/12/2026 11:18 PM
391	None	2/12/2026 11:10 PM
392	Graduate of Cedar Grove	2/12/2026 10:56 PM
393	Students have now graduated	2/12/2026 10:55 PM
394	Don't currently have children but expect to have one in K-5 in the next six years. Currently live near McLendon ES.	2/12/2026 10:06 PM
395	Taxpayer	2/12/2026 9:38 PM
396	Children attended Oak Grove Elem, Henderson MS, Lakeside HS	2/12/2026 8:53 PM
397	None	2/12/2026 8:15 PM
398	Rising student	2/12/2026 7:33 PM
399	Parent to a toddler that will be zoned to attend Vanderlyn	2/12/2026 6:20 PM
400	N/a	2/12/2026 6:02 PM
401	None	2/12/2026 5:53 PM
402	I’m a teacher in DCDS	2/12/2026 5:48 PM
403	None. I graduated from DCSS long ago and worked for the system for years.	2/12/2026 5:41 PM
404	None - just a concerned Tucker citizen	2/12/2026 5:12 PM
405	My kids are adults. Attended Vanderlyn, Chesnut, Dunwoody ES, Peachtree Charter MS, and Dunwoody HS	2/12/2026 5:11 PM
406	LHS Alumni	2/12/2026 4:36 PM
407	Our daughter attended Oak Grove Elementary K-5	2/12/2026 4:14 PM

408	Will attend PK3/4	2/12/2026 3:50 PM
409	Pulled a child from dekalb county offered no gifted in elementary. He is zoned for lakeside but will likely not bring him back with the overcrowding in the highschool. He is now in private	2/12/2026 3:48 PM
410	None (DCSD Employee with no school aged children)	2/12/2026 3:29 PM
411	My children graduated from Druid Hills HS	2/12/2026 3:28 PM
412	Prospective DeKalb County Student	2/12/2026 3:13 PM
413	My daughter is 6 mo old and we are currently zoned for kingsley elementary school	2/12/2026 3:11 PM
414	I'm a teacher, so I don't have a student, but y'all sent the survey to staff.	2/12/2026 2:39 PM
415	I do not have any school-aged children	2/12/2026 2:36 PM
416	District	2/12/2026 2:35 PM
417	Out of school	2/12/2026 2:22 PM
418	Community member that may have kinds in the next 10 years	2/12/2026 2:13 PM
419	My wife is 6 months pregnant. Our child would attend Ashford Park (if it is not closed).	2/12/2026 2:11 PM
420	Community Member	2/12/2026 1:57 PM
421	Charter school	2/12/2026 1:32 PM
422	N/A	2/12/2026 1:15 PM
423	Private	2/12/2026 1:08 PM
424	We are zoned for Rowland (School Choice participant)	2/12/2026 12:59 PM
425	n/a - staff member	2/12/2026 12:24 PM
426	Zoned for McNair DLA but daughter is not yet school-age	2/12/2026 11:51 AM
427	ICSAtlanta and The Howard School; my kids are zoned for Sequoyah and Woodward	2/12/2026 11:49 AM
428	None	2/12/2026 11:13 AM
429	None at this time, at Midvale before	2/12/2026 11:08 AM
430	I have no students attending.	2/12/2026 10:39 AM
431	My children attended Brockett ES, Tucker MS, and Tucker HS	2/12/2026 10:13 AM
432	I do not have children but am a tax paying resident of the Hawthorne Elementary School cluster	2/12/2026 9:53 AM
433	educator	2/12/2026 9:51 AM
434	Not yet started- upcoming kindergarten	2/12/2026 9:39 AM
435	n/a	2/12/2026 9:23 AM
436	We are zoned for McNair DLA but my children are preschool aged	2/12/2026 9:22 AM
437	None now	2/12/2026 9:14 AM
438	None yet but will attend Evansdale if it doesn’t close	2/12/2026 9:10 AM
439	Zoned for Ashford Park, Chamblee Middle and High	2/12/2026 9:02 AM
440	teacher	2/12/2026 8:50 AM
441	Student at DHHS	2/12/2026 8:46 AM
442	Children have graduated	2/12/2026 8:43 AM
443	N/A	2/12/2026 8:43 AM
444	Staff	2/12/2026 8:31 AM

445	Cobb County	2/12/2026 8:12 AM
446	My children no longer attend DCSD schools.	2/11/2026 10:53 PM
447	teacher of Briar Vista-Montessori	2/11/2026 7:54 PM
448	SAP member	2/11/2026 7:07 PM
449	N/A	2/11/2026 7:03 PM
450	NA	2/11/2026 7:00 PM

Q2 Which best identifies you

Answered: 8,313 Skipped: 691



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Parent or guardian of a student	65.90%	5478
Community member	14.52%	1207
DCSD School Based Staff	11.56%	961
DCSD District Level Staff	0.87%	72
SAP Committee Member	0.45%	37
Current DCSD Student	1.65%	137
Other (please specify) Show responses	5.06%	421
Total		**8313**

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	parent of two students who graduated, but I'm still living in district	3/9/2026 2:07 AM
2	My children attended there	3/9/2026 12:01 AM
3	Cluster Employee	3/8/2026 11:22 PM
4	Alumni	3/8/2026 11:03 PM
5	Would be attending Ashford Park Elementary	3/8/2026 10:49 PM
6	Community member and alumnus	3/8/2026 10:39 PM
7	Grandparent	3/8/2026 10:24 PM
8	grandparent	3/8/2026 10:16 PM
9	former parent of two students who both graduated from Oak Grove Elementary and Lakeside	3/8/2026 9:41 PM
10	Former student of Oak Grove Elementary	3/8/2026 9:39 PM
11	Parent of former students	3/8/2026 9:33 PM
12	Former Oak Grove parent	3/8/2026 9:26 PM
13	parent of former Evansdale students	3/8/2026 9:26 PM
14	Grandparent	3/8/2026 9:20 PM
15	Grandparent	3/8/2026 9:19 PM
16	Both DCSD School based staff and parent	3/8/2026 9:12 PM
17	Parent and staff	3/8/2026 9:00 PM
18	Grandparent	3/8/2026 8:58 PM
19	I have been the parent of 3 DCSD children. I am also a retired DCSD teacher. I am currently a concerned community member.	3/8/2026 8:25 PM
20	Grandparent of 3 DCSD students	3/8/2026 8:23 PM
21	Close family friend of a student	3/8/2026 8:10 PM
22	Grandparents	3/8/2026 7:16 PM
23	Parent of former student - resident area	3/8/2026 7:12 PM
24	Retired DeKalb Educator	3/8/2026 7:11 PM
25	Close family friend of a student	3/8/2026 6:14 PM
26	Grandmother	3/8/2026 5:32 PM
27	Parent and former DCSD student	3/8/2026 5:03 PM
28	Former Parent and future Grandparent	3/8/2026 4:55 PM
29	Grandparent	3/8/2026 4:14 PM
30	Community member and Grandparent	3/8/2026 4:06 PM
31	Parent of kids who live in Austin zone but don’t currently go to Austin	3/8/2026 4:02 PM
32	Grandparent	3/8/2026 3:57 PM
33	Aunt	3/8/2026 3:48 PM
34	Aunt	3/8/2026 3:48 PM
35	Grandparent	3/8/2026 3:47 PM
36	Family member	3/8/2026 2:59 PM

37	Grandparent	3/8/2026 2:42 PM
38	Alumni and community member	3/8/2026 2:38 PM
39	parent of former student	3/8/2026 2:28 PM
40	Aunt	3/8/2026 2:08 PM
41	Child will attend Midvale in August 2026	3/8/2026 1:29 PM
42	Parent of future student	3/8/2026 1:14 PM
43	PTA board and former DCSS employee	3/8/2026 1:11 PM
44	Community member and parent of former students who are older now	3/8/2026 1:01 PM
45	PAC Council VP	3/8/2026 12:15 PM
46	DCSD alum parent of DCSD alum	3/8/2026 11:50 AM
47	Alumni	3/8/2026 11:44 AM
48	Grandparent of student	3/8/2026 10:22 AM
49	Community member and former student at Evansdale Elementary and Henderson(formerly Henderson High School)	3/8/2026 10:07 AM
50	Family of student	3/8/2026 9:43 AM
51	Grandparent	3/8/2026 9:30 AM
52	Future Evansdale parent	3/8/2026 8:55 AM
53	Former DeKalb student	3/8/2026 3:22 AM
54	Dekalb early learning center	3/7/2026 11:22 PM
55	Grandparents	3/7/2026 11:00 PM
56	Parent of former students	3/7/2026 9:52 PM
57	Community member	3/7/2026 9:32 PM
58	Grandparent	3/7/2026 8:49 PM
59	Grandparents	3/7/2026 8:21 PM
60	Embry Hills UMC Preschool	3/7/2026 8:17 PM
61	Alumni	3/7/2026 8:10 PM
62	Grandparent	3/7/2026 7:54 PM
63	Former DCSD School Based Staff, current Community member	3/7/2026 7:54 PM
64	Community Member	3/7/2026 7:43 PM
65	Concerned citizen	3/7/2026 6:43 PM
66	Oak Grove Alumni Parent	3/7/2026 6:36 PM
67	Grandparent and parent of students	3/7/2026 6:11 PM
68	Long term resident of DeKalb with grandchildren who attend Oak Grove and Lakeside	3/7/2026 5:58 PM
69	Grandmother	3/7/2026 5:49 PM
70	Parent of former students	3/7/2026 5:09 PM
71	Children have graduatef	3/7/2026 5:08 PM
72	The schools checked above are ones that our children attended years ago.	3/7/2026 5:05 PM
73	Grandparent of student	3/7/2026 4:31 PM
74	Family member of student	3/7/2026 4:11 PM

75	our children attended evansdale in the past - we need to keep it open	3/7/2026 4:07 PM
76	Community member, former Oak Grove Elementary student, and this is where my children will go.	3/7/2026 4:00 PM
77	Community member, and my son attended Oak Grove Elementary	3/7/2026 3:45 PM
78	Former student	3/7/2026 3:28 PM
79	Community Member and relative of Dekalb school children	3/7/2026 3:05 PM
80	parent of former Oak Grove students	3/7/2026 3:00 PM
81	Past student.	3/7/2026 2:54 PM
82	Graduated student’s parent	3/7/2026 2:45 PM
83	Parent of former students	3/7/2026 2:45 PM
84	Community member that had 2 children attend Oak Grove.	3/7/2026 12:44 PM
85	Spent 7 years at the best Elementary School in DeKalb, Oak Grove.	3/7/2026 12:41 PM
86	Parents and DSCD Staff	3/7/2026 12:17 PM
87	Parent and School Staff	3/7/2026 11:52 AM
88	DCSD graduate and community member	3/7/2026 11:17 AM
89	Former student????	3/7/2026 11:04 AM
90	Grandparent of student	3/7/2026 10:23 AM
91	Student	3/7/2026 10:12 AM
92	Alumni for 2 generations	3/7/2026 9:54 AM
93	Parent of Oak Grove Elementary graduates	3/7/2026 9:43 AM
94	Parent of former DeKalb students and former DeKalb teacher (High School and Elementary School)	3/7/2026 9:39 AM
95	Parent of former student	3/7/2026 9:36 AM
96	Two children went through schools notes.	3/7/2026 9:26 AM
97	Community member and parent of 2 who attended Oak Grove and Lakeside	3/7/2026 8:23 AM
98	Grandparents	3/7/2026 7:39 AM
99	Neighboring school in area	3/7/2026 5:35 AM
100	Father of a student who graduated in 2002	3/6/2026 10:27 PM
101	Household Wife Retired Teacher and Husband Retired	3/6/2026 10:12 PM
102	Parent of 3 who all graduated from Dekalb schools by 2018	3/6/2026 8:49 PM
103	OGE Alumni	3/6/2026 8:16 PM
104	Grandmother	3/6/2026 8:12 PM
105	My children went and graduated from oak grove elementary	3/6/2026 8:06 PM
106	Parent of former DCSD students	3/6/2026 8:04 PM
107	Former DCSD teacher	3/6/2026 7:06 PM
108	Grandparent	3/6/2026 6:54 PM
109	Parent of former OGE student	3/6/2026 6:54 PM
110	Grandparents	3/6/2026 6:45 PM
111	Was a student	3/6/2026 6:15 PM

112	I’m a child	3/6/2026 5:59 PM
113	30345	3/6/2026 5:54 PM
114	Grandparent of three students in the Oak Grove Carl Wood, Lakeside area	3/6/2026 5:41 PM
115	Grandparent	3/6/2026 4:52 PM
116	Concerned retiree	3/6/2026 3:55 PM
117	Grandparent	3/6/2026 3:38 PM
118	Parent of former students	3/6/2026 3:30 PM
119	Private school	3/6/2026 3:29 PM
120	Previous parent of a student	3/6/2026 3:11 PM
121	Parent of a student and DCSD School Based Staff	3/6/2026 3:01 PM
122	My children did not go to school in GA	3/6/2026 2:47 PM
123	Grandparent of student	3/6/2026 2:37 PM
124	paraprofessional	3/6/2026 2:37 PM
125	Parent of former student	3/6/2026 2:36 PM
126	Parent and teacher (first grade at DES)	3/6/2026 2:15 PM
127	No children (yet)	3/6/2026 1:57 PM
128	DCSD School Based Staff (teacher) and Parent of DCSD student	3/6/2026 1:55 PM
129	Former parent of Oak Grove and Lakeside students	3/6/2026 1:52 PM
130	No school age children	3/6/2026 1:44 PM
131	grandparent and community member	3/6/2026 1:20 PM
132	a student	3/6/2026 12:42 PM
133	30084	3/6/2026 12:37 PM
134	Grandparent	3/6/2026 11:52 AM
135	Parent of children who went through DeKalb schools.	3/6/2026 11:47 AM
136	40 yr retiree of Dekalb	3/6/2026 11:36 AM
137	N/A	3/6/2026 11:17 AM
138	Grandparent of children	3/6/2026 11:13 AM
139	past OGS parent	3/6/2026 11:03 AM
140	Alumni	3/6/2026 10:47 AM
141	Parent of future student	3/6/2026 10:42 AM
142	Had two students here and live newrby	3/6/2026 9:52 AM
143	Former Student and Still Community Member	3/6/2026 9:39 AM
144	Past employee	3/6/2026 9:36 AM
145	Parent of former students and long time community resident	3/6/2026 9:24 AM
146	Grandparent	3/6/2026 9:02 AM
147	Grandmother	3/6/2026 8:57 AM
148	Grandparent	3/6/2026 8:53 AM
149	Grandmother	3/6/2026 8:25 AM

150	Parent of future student	3/6/2026 8:19 AM
151	grandparent in neighborhood	3/6/2026 8:03 AM
152	Parent, Community Member, DCSD School Based Staff	3/6/2026 7:55 AM
153	I am a parent and a DCSD School Based Staff member	3/6/2026 7:21 AM
154	Parent and School Based Staff	3/6/2026 7:09 AM
155	I am a parent as well as an employee.	3/6/2026 6:34 AM
156	Concerned landlord & home owner	3/6/2026 5:32 AM
157	grandparent	3/5/2026 10:32 PM
158	Alumni	3/5/2026 10:24 PM
159	Future parent	3/5/2026 10:22 PM
160	Grandparent	3/5/2026 10:12 PM
161	Parent of a future student	3/5/2026 9:19 PM
162	Homeowner and taxpayer in Dekalb	3/5/2026 8:55 PM
163	Parent of a future student	3/5/2026 8:27 PM
164	Live in neighborhood	3/5/2026 8:24 PM
165	Grandparent	3/5/2026 8:12 PM
166	Alumna of Stoneview and Lithonia High	3/5/2026 8:07 PM
167	Concerned citizen	3/5/2026 7:41 PM
168	Grandparent	3/5/2026 7:21 PM
169	Past DCSD student	3/5/2026 7:01 PM
170	Grand mother	3/5/2026 6:55 PM
171	Parent and staff	3/5/2026 6:23 PM
172	Staff	3/5/2026 5:33 PM
173	Past parent	3/5/2026 5:33 PM
174	Former Evansdale Elementary Parent and still community member	3/5/2026 5:24 PM
175	Grandparent picking children up and keeping after school.	3/5/2026 5:21 PM
176	Alumni	3/5/2026 5:00 PM
177	Grand Parent	3/5/2026 4:21 PM
178	Grandparent of 2 students	3/5/2026 3:42 PM
179	Grandparent	3/5/2026 3:33 PM
180	I taught at Brockett.	3/5/2026 3:31 PM
181	Head Football Coach in the community	3/5/2026 2:38 PM
182	parent of a student who used to go to Evansdale	3/5/2026 1:52 PM
183	Moonshadow Tavern	3/5/2026 12:51 PM
184	homeowner and parent whose children attended these schools	3/5/2026 12:16 PM
185	Parent of Brockett elementary and Tucker High alumni	3/5/2026 12:08 PM
186	both: a parent and DCSD staff	3/5/2026 12:01 PM
187	Social Worker/Mentor serving youth elm-HS	3/5/2026 11:51 AM

188	parent and staff memeber	3/5/2026 11:48 AM
189	Grandfather of 3 students	3/5/2026 11:41 AM
190	Former student	3/5/2026 11:39 AM
191	Past student	3/5/2026 11:35 AM
192	Grandparent (former educator)	3/5/2026 11:33 AM
193	Friend	3/5/2026 11:27 AM
194	Parent and Teacher	3/5/2026 11:23 AM
195	Grandparent to 3 students and Community Member	3/5/2026 11:18 AM
196	Teacher	3/5/2026 11:09 AM
197	Parent of 4 former students in the Dunwoody cluster	3/5/2026 10:38 AM
198	Parent, teacher in DeKalb, community member	3/5/2026 10:01 AM
199	Janitor and grand parent	3/5/2026 10:00 AM
200	Parent and DCSD Staff	3/5/2026 9:30 AM
201	Parent and School Based Staff	3/5/2026 9:29 AM
202	Grandparent, live in the community	3/5/2026 9:27 AM
203	Parent of graduated students from DeKalb County schools	3/5/2026 9:15 AM
204	Grandparent of student	3/5/2026 9:15 AM
205	Volunteer at Kingsley Elementary School	3/5/2026 8:41 AM
206	Grandparent and community member	3/5/2026 8:05 AM
207	Former Parent, Community Member & e# starting with 1995	3/5/2026 7:54 AM
208	Aunt of student	3/5/2026 7:25 AM
209	Family member of a student	3/5/2026 6:46 AM
210	Neighbor	3/4/2026 10:06 PM
211	I’m parents,I’m mum	3/4/2026 9:22 PM
212	Past Oak Grove student	3/4/2026 8:50 PM
213	Former Oak Grove Elementary Parent	3/4/2026 8:46 PM
214	Patent of student and teacher at school	3/4/2026 7:45 PM
215	Alumni	3/4/2026 7:38 PM
216	Former parent of students	3/4/2026 7:37 PM
217	Former DCSD student (alumni)	3/4/2026 7:34 PM
218	Former DCSD student	3/4/2026 7:31 PM
219	grandparent of students,parent of alums, and community member	3/4/2026 7:27 PM
220	Parent of future student	3/4/2026 7:14 PM
221	Oak Grove ES	3/4/2026 7:11 PM
222	Former ashford park student	3/4/2026 6:43 PM
223	Future kindergarten parent	3/4/2026 6:36 PM
224	Parent and DCSD Staff	3/4/2026 6:23 PM
225	Other	3/4/2026 6:11 PM

226	New Resident and parent of a child that would attend Oak Grove Elementary	3/4/2026 6:01 PM
227	Past attendee	3/4/2026 5:55 PM
228	Grandparent of two students	3/4/2026 5:31 PM
229	Uncle	3/4/2026 5:29 PM
230	Parent and DCSD school based staff	3/4/2026 5:24 PM
231	Alumni	3/4/2026 5:21 PM
232	Alumni of Oak Grove Elementary	3/4/2026 5:18 PM
233	Alumni	3/4/2026 5:11 PM
234	Former patent	3/4/2026 5:11 PM
235	Community Community	3/4/2026 5:10 PM
236	Past oak grove parent	3/4/2026 5:10 PM
237	Grandpa	3/4/2026 4:59 PM
238	Aunt	3/4/2026 4:56 PM
239	Parent of former Oak Grove student and grandparent of current students	3/4/2026 4:43 PM
240	Parent and school based staff	3/4/2026 4:31 PM
241	Graduate of DeKalb county and parent of recent graduates	3/4/2026 4:02 PM
242	Past student as well as parent of past students	3/4/2026 3:34 PM
243	Grandparent of a student	3/4/2026 3:30 PM
244	Teacher	3/4/2026 3:20 PM
245	Parent of former Oak Grove students and grandparent of current Oak Grove students	3/4/2026 3:18 PM
246	Please do not close Oak Grove Elementary	3/4/2026 3:17 PM
247	Educator and Family Member of Impacted Children	3/4/2026 3:01 PM
248	Parent of a student and DCSD School Based Stafff	3/4/2026 3:00 PM
249	Parent of a DCSD an a school support staff member	3/4/2026 2:43 PM
250	Interrelated Teacher	3/4/2026 2:17 PM
251	Grandparents	3/4/2026 1:52 PM
252	Angry home owner	3/4/2026 1:15 PM
253	Long time neighborhood resident and former student at both Oak Grove Elementary and Lakeside Higg	3/4/2026 12:54 PM
254	My children have now graduated from this wonderful school system	3/4/2026 12:42 PM
255	Alumni	3/4/2026 12:21 PM
256	Grandparent of student	3/4/2026 12:07 PM
257	Alumni	3/4/2026 11:27 AM
258	Alumni of all these schools	3/4/2026 11:15 AM
259	Old student	3/4/2026 10:39 AM
260	Grandparent	3/4/2026 10:11 AM
261	Teacher	3/4/2026 9:58 AM
262	Very concerned community member	3/4/2026 9:45 AM
263	Parent of Oak Grove Elementary School alumna	3/4/2026 9:43 AM

264	Both school staff and parent	3/4/2026 9:16 AM
265	Parent and staff	3/4/2026 9:04 AM
266	teacher	3/4/2026 8:49 AM
267	Children (preschool aged) zones for Oak Grove Elementary in upcoming years	3/4/2026 8:37 AM
268	Parent and staff member	3/4/2026 8:15 AM
269	related to dcsd staff	3/4/2026 7:41 AM
270	Community Member / Old student of Dekalb county school system/ and concerned citizen	3/4/2026 6:43 AM
271	Grandpa	3/3/2026 8:53 PM
272	Retired teacher	3/3/2026 7:37 PM
273	Tax payer who is fed up with the school board	3/3/2026 7:28 PM
274	Grandparent of students	3/3/2026 7:28 PM
275	DCSD Alumnus	3/3/2026 7:01 PM
276	Family member of student	3/3/2026 6:31 PM
277	Parents of former student	3/3/2026 6:22 PM
278	Family member of students	3/3/2026 6:18 PM
279	DCSD Alumni	3/3/2026 5:03 PM
280	Prior Oak Grove Elementary student	3/3/2026 4:08 PM
281	Grandparent	3/3/2026 4:07 PM
282	grandparent	3/3/2026 12:27 PM
283	teacher and community member	3/3/2026 10:25 AM
284	Family member/Aunt	3/3/2026 10:24 AM
285	grandparent of 8 students in this area, graduate of Dekalb schools, taxpayer	3/3/2026 8:26 AM
286	Grandparent/taxpayer/former student of Dekalb Co schools	3/2/2026 7:09 PM
287	Grandparents	3/2/2026 5:06 PM
288	Home owner who went to the shcool	3/2/2026 2:29 PM
289	grandmom	3/2/2026 11:27 AM
290	grandparent	3/2/2026 10:51 AM
291	Alumni	2/28/2026 8:39 PM
292	Parent of future students within 2 years	2/28/2026 10:11 AM
293	Full time student	2/27/2026 7:29 PM
294	Dekalb county alumni	2/27/2026 4:16 PM
295	Parent of a future student	2/27/2026 12:33 PM
296	Grandparent	2/27/2026 12:00 PM
297	Former parent of student and future parent of student	2/27/2026 10:26 AM
298	Grandparent of current student	2/27/2026 8:01 AM
299	Community member and parent of 2 former Oak Grove students	2/27/2026 7:36 AM
300	Prospective parent - will be sending my child to oak grove	2/27/2026 7:26 AM
301	Future parent of student	2/27/2026 3:56 AM

302	Future DCSD Parent - in 3 years	2/26/2026 9:57 PM
303	We live in the neighborhood surrounding Evansdale and that is where our child is zoned to attend in the next two years.	2/26/2026 12:16 PM
304	Student	2/26/2026 11:39 AM
305	Former Evansdale student	2/25/2026 9:35 PM
306	Parent of former students (graduated)	2/25/2026 4:54 PM
307	Parent of 4 children who attended Oak Grove Elementary	2/25/2026 4:34 PM
308	Former student and community stakeholder	2/25/2026 4:14 PM
309	Community member and relative who does drop off and pickup of student	2/25/2026 3:45 PM
310	Past OGE parent and PTA President	2/25/2026 2:56 PM
311	✌️	2/25/2026 1:31 PM
312	My children attended all three of the above checked schools.	2/25/2026 1:04 PM
313	Georgia Reading Corps tutor at Stone Mountain ES	2/25/2026 10:10 AM
314	student	2/25/2026 10:05 AM
315	student	2/25/2026 9:56 AM
316	student	2/25/2026 9:51 AM
317	Student	2/25/2026 9:51 AM
318	student	2/25/2026 9:47 AM
319	student3	2/25/2026 9:45 AM
320	Former teacher and guardian of student	2/24/2026 9:09 PM
321	Product of DCSD, retired teacher and administrator from DCSD. Life-long DeKalb county resident.	2/24/2026 7:13 PM
322	Grandparent	2/24/2026 6:31 PM
323	Alumni	2/24/2026 6:20 PM
324	Former student	2/24/2026 5:39 PM
325	grandparent and resident of the DHS cluster	2/24/2026 4:16 PM
326	Parent and DCSD Teacher	2/24/2026 1:48 PM
327	Parent of future student	2/24/2026 12:40 PM
328	A parent of 2 student who attended the local public schools	2/24/2026 12:33 PM
329	Parent + DCSD School Based Staff	2/23/2026 2:44 PM
330	Grandparent	2/23/2026 1:34 PM
331	Parent and DCSD Staff	2/23/2026 8:29 AM
332	Parent of a baby who is currently zoned for McLendon Elementary	2/21/2026 9:49 AM
333	Parent to a baby currently zoned for McLendon Elementary	2/21/2026 9:39 AM
334	Former Student	2/20/2026 9:15 PM
335	Lifelong DeKalb County Teacher and Grandparent to children at Briarlake	2/20/2026 6:32 PM
336	30088	2/20/2026 4:40 PM
337	Staff and Patent	2/20/2026 4:39 PM
338	parent with student in Vanderlyn Soon	2/20/2026 12:57 PM

339	Grandparents	2/20/2026 6:06 AM
340	Parent and staff member	2/19/2026 10:55 PM
341	Homeowner	2/19/2026 4:36 PM
342	Community leader and parent! Both options	2/19/2026 2:09 PM
343	Retired school staff. Parent grandparent community member	2/19/2026 1:46 PM
344	Community member and grandparent	2/19/2026 8:41 AM
345	Relative of a student	2/18/2026 10:57 PM
346	My child graduated from BM	2/18/2026 10:14 PM
347	Alumni	2/17/2026 5:20 PM
348	Parent and Grand Parents	2/17/2026 5:05 PM
349	Former parent	2/17/2026 4:19 PM
350	DCSD Alumni	2/17/2026 2:08 PM
351	Parent of children who may switch from private to Austin	2/17/2026 1:53 PM
352	Uncle of two students at Oak Grove Elementary	2/17/2026 1:29 PM
353	Prior parent. Kids are in college	2/17/2026 7:41 AM
354	Parent of Oak grove/chamblee students	2/16/2026 3:43 PM
355	Former employee, PTA president and parent	2/16/2026 3:19 PM
356	Alumni community member	2/16/2026 2:28 PM
357	Retired DeKalb Co EE/Parent/Grandparent of DeKalb Schools	2/16/2026 1:32 PM
358	future parent	2/16/2026 1:13 PM
359	Parent of a Future Kingsley student	2/16/2026 11:43 AM
360	Children attended but have graduated	2/16/2026 9:43 AM
361	Alumi of DCSD	2/16/2026 9:38 AM
362	Parent and School based staff	2/16/2026 8:24 AM
363	related to a community member	2/16/2026 1:31 AM
364	Arbor Montessori, zoned for oak grove, will be at Kittredge fo ‘26-27	2/15/2026 10:37 PM
365	Parent of former students	2/15/2026 8:08 PM
366	Grand Parent	2/15/2026 7:46 PM
367	Parent of an up and coming student	2/15/2026 2:59 PM
368	School based staff and parent	2/15/2026 11:03 AM
369	Grandparent	2/14/2026 11:48 AM
370	Veteran teacher	2/14/2026 8:17 AM
371	Parent of future students 0 and 2 yrs old	2/14/2026 6:53 AM
372	Lithonia HS alum	2/14/2026 5:58 AM
373	Former parent of a DeKalb school graduate. Also a former DeKalb school graduate in the 80s	2/13/2026 10:28 PM
374	Grandparent	2/13/2026 9:59 PM
375	Senior resident	2/13/2026 9:59 PM
376	Future student parent	2/13/2026 9:49 PM

377	Parent & School Staff	2/13/2026 9:36 PM
378	School Board Member	2/13/2026 8:52 PM
379	Georgia Fugees Academy	2/13/2026 8:21 PM
380	Board Member	2/13/2026 5:09 PM
381	parent of former dekalb county students	2/13/2026 3:39 PM
382	Former DeKalb teacher and parent	2/13/2026 2:41 PM
383	Student	2/13/2026 2:38 PM
384	student	2/13/2026 12:44 PM
385	Parent of future students and spouse of DCSD based staff	2/13/2026 11:13 AM
386	Prospective Parent looking at private school options based on zoned school	2/13/2026 10:27 AM
387	My young child will attend Ashford Park Elementary in the future	2/13/2026 10:26 AM
388	See above	2/13/2026 9:44 AM
389	Parent and DCSD school based staff	2/13/2026 9:03 AM
390	Alumni	2/13/2026 8:31 AM
391	Great Grand Mother	2/13/2026 8:20 AM
392	DCSD school based staff and Parent	2/13/2026 4:08 AM
393	Parent of student and DCSD School based staff	2/12/2026 10:32 PM
394	Former student	2/12/2026 9:34 PM
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400	Parent/District Staff	2/12/2026 5:00 PM
401	Parent with infant	2/12/2026 4:27 PM
402	Parent of future student	2/12/2026 2:53 PM
403	DCSD Alumni	2/12/2026 2:22 PM
404	both parent and school based staff	2/12/2026 2:13 PM
405	Both staff and parent	2/12/2026 1:19 PM
406	Parent of former students	2/12/2026 12:13 PM
407	Parent and Employee	2/12/2026 12:08 PM
408	Future DCSD parent	2/12/2026 11:51 AM
409	Parent of kids zoned for DCSD schools that are not adequate/failing	2/12/2026 11:49 AM
410	Parent/Staff	2/12/2026 11:31 AM
411	Parent of former student and tax payer	2/12/2026 11:08 AM
412	future parent	2/12/2026 10:14 AM
413	Parent of former students at the schools indicated in previous question.	2/12/2026 10:10 AM
414	Future parent	2/12/2026 9:20 AM

415	Tax payer and parent	2/12/2026 9:14 AM
416	DCSD School Based Staff & Parent of 1 year old	2/12/2026 8:31 AM
417	Parent and Educator in a DCSD school	2/12/2026 8:28 AM
418	Patent and Employee	2/12/2026 8:11 AM
419	Parent & DCSD school based staff member	2/12/2026 8:05 AM
420	District employee	2/11/2026 8:13 PM
421	Parent, community menber,	2/11/2026 7:27 PM

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Q4 Please share your feedback on the initial facilities scenario (consolidations).

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Whatever happened to the re-zoning proposition that surfaced around 2019? Aren't the middle and high schools in the northern part of the county over-flowing? Why can't we re-zone the district and shift students/zones southward? Some school closures may be inevitable.	3/9/2026 11:33 AM
2	Yes, We need to consolidate the schools. This generation does not have the same number of kids in families that they had 1-2 generations ago.	3/9/2026 8:37 AM
3	I don't think the school should consolidate because of overcrowding of the classes.	3/9/2026 7:09 AM
4	The closure recommendation for Ashford Park Elementary seems to directly contradict the SAP's own stated criteria: underutilized (over capacity enrollment), nearby under capacity facilities (closest buildings are slated for expansion because they too are over-utilized), and opportunity for cascading (building unsuitable for middle / high school). APS is a strong, high performing community of high achieving students and involved parents so in light of the contraindicated data, closing this community seems destructive rather than useful on the terms that SAP set forth. Yes, the facilities need significant attention after decades of neglect, and we realize it is a difficult site on which to build. But we've come together with at least 2 pathways (rebuild on site or relocation to John Lewis) that can keep the community in tact, and we're ready to face the challenges that may come with change.	3/9/2026 6:38 AM
5	Without knowledge or even projections of what will be done with the vacated facilities, it is very hard to provide input. It's unclear what financial impact consolidations would have and how that $ would be used for students. You need to model it out for an average (can be without name) school to show the benefit of saving on maintenance, administrative positions, etc. + the potential financial benefit from selling properties. There's too much talk about which schools and not enough clarity on the actual benefits.	3/9/2026 6:00 AM
6	I object to any school closings in our 30035 communities! Our schools need to be open in our local neighborhoods, instead of busing our children further away from home, spending more time on school buses!	3/9/2026 4:07 AM
7	I'm concerned about the impacts of closing Ashford park on our community and home values. The school is currently a core part of our community and is more than just a building. Due to its location, it has attracted the support of our community which has poured time and money into making it what it is today. It is important to us that our community stay together in the Chamblee cluster and that decisions do not cause us to be "bused" to elementary schools long distances away. I find it almost punitive to consolidate over populated schools that are doing well and overcrowded with less successful schools.	3/9/2026 3:36 AM
8	Believe Brockett Elementary should be kept open	3/9/2026 2:58 AM
9	Don't touch the elementary schools, unless some a near empty. That is far from the case at Oak Grove Elementary.	3/9/2026 2:09 AM
10	Related to consolidation: communities need to remain whole. Consideration should also be given to grounds, space, traffic patterns and community.	3/9/2026 1:31 AM
11	Well since the new principal, Dr. Blakely came into town, the school has went to hell if we must be honest…	3/9/2026 1:17 AM
12	Renovate and expand Evansdale . The footprint of the property would accommodate this plan	3/9/2026 1:17 AM
13	I think it's a terrible idea. The classrooms will end up being over crowded. The teachers are already quitting in droves because the kids are so disruptive and more students for them to deal with is NOT going to help. Smaller class sizes is the way to go. Also, why aren't any of the schools in higher income neighborhoods being affected by this?	3/9/2026 1:15 AM

14	John Lewis and Ashford park need to be consolidated and work together to decompress the Ashford park campus.	3/9/2026 12:50 AM
15	Seems ill-advised to look at facilities in a vacuum without considering programs, locations, neighborhoods, transportation, successes of schools, parent involvement, etc.	3/9/2026 12:31 AM
16	I feel that there are multiple elementary schools that are not needed and that all could benefit from a consolidation however maybe if some teachers were more professional then student loss wouldn't be at an all time high. The consolidation will inconvenience parents as travel time to and from schools for activities will be strenuous.	3/9/2026 12:27 AM
17	I am opposed to the closing of Oak Grove Elementary.	3/9/2026 12:21 AM
18	Consolidations (and expansions) only make sense if class sizes are kept much lower than that state maximums by grade level. Currently, our local elementary school does not regularly have low class sizes (often starting the year over state maximums for lower grade levels) and yet we are being considered for a project expansion while two other "small" schools in our cluster, also under 500 seats, are being considered for consolidation. Quality of instruction and student success is overlooked in all scenarios.	3/9/2026 12:21 AM
19	Do any of the schools that are considered for closing operate as election locations?	3/9/2026 12:13 AM
20	I understand changes may need to be made; however, I hope that the county is long-range planning and also looks at the performance of the schools as they are before making changes. Oak Grove Elementary School has been a consistently high performer among elementary schools in Dekalb County. It seems short-sighted at the very least to close down one of your highest performing schools.	3/9/2026 12:11 AM
21	Evansdale Elementary School needs to be renovated and expanded, not closed! At 10.1 acres, Evandale's lot size is bigger than neighboring schools recommended for expansion. Evansdale is unique since it has a large, separate play field, two playgrounds and multiple parking lots. Our site can accommodate additions to the back of the school and still offer plenty of play and parking space. It is uniquely situated to accommodate increasing traffic because it takes up two sides of the neighborhood block. Enrollment is expected to increase to 600 by 2030.	3/9/2026 12:10 AM
22	it does not serve our community well .There are a lot of younger families moving into our community with children and to have them "BUSED" out of the neighborhood will be devastating to our community .	3/9/2026 12:04 AM
23	No one has presented any data to show that any of this is actually a cost savings for the tax payers. How much will the renovations cost? How long will it take for the investment to be realized. How long will property sit in this "land bank" that I saw in the plan What is the impact going to be on traffic in area's not built for it after adding several hundred more kids to schools? How many millions of dollars are we paying a firm to tell us that we need to spend all kinds of money and disrupt existing communities without giving us any of these numbers so far? Additionally, how can we push through any plan without proper leadership in place? We do not have a permanent superintendent in place and our board will look every different in January.	3/9/2026 12:03 AM
24	I was initially surprised about the list and what schools were affected. I do believe the details are what needs to be discussed.	3/9/2026 12:01 AM
25	I think the fact that Dekalb has neighborhood scools with smaller student bodies are a better choice for learning than huge overwhelming schools	3/9/2026 12:01 AM
26	To maintain core aspects of our community and promote continuation of extremely successful programs, I urge you not to close Ashford Park elementary and to keep Ashford Park in the Chamblee middle and high school cluster. Ashford Park is over-enrolled, but other changes could be made to address that issue while maintaining the school's community and programming. For example, slower construction outside of school days/hours to expand the current building. Moving to a new location while keeping the name of the school, staffing, and programming such as the DLI program intact, reducing slots for non-resident enrollment, and/or splitting into a lower and an upper Ashford Park Elementary. District-wide, I feel strongly that high performing schools should be preserved and renovated as needed, and low performing schools should receive extra supports such as lower student to teacher ratio and increased interventionist/student support staff to offer multi-tiered systems of support to better provide for students with diverse learning needs. Lower enrollment should make these kinds of	3/9/2026 12:00 AM

	supports more possible. Decreased enrollment projections bring an opportunity to step up to provide more resources to students in need. Because of this, consolidation and closing programs would be counter to district-wide success. If taxes stay the same or increase for this, so be it! There is no better investment than the next generation.	
27	I'm deeply concerned about the proposed closing of Ashford park elementary school. My priority as a parent is to see the community stay together and the ability to keep our amazing staff with the students. I understand that this may mean the school may need to be in a different building, but it is truly the staff, students, an amazing parents support that make this school so special. I would strongly advocate for moving the school as a whole and keeping it within the Chamblee cluster. This is also a school that not only serves the students in our neighborhood, but also serves as a cornerstone for our entire community. Even tax paying residents that may have children that go to alternate schools still benefit from having Ashford Park in our neighborhood through community events, such as the annual fall festival, bolt 5K, and spring fling. The elementary school serves the entire community in this area of Brookhaven, which enhances the experience of the students and helps them feel more connected to their community. Also, I have reservations about the districts plan involving the special programs at Ashford Park if it closes, such as the German immersion program. A program that has been immensely beneficial to my son and the students in his class.	3/9/2026 12:00 AM
28	I want to know how your estimates of lower enrollment going forward were determined/modeled. I do not believe that it's accurate. Also, I don't think putting more children into larger schools will benefit the children or the educators. I also think this is an exercise in filling large newer buildings that should never been built to begin with. It's fine to improve building facilities of course, but not at the expense of the educators and students who teach and learn INSIDE of those buildings by NOT supporting the educational programs and learning resources they really need. I feel we are paying for past very poor decision making by the board with their "if we build it, they will come" thinking.	3/9/2026 12:00 AM
29	1. The criteria for closing schools should be created by educators and leaders not consultants. 2. More resources are going to higher income neighborhoods within Dekalb, exacerbating existing and racial and income disparities. Busing takes us backward. 3. Large schools are alienating, do not foster community and will create congestion and traffic flow issues. 4. There has not been an investigation with the community as to driving factors for people leaving the public school system. One GLARING issue is the district not meeting the needs of all students, especially children with special needs (neurodivergent, learn disabilities, emotions based school refusal, sensory differences, mental health issues, gifted learners). 5. These mega schools require huge investments and our recourses should be pour back into our communities.	3/8/2026 11:59 PM
30	The philosophy for SAP consultation states: Elementaries in areas with underutilization close due to excess capacity in the area along with cascading use. Elementaries that are appropriately placed and well utilized have proposed facility additions. Elementaries that have low educational adequacy and are in close proximity to schools with excess capacity or planned additions are proposed to close. Ashford Park is overutilized and does not have low educational adequacy, so by these criteria it should not be closed. To maintain core aspects of our community and promote continuation of extremely successful programs, I urge you not to close Ashford Park elementary and to keep Ashford Park in the Chamblee middle and high school cluster. Ashford Park is over-enrolled, but other changes could be made to address that issue while maintaining the school's community and programming. For example, construction outside of school days/hours to expand the current building. Moving to a new location while keeping the name of the school, staffing, and programming such as the DLI program intact, reducing slots for non-resident enrollment, and/or splitting into a lower and an upper Ashford Park Elementary. District-wide, I feel strongly that high performing schools should be preserved and renovated as needed, and low performing schools should receive extra supports such as lower student to teacher ratio and increased interventionist staff to offer multi-tiered systems of support to better provide for students with diverse learning needs. Lower enrollment should make these kinds of supports more possible, and the lower number of students is an opportunity to step up to provide more resources to students in need. Because of this, consolidation and closing programs would be counter to district-wide success.	3/8/2026 11:59 PM
31	I would like to provide specific feedback regarding the inclusion of Oak Grove Elementary in the list of schools considered for closure. I believe that would be a grave mistake that would adversely affect the children in my community. When we relocated to the Atlanta area from out of state over a decade ago, OGE and the community around it played crucial role in where we decided to live. What we had heard about the school turned out to be true and it was a close-	3/8/2026 11:59 PM

	knit, warm, nurturing, intellectually and socially enriching environment where our child thrived. We were a part of and witnessed first-hand the level of teacher and parent involvement and commitment. I know that community commitment is still there, stronger than ever (even though my daughter is now in high school the connection to OGE still remains). We particularly appreciated the human-size of the school and the ability for children and parents to establish a connection. This could be lost in a much larger, consolidated school. Oak Grove is a key anchor of our community. My understanding is that student enrollment levels (current and future) is not at risk. I also know that all other elements needed (teacher and parent commitment) to allow Oak Grove Elementary to continue serving this community with excellence for many decades to come are present. Thank you for your consideration.	
32	I hate it. I moved to this neighborhood specifically because of Oak Grove Elementary school. All 4 of my kids went there (my youngest is in 5th grade there). It's an incredibly important part of the community. The parent involvement is off the charts. You close that school, the whole neighborhood suffers and I guarantee you enrollment will decline even more, regardless of how whether you believe Sagamore or Briarlake are as good as or can be as good as OGE. Parents are fed up with DCSD. You're just giving them more excuses to leave. We fund more than our fair share of DCSD expenses and STILL have to cover anything extra beyond salaries and facilities (which of course we also pay for through our exorbitant property taxes). You'd be shocked at the thousands upon thousands of dollars I've spent over the last 16 years. At some point soon, somebody way more ambitious than me is going to look at Decatur or similar and say "why not us?". And then what do you do without your golden goose? At least one of them anyway.	3/8/2026 11:59 PM
33	We need oak grove elementary	3/8/2026 11:57 PM
34	I’m for having robust funding for programs to support the students but I believe that smaller classrooms help the children get the academic support they need delivered easier so the teachers aren’t overwhelmed with making sure students understand curriculum	3/8/2026 11:57 PM
35	Evansdale is the heart of our community!! It has a very large lot with room for expansion. Playgrounds, play fields and parking lots are all spacious. There are woods and trails surrounding the schools that provide a positive environment for the school.	3/8/2026 11:57 PM
36	There seems such a great disparity of school consolidations from the north and south side of Dekalb which also reveal equity disparities as well. If consolidation is to take place DCSD should offer specialize partnership for high schools to include more science/technology cohorts with opportunities for fellowships and internships with companies to support a robust curriculum for the middle and high schools on the south side.	3/8/2026 11:57 PM
37	Unfortunately, the initial facilities scenario appears to offer a short term bandaid solution to an issue (low enrollment) without addressing the root cause of low enrollment. I would prefer the district spend resources investigating the root cause and solving the issue as to why there is low enrollment and why families are choosing other schools and districts. My family has been in the district schools for over 20 years. There has been immense dissatisfaction with the poor fiscal management of the district and this proposal appears to be going down the same deteriorating path. Implementing a plan that closes long established elementary schools that are integrated in communities and creating larger elementary and middle schools will not only create a negative and unsuccessful learning environment, it will erode DeKalb County’s tax base as families inevitably will move to areas with better district planning, opportunities and management.	3/8/2026 11:57 PM
38	Many schools that are being considered for “repurpose/consolidation”seem to be in areas with low socioeconomic demographics and it is not super clear on where these students will be zoned to go if schools close. My concerns would be the accessibility of the parents of those students. I would like to know how these changes might impact student-teacher ratios and special education programming.	3/8/2026 11:56 PM
39	Oak Grove Elementary has been high achieving without using excess resources.	3/8/2026 11:52 PM
40	This is terrible as all schools nearby me would close. It doesn’t make sense to increase classroom sizes with over-crowded schools. The goal should always be smaller class sizes. The mega schools will not be good for the kids.	3/8/2026 11:52 PM
41	I don’t see how ~850 students at Ashford Park can be moved to neighboring schools that are already crowded/overcrowded. It would take years for an expansion to actually be done. Also there are not really super close neighboring schools so more kids who normally walk to school	3/8/2026 11:51 PM

	would have to change their mode of transportation to carpool or bus rider which would make traffic even worse. The elementary school is a huge asset to the neighborhood and its loss would result in a severely negative effect on this neighborhood and the properties.	
42	The data in this proposal is incorrect and misleading. Consolidating schools will inevitably increase the student:teacher ratio, which has been shown time and time again to be detrimental to students' experience and performance (e.g., reduced standardized test scores [Frontiers in Psychology, https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC11002959/]; having a smaller class size is like having an additional three months of education over four years [Tennessee STAR report, cited by Brookings Institute https://www.brookings.edu/articles/class-size-what-research-says-and-what-it-means-for-state-policy/]; etc.) These are only a few of many examples of why it is critical to maintain our current schools and rethink this idea of consolidation. My children will be worse off for it, and I strongly disagree with any suggestion of closing any of our schools.	3/8/2026 11:51 PM
43	The initial decision to close Ashford Park was poorly communicated (ie kept hidden from parent SAP liaisons), based on laughably inaccurate data, and the follow up meeting we had to get more info from the contractor company was a joke and didn't provide any meaningful information about the AP decision.	3/8/2026 11:50 PM
44	Closing some schools will not really solve the issue, there are some grade levels with higher capacity of students than others. Do even if we do cluster those those grades to large schools, we will still have some schools with a smaller capacity in them.	3/8/2026 11:50 PM
45	Better research needs to be made on the combination of schools and the impact that may have on negative interactions between the different demographics that may arise.	3/8/2026 11:49 PM
46	I'm unclear as to why Ashford Park is up for consideration of consolidation. It is an outlier school compared to the other 26 on the consolidation list in terms of utilization, proximity to other schools and more. I'm also concerned the Ashford Park advisory team representing our community's voice isn't being heard/considered as decisions are being made before they're being updated.	3/8/2026 11:48 PM
47	Oak Grove Elementary is not an underutilized school and should not be on the closure list. It is currently at 89% utilization with well over 95% utilization projected for the next academic year. Enrollment has continued to increase since the pandemic and Oak Grove Elementary is one of the most sought after school in Dekalb with respect to pre-K, K, and school choice. Enrollment will likely continue to grow with extensive residential growth planned near north Dekalb mall and related to continued growth for Emory and Children's Healthcare employees. If Oak Grove closes, there are not enough seats at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Elementary to absorb the population. This would be disruptive to our kids, neighborhood, and community. Oak Grove is also one of the highest performing schools in the review group pertaining to content mastery and readiness. Oak Grove is a model school and should NOT be on the closure list.	3/8/2026 11:45 PM
48	Totally understand that we have schools in my cluster that will take a lot of $$ to bring the school plumbing, electrical, A/C up to a decent standard.	3/8/2026 11:44 PM
49	I oppose the fact that factors influencing performance of a school were not considered for announcement of closures. Ashford Park ES should not have been announced for closure. This destroys the formula that built its success.	3/8/2026 11:43 PM
50	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone	3/8/2026 11:42 PM

	(approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	
51	I do not fully understand the cascading concept & how this leads to the potential closure of 3 elementary schools in the Lakeside cluster. Where will those students go? Why were these schools chosen and not others? Where is the data we can see behind that selection process? For example, Evansdale has more capacity and a higher building adequacy than Livsey yet it is Evansdale on the potential closure list. Evansdale also has more land for expansion.	3/8/2026 11:41 PM
52	I don’t know enough about all of the schools and communities to provide a cogent response.	3/8/2026 11:38 PM
53	I dont like it and it will effect us due to there not being any schools close by if closed down. We have built a strong connection with these schools and had 4 students go through woodridge, miller grove middle and miller grove high school to graduate. With us having 2 more children trying to follow in their siblings paths. It would be devasting to know the schools they are currently in and attending and had plans to go to would be closing.	3/8/2026 11:37 PM
54	I think it should be cluster specific.	3/8/2026 11:35 PM
55	The proposed consolidation raises concerns about capacity, long-term enrollment trends, and neighborhood infrastructure. Henderson Mill Elementary is already operating above 100% capacity, while Hawthorne Elementary is only slightly below capacity and serves a neighborhood that continues to see increasing numbers of young families moving in. Based on current trends, it is reasonable to expect enrollment at Hawthorne to grow in the coming years. Expanding Hawthorne to absorb additional students from school closures could quickly push the school beyond its intended capacity and may create unintended consequences for the surrounding neighborhood. The school sits within a residential area that already experiences significant congestion during arrival and dismissal. Increasing enrollment further would likely exacerbate traffic, safety concerns for students walking or biking, and overall strain on local streets that were not designed to handle substantially higher school traffic volumes. Given these factors, it would be helpful for the district to provide more detailed projections of enrollment growth in the Hawthorne attendance zone and a clear plan for addressing traffic and infrastructure impacts if consolidation proceeds. Community members would benefit from understanding how the district plans to ensure that any consolidation decisions remain sustainable over the long term and do not simply shift overcrowding from one school to another.	3/8/2026 11:34 PM
56	.	3/8/2026 11:32 PM
57	1. I think that large elementary schools reduce a sense of community, reduce teachers and staff knowing children and families, and reduce individualized attention. 2. I am concerned that many of the schools being closed are in lower income areas and students will have to be on buses longer. This places an undue burden on groups by income (and race) and that is a form of historical racism. 3. Traffic and congestion will be worse if schools are consolidated. 4. These expansions require significant capital investment. Why not put those resources back into the local schools? 5. This process was started under Horton and is led by Sarita Smith who led a SAP in Evanston IL. The district is now insolvent. What evidence is there that this process will produce a successful outcome? 6. What is the criteria being used to close schools?	3/8/2026 11:31 PM
58	I understand your reasoning, but I need to know more about how this would be done.	3/8/2026 11:30 PM
59	It is disappointing to see Brockett on the closure list. Brockett ES has worked very hard to	3/8/2026 11:30 PM

	become the school they are today. There is an amazing community supporting the school. The staff know the children and the children feel at home. They have worked very hard to achieve IB authorization, and this would go away if Brockett is closed. As with many schools in the area, Brockett has an older building. However, with a 14-acre property, there is room for expansion while still having an excellent outdoor educational and recreational space. Additionally, there is some growth in the area, including three new townhome complexes. Brockett pulls from an economically and culturally diverse neighborhood. There is a lot of pride in the community around Brockett. Other schools in the Tucker cluster have already been rebuilt or slated for expansion. People wonder how these choices are made and if the income of the area residents has an impact on the schools selected for expansion.	
60	I think you are failing the kids if you think the solution to the low enrollment is creating large school clusters and closing neighborhood schools. Rather than do this consider asking why so many are not putting their children in DeKalb schools and what can draw them back.	3/8/2026 11:29 PM
61	It is concerning that so many consolidations are proposed; based on 17 years as a DCSD parent/guardian, I don't think DCSD can manage this much change and still address much-needed problems/projects, including the "modernization" of Druid Hills High. Also, for over 14 years, a dangerous field at Chamblee Middle that was placed on top of a construction debris field has not been repaired. The CMS principal is completely unengaged and does not care that CMS students and staff have to use a dangerous field for PE classes daily. This was evident in recent discussions involving the principal and the school's Education Foundation President. The DCSD Operations Chief has said parents have to work through the principal, who simply does not care and has done nothing meaningful or sustained to address the field's hazards in the five years he has been principal. So, it is hard for me to imagine DCSD closing / consolidating nearly 30 schools in an efficient manner when DCSD can't even fix a hazardous field. Current needs should be a priority; a pilot program that closes the schools in the poorest condition with the lowest enrollment should be prioritized. Lessons learned from the pilot program could then be applied to another set of schools. Schools that have enrollment approaching target goals and that are in good repair or undergoing renovations should not be the priority for the pilot because the pilot should seek to realize the greatest savings and the greatest benefits for the most affected students.	3/8/2026 11:29 PM
62	Based on the reasons given for the consolidations, they seem to be a good thing. However, there definitely needs to be further discussions.	3/8/2026 11:26 PM
63	Closing Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district’s goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization. Enrollment is increasing. Additionally, our area is growing especially with recent developments and the new hospital (AMBH) being completed. Many young families are continuing to seek out homes in the Oak Grove school district because of its high performing academics but also its reputation of being one of the top rated schools in the district. Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization.	3/8/2026 11:24 PM
64	i was extremely concerned to my children’s school, Oak Grove Elementary, on this list. Oak Grove Elementary is a highly engaged and active school community. The school is operating near capacity and currently has more than 200 students on the waitlist, including over 100 rising kindergarteners, which clearly shows strong demand from families who want to attend. In addition, Oak Grove has exceptional parent and community participation through the PTA, foundation, and volunteer involvement that support teachers, programs, and student learning. This is not a passive school community—families are deeply invested and actively contribute to the success of the school and neighborhood. This school is more than a data point, it is the heart of the Oak Grove Community.	3/8/2026 11:23 PM
65	If a school is an IB school, that will not automatic transfer to the new ES.	3/8/2026 11:22 PM
66	Consolidation could work better	3/8/2026 11:20 PM
67	Well, I understand the reason for the consolidations some of the schools mentioned I don’t agree with.	3/8/2026 11:19 PM
68	I am not in support. Midvale Elementary offers one of the only IB programs in the district that feeds up to an IB middle school and its smaller size means the teachers know the students well, students can and do walk to school and the school is a fixture of the neighborhood and community. Academic scores are rising there compared to neighboring schools and an addition/renovation was just completed. Bigger schools would likely encourage even more	3/8/2026 11:18 PM

	families to send their children to private schools, which the district cannot afford. I think the district should consider reasoning with fewer school closures rather than closing so many schools while spending massive amounts of money on new or expanded facilities.	
69	The closure of 27 schools is excessive, particularly since the majority of them are located in South DeKalb.	3/8/2026 11:18 PM
70	The proposed consolidation raises concerns about capacity, long-term enrollment trends, and neighborhood infrastructure. Henderson Mill Elementary is already operating above 100% capacity, while Hawthorne Elementary is only slightly below capacity and serves a neighborhood that continues to see increasing numbers of young families moving in. Based on current trends, it is reasonable to expect enrollment at Hawthorne to grow in the coming years. Expanding Hawthorne to absorb additional students from school closures could quickly push the school beyond its intended capacity and may create unintended consequences for the surrounding neighborhood. The school sits within a residential area that already experiences significant congestion during arrival and dismissal. Increasing enrollment further would likely exacerbate traffic, safety concerns for students walking or biking, and overall strain on local streets that were not designed to handle substantially higher school traffic volumes. Given these factors, it would be helpful for the district to provide more detailed projections of enrollment growth in the Hawthorne attendance zone and a clear plan for addressing traffic and infrastructure impacts if consolidation proceeds. Community members would benefit from understanding how the district plans to ensure that any consolidation decisions remain sustainable over the long term and do not simply shift overcrowding from one school to another.	3/8/2026 11:18 PM
71	My observation of the provided information on the consolidation is that the targeted schools are all listed on the south end of the map. Schools such as Redan Elementary's enrollment currently falls a little short of 60 students and that number is improving. Redan also falls on the greater than 450 mark for fully funded functioning schools. Redan Elementary currently offers specific special needs and academic support services that some elementary schools do not offer. The issue that I have as a parent is that closing Redan Elementary in the consolidation takes away one of the only schools in our neighborhood that offers the quality services and academic needs of students who are not enrolled in a magnet school such as Marbut Elementary. Especially special needs student services. The proposal offers funding to schools on the north end of the map that are not need of funding but continue to receive funds while fully functional schools on the south end are being neglected. The proposal forces parents to bus their children further away outside of their communities utilizing a failed transportation system that has a shortage of drivers. How can parents trust sending their children out further away to north end schools or further away within the county and may not have a way to get to them in an emergency situation or extra curricular activities? Especially those without reliable transportation? Children need stability and the district continues to disrupt that which affects the success of academics because most of the time is spent on adjusting and behaviors. That's also a problem that will occur when combining multiple communities together with a merge. This creates chaos and instability and takes away from academics because adjusting takes time. Lithonia middle is the old Lithonia High School and it's entirely too big for the students to function. The children have too much space to engage in inappropriate behaviors and there isn't enough staff coverage to govern over the students. Moving them to an even bigger school such as the new Lithonia high will only cause this issues to increase. The children and staff are still adjusting to changes made just a short time ago. This is why the school system is having problems. There is no stability and funding is being placed into the wrong endeavors. The district should consider the schools that do not offer all functioning services needed and fall below the 450 mark to consider elevation first. If consolidation is needed, merge them into the schools that are providing all academic and special needs services.	3/8/2026 11:18 PM
72	A change this massive is being rushed and is based on inaccurate data, flawed reasoning, especially during a time when community trust in current education administration is extremely low. Evansdale is only a few students shy of capacity, on a very large footprint of land with plenty of room to grow/adjust, multiple parking lots, good traffic flow off a main traffic artery-not causing any issues with pick up or drop off-with plenty of attendance able to walk to school. The bussing we do have is already stressed - and moving out of here and consolidating into massive elementary schools adds even more stress on the bussing -or traffic flow of Livsey right on a now 1 lane chamblee tucker or pleasantdale which is heading right to 285. Evansdale also has the Dual Language program which flows into Henderson-which is well established and does draw into this area. The plan suggested does not provide enough information for the community to make informed replies - and this on a very truncated timetable that is vastly	3/8/2026 11:14 PM

	unreasonable for such a large undertaking. The ability of the team to review these responses and process it and take the community feedback under consideration is not possible in this timeframe. More information needs to be provided to the communities and more time for responses, and developing reasonable changes to the plans based on community input. This entire process needs to slow down, and Evansdale should not be part of the consideration for closure.	
73	It seems the consolidations have no consideration for location/community/etc. You could redefine schools attendance zones first. Also, some of the locations outlined as new "mega" elementaries are in horrible locations, impacts to traffic, neighborhoods, etc would cause a lot of unnecessary grief.	3/8/2026 11:13 PM
74	The scenarios presented deem closure as the best option for some of the highest performing, most well attended, and highly supported community based schools in the county. This goes against every stated goal of the SAP.	3/8/2026 11:13 PM
75	I'm do not believe in shutting down the schools and changing them.	3/8/2026 11:12 PM
76	Please no. We have a great school backed by a wonderful community. No need to upset an already quality learning environment.	3/8/2026 11:09 PM
77	I understand the need to consolidate, but I think it is too stressful and vague to present only “building” scenarios. For parents to provide real feedback and be less anxious they need to understand where there child would go to school (need to incorporates boundaries and explain reassignments at same time). My schools are not on the list for closure or expansion but I wonder how our boundaries might change.	3/8/2026 11:08 PM
78	I believe scenarios with the fewest transitions for students is best. A K-8 model is best.	3/8/2026 11:08 PM
79	Consolidations only make sense if the schools that would be consolidated are underutilized. The current proposal has Oak Grove Elementary slated for closure and absorbed by sagamore and briar lake. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization and the 26-27 school year is projected to be 96%. sagamore is at 91% and Briarlake is at 73%. Closing down a highly utilized school like Oak Grove would require massive expansion costs at Sagamore (already highly utilized at 91%) and Briarlake. With the recent development of the Arthur Blank Children’s Hospital, expansions for Emory Hospital and the redevelopment of mall area, the Oak Grove area will likely see an increase in population further stressing the consolidation process if Oak Grove is closed. Therefore, I do not believe Oak Grove should be closed.	3/8/2026 11:05 PM
80	Given the limited resources and inadequate building facilities, I support closure of Ashford Park Elementary with rezoning to John Lewis Elementary. I advocate for continuation on the path to Chamblee MS and HS.	3/8/2026 11:05 PM
81	I want to express my deep concern regarding the proposed closure of Midvale Elementary School. As a parent and community member, I urge you to reconsider this decision. Midvale is not a struggling school in need of restructuring—it is a thriving, high-performing school that represents years of intentional effort, community investment, and academic success. Midvale currently holds the highest CCRPI score in the Tucker cluster and one of only three IB programs in all of DCSD. Families are actively seeking admission, as evidenced by our school choice waitlist. Parents are choosing Midvale because of its strong academic outcomes, its close-knit community environment, and its commitment to the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP). Closing a school that families are actively trying to access sends a troubling message about how success is valued within our district. Because IB authorization is granted to a specific school site, you can’t just relocate an IB program–closing Midvale would terminate its PYP designation. Beyond just our community, closing Midvale would also slash the district’s K-5 IB program offerings by 30%. The District has also recently paid for important facility upgrades. Increased security at the entrance, updated bathrooms and ADA compliance, and the playground renovation a few years ago. Likewise, the PTO has used donations from the community to enhance the playground, media center, and auditorium. These investments should be built upon. Finally, the push toward creating larger consolidated schools, such as Smoke Rise Elementary School, raises concerns about long-term enrollment trends. Families consistently demonstrate a preference for strong, community-centered schools at the elementary level. Moving away from that model may contribute to continued enrollment decline as families seek alternatives that better meet their needs. Knowing that our area offers many private and charter options, that’s a risk we shouldn’t take. Midvale represents more than a building. It represents a community that can build a successful model. Rather than extinguishing that success, I encourage the district to consider how Midvale’s	3/8/2026 11:05 PM

	strengths could be shared and replicated in other communities. If we have a school that thrives academically, attracts new families, and engages the community, shouldn't we be asking how to expand that model rather than eliminate it? Closing Midvale would not advance equity or academic excellence, nor can it guarantee sustainably increased enrollment at a neighboring school. I respectfully urge you to preserve Midvale Elementary and instead explore ways to build upon its proven success.	
82	The scenarios are understandable, but it is not focusing on education. If a class is down size by few students it is easier for children to learn and be focus and more productive. This goes for the teachers as well.	3/8/2026 11:05 PM
83	Planning the consolidations as a tiered or phased schedule will allow us to pace our decisions adequately and adjust accordingly. This allows us to learn from our own mistakes (and wins) as we roll out the consolidations over time from highest to lowest needs-priority. Transparency, complete data information, and justifiable decisions based on evidence is what will create buy-in from the communities as we work to stabilize enrollment.	3/8/2026 11:05 PM
84	As a society, we are loosing our communities and connections. The LAST thing we need is huge mega schools to wear house our children. It will destroy communities, neighborhoods and childhoods.	3/8/2026 11:03 PM
85	They are based on flawed data so the whole thing should be paused.	3/8/2026 11:02 PM
86	Evansdale elementary should not be closed. It is the center of this community and was the elementary school for both of my middle school children. In addition moving these kids out of the lakeside cluster will cause unneeded disruption to the community and learning of the kids. There is room to grow and expand Evansdale on its current lot. Do not punish tomorrow's students for the previous mismanagement of school system resources.	3/8/2026 11:01 PM
87	The building and/or property currently housing Cary Reynolds ES (former Nancy Creek) should be used to help overcrowding at Montgomery Elementary. Over the years past several years, it has been used as temporary space for other clusters as Montgomery has continued to deal with overcrowding. Before that is served as the location for the Kittredge magnet program. The building/property should be purposed for the benefit of the families/students that live in the area. The current scenario calls for expanding Montgomery. I would like to know what that would entail before providing input. It's difficult to give feedback on this scenario without knowing what the eventual impacts on school assignments would be. I hope this critical piece of information will be provided in the next step.	3/8/2026 10:57 PM
88	I strongly disagree with the proposals to close high performing schools as a part of this. The schools significantly under capacity make sense to close and consolidate, but closing schools such as Oak Grove, Vanderlyn, or Ashford Park makes no sense.	3/8/2026 10:56 PM
89	Oak Grove is not an underutilized school. Not only is it at 89% utilization at 447 students currently enrolled out of our 504 student capacity, but our next school year 2026-2027 is projected at 487 students or 96%. The school has had a continuous increases since the drop off that many schools district wide saw during the pandemic. Based on considerable economic investment in the nearby area, with Children's Hospital, ongoing Emory hospital expansions, and the redevelopment of North DeKalb Mall, it is reasonable to project that people are moving into the area that Oak Grove serves and that future student population will increase. Oak Grove is one of the district's high performing schools with high test scores and in the top 10 of the district's readiness score. Between Oak Grove Elementary's high utilization (above the district's target utilization of 88%) and its high performance, the school should not be in the closure list.	3/8/2026 10:56 PM
90	My initial reaction is fear and mistrust. As a teacher, I have had multiple issues with paychecks, my own included. The previous superintendent organized many expensive school visits with multiple county office staff with a large HR expense and no value added. So many poor decisions and so much unnecessary spending, I do not believe the district is capable of making such drastic changes successfully. Achievement has decreased at the elementary level. Too many students do not attend Dekalb because of the leadership and history. The priority should be cleaning house at the AIC first and putting academics first. Build trust. These consolidations are too drastic. If you must, consider Evansdale for expansion rather than closure. The 10 acres provide a larger lot than other schools recommended for expansion. The site can accommodate more parking and building additions, and it can accommodate increased traffic with a continuous flow around the block, not on a major road such as Henderson Mill Rd or Chamblee Tucker.	3/8/2026 10:51 PM

91	I am have serious concerns about the proposed closure of Midvale Elementary School (and others in the Tucker cluster) as part of the district's initial consolidation scenario. When this proposal was first introduced, it was framed as the beginning of a community input process rather than a predetermined outcome. However, the current direction of the discussion makes many families feel that decisions may already be made. This lack of transparency undermines trust and discourages meaningful engagement from families who want to participate in good faith. There are several reasons why closing Midvale would not serve the best interests of students or the Tucker community. First, Midvale plays an important role in the district's International Baccalaureate (IB) feeder pattern. It is one of only three elementary IB programs in the district and currently holds the highest CCRPI score in the Tucker cluster. Families actively seek admission to Midvale because of its strong academic outcomes and its IB Primary Years Programme. Because IB authorization is granted to a specific school site, closing Midvale would effectively eliminate this program and reduce the district's K–5 IB offerings by approximately 30%. Second, Midvale is highly walkable for many Tucker families. Relocating students to Livsey Elementary would eliminate that accessibility for many households, increase car and bus traffic on already busy roads, lengthen commute times for young children, and increase daily transportation costs for the district. Capacity is also a major concern. Livsey reportedly has capacity for approximately 300 students, while Midvale currently serves around 430 students. This figure does not account for students from Brockett Elementary, which is also proposed for closure. Consolidating these populations raises serious questions about where students would actually be accommodated. Livsey already relies on trailers near a busy road, which raises safety and infrastructure concerns. In contrast, Midvale's campus has significant room for expansion if needed, including a large field behind the building. The district has also recently invested in facility improvements such as updated security, ADA-compliant bathrooms, and playground upgrades, in addition to enhancements funded by the PTO. Closing the school shortly after these investments would waste both public funds and community contributions. More broadly, I question the assumption that consolidating elementary schools into much larger buildings is the most educationally sound approach. Research and family experience consistently show that younger children benefit from smaller, community-centered school environments where they are known by teachers and staff. Larger schools can easily become more impersonal environments that prioritize scale and efficiency over individual student needs. Finally, this proposal must be considered in the broader context of public education in our district. At a time when charter schools, private school vouchers, and other alternatives are expanding, consolidating neighborhood schools sends a mixed message and risks further eroding trust in public education. Families choose public schools when they feel those schools are stable, community-centered, and responsive to their needs. Midvale is not a struggling school in need of restructuring. It is a thriving, high-performing school that families actively seek out. Rather than closing it, the district should consider how the strengths of the Midvale model—strong academics, IB programming, and community engagement—can be supported and replicated elsewhere. I urge the district to reconsider the proposed closure of Midvale Elementary and to provide clearer data, transparent communication, and meaningful opportunities for community input before moving forward with consolidation decisions.	3/8/2026 10:49 PM
92	Oak Grove Elementary is walkable from numerous directions in this neighborhood. People have bought homes in the neighborhood because their children can safely walk to and from school. Isn't that what other communities are working hard to accomplish? It's one of the things people love about the area. Unlike Briarlake Elementary which is bordered by a Highway (Lavista), Oak Grove is accessible from numerous streets with sidewalks.	3/8/2026 10:48 PM
93	I strongly oppose the proposed consolidation scenario that would close Evansdale Elementary School. Evansdale is uniquely positioned to serve our community and should be considered a long-term asset rather than a closure candidate. First, Evansdale's physical site offers clear advantages. The school sits on a comparatively larger lot that allows for future expansion, and it already has two parking lots plus available street parking. These features provide flexibility that many nearby schools lack and make Evansdale far better suited to handle enrollment growth than schools with constrained sites. Second, Evansdale hosts a French immersion program that attracts families to the community. This program is a major draw for enrollment and continuity, particularly because it feeds directly into the French program at Henderson Middle School. Disrupting that pathway by closing Evansdale or moving students outside the cluster would undermine a program that already works well and strengthens the local public school option. Third, Evansdale has stronger traffic capacity and circulation compared with nearby schools such as Livsey Elementary School or Hawthorne Elementary School, where traffic congestion is already a concern. Consolidating students into sites with weaker traffic infrastructure would create daily safety and logistical issues for families and staff. Finally, I	3/8/2026 10:47 PM

	have significant concerns about the transparency and credibility of the process used to develop these proposals. There has been a lack of clarity about the data and assumptions behind the scenarios. Given that the original facilities planning work was developed under leadership that is now associated with fraud investigations, there is understandable community distrust. Major decisions like school closures require a process that is transparent, data-driven, and broadly trusted.	
94	Evansdale n Ed's to be renovated and expanded. It is a large parcel and serves a community that has many children. The neighborhood around it attracts young growing families.	3/8/2026 10:47 PM
95	Surprised but understand the need to make adjustments. I'm Optimistic we can find a solution by which apes stays in the Chamblee HS cluster and we keep the community in tact as much as possible.	3/8/2026 10:46 PM
96	As a former Oak Grove Eagle and a parent of a second grader and a pre-K student currently attending Oak Grove Elementary School, I strongly oppose the proposed consolidation or closure of the school. Oak Grove is not only a high-performing school, it is a cornerstone of our community and a multigenerational institution—my family attended this school, as did my husband and my father-in-law, and now my children do as well. My closest friends are those I built lifelong relationships with starting at Oak Grove Elementary back in the 90s. Many classrooms at Oak Grove have two teachers to provide additional support for students with disabilities, including those with IEPs or 504 plans, helping every student reach their full potential. Families often choose to move—or move back—into this community specifically so their children can attend Oak Grove, which is widely recognized as a highly sought-after school. Numerous teachers, including the current principal, have been on staff at Oak Grove for over 20–30 years. That says something about the culture, environment, likability, and stability of the community, the school, and all those who support it. Oak Grove should serve as a model for other schools in the district, demonstrating how to successfully support students and families. From a data perspective, Oak Grove already exceeds the district's 88% utilization target (currently 89%, projected ~96% in 2026–27) and has experienced four consecutive years of enrollment growth. Closing a school that is already near or above capacity would primarily redistribute students to Sagamore Hills Elementary School and Briarlake Elementary School, creating overcrowding and requiring major boundary adjustments. Briarlake has limited capacity to absorb additional students, and Sagamore Hills is already operating at ~91% utilization. The Lakeside cluster is located in a high-growth corridor, adjacent to major expansions by Emory University and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Enrollment projections should reflect these developments and post-pandemic recovery trends. Closing Oak Grove now could eliminate critical capacity needed to serve these families in the near future. A phased, data-driven approach targeting schools with true underutilization would be far more responsible. Oak Grove Elementary is thriving, and it should remain open to continue supporting students, families, and the community while serving as a model for excellence in the district.	3/8/2026 10:46 PM
97	Na	3/8/2026 10:45 PM
98	I am strongly concerned about the proposed closure of Midvale ES and the overall approach to the Student Assignment Project (SAP). Factors considering school performance and student outcomes are listed as a non-purpose of SAP throughout the FAQs outlined on the SAP website. Removing considerations of the quality of work being performed by staff and/or students at each individual school within DCSD ignores a critical factor in determining the viability and/or value of a school. There is far more to a school than facility considerations. Midvale is one of the few IB programs in DCSD and has the highest CCRPI scores in the Tucker cluster. Closing or repurposing high performing schools like Midvale sends the wrong districtwide message. If facilities are the primary reason why Midvale is closing over other elementary schools within the Tucker cluster. It seems very odd that Livsey ES with the lowest building adequacy score and capacity in both the Tucker cluster and the entire school district is considered as a strong facility to continue to operate within DCSD's real estate portfolio. Given Livsey ES doesn't meet many of the key factors considered when identifying a school for closure or repurposing, DCSD needs to better articulate the school-specific rationale on why certain elementary schools were identified for closure / repurposing and others were selected to remain open. Finally, the overall process for engaging and explaining SAP to the broader DCSD community has been poorly executed. The process is being driven by an outside consultant rather than the DCSD administrative leadership and Board. HPM is a construction company with a background in K – 12 facilities. It is understandable why DCSD engaged them to produce the facilities assessment data. HPM's partnership should stop at preparing and addressing questions about facilities data. They should not be the face of	3/8/2026 10:44 PM

	feedback sessions and/or roll-out of scenarios. HPM will move on to their next client after this project and will not have long-term accountability to DeKalb County residents. Therefore, it is critical for the long-term stakeholders of DCSD who will be here after HPM's contract expires to own and communicate this process. I respectfully urge you to remove Midvale ES from the proposed school closure or repurposing list in the round 2 scenarios.	
99	As a parent in the Oak Grove community, I'm trying to understand how the proposed closure of our school aligns with the district's stated goal of addressing underutilization. The district has said that the objective of the Student Assignment Plan is to bring elementary schools to about 88% utilization. Oak Grove is already above that target. As of October 2025, Oak Grove has 447 students out of a capacity of 504, which is about 89% utilization. Projections for the 2026–27 school year estimate 487 students, which would bring the school to around 96% utilization. From a parent's perspective, it is difficult to understand how a school that already meets — and is projected to exceed — the district's utilization goal would be considered for closure. Oak Grove's enrollment has also been increasing. The school has seen enrollment grow for four consecutive years, which suggests a sustained trend rather than a temporary fluctuation. At the current pace, Oak Grove could reach or exceed full capacity within the next two to three years. In that context, closing a school that is already growing and approaching full utilization raises real questions about whether the data being used reflects the current trajectory of the community. There is also the practical question of where Oak Grove students would go if the school were closed. The two schools most likely to absorb those students are Sagamore Hills and Briarlake. Sagamore Hills currently has 413 students out of a capacity of 456, which puts it at about 91% utilization and leaves only around 43 available seats. Briarlake has 350 students out of a capacity of 480, which is about 73% utilization and leaves roughly 130 available seats. Even combined, these schools do not appear to have the capacity to absorb Oak Grove's 447 students without major boundary changes, overcrowding, or facility expansion. At the same time, Briarlake's current utilization does not necessarily reflect the residential growth already underway in the surrounding corridor. Within a few miles of these schools, several large developments are planned or under construction. The Lulah Hills redevelopment at the former North DeKalb Mall site includes up to 1,800 residential units and more than $850 million in investment, with the first 303 multifamily units expected beginning in late 2027. The Corporate Square and Northbend redevelopment includes roughly 2,000 residential units and about $605 million in investment, with Phase 1 alone including 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Even Phase 1 activity — about 835 units — could conservatively generate between 55 and 145 additional elementary students over time. If Briarlake were to gain even 50 additional students, its utilization would rise to roughly 83%. With 100 additional students, it would approach about 90% utilization. Continued development could eventually bring Briarlake closer to 90–95% utilization. This estimate also does not include additional housing demand connected to the continued expansion of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Emory, both of which are major employment centers drawing families into the area. More broadly, the Druid Hills and Clifton corridor has experienced significant institutional investment. The area has seen more than $2.5 billion in investment, including the $1.5 billion Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus, thousands of employees including about 1,000 new jobs, the $87.7 million Emory Heart and Vascular expansion, and continued hospital and research growth at Emory. This suggests the area is not experiencing decline but rather sustained growth that is likely to continue bringing families into the community. Another important part of Oak Grove's community is the support the school provides to students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). A meaningful percentage of Oak Grove students receive special education services, and many families have chosen or remained at the school because of the strong support systems and relationships that have been built there. Teachers, staff, and specialists know these students well and work closely with families to meet their needs. For students with IEPs, stability and familiarity with their support teams are especially important. Disrupting those established relationships through a school closure could be particularly challenging for these students and their families. Another concern many parents have is whether enrollment projections may rely too heavily on pandemic-era data from 2020 through 2022. Those years created unusual enrollment patterns in many school systems and may not accurately represent current trends. It may be helpful for projections to reflect the more recent recovery years as well as the housing and economic development already underway in this corridor. Finally, Oak Grove is not only meeting utilization targets — it is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group. Among the 26 schools being considered, Oak Grove ranks fourth in Content Mastery with a score of 94.2 and second in Readiness with a score of 95.3. From a parent's perspective, it is difficult to reconcile how closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained enrollment growth, supports a diverse group of learners, and performs strongly academically would meaningfully address the district's utilization challenge. For many families in the community, Oak Grove is a	3/8/2026 10:43 PM

school that is working — academically, socially, and structurally. That is why the possibility of closing it is so concerning to so many of us. If you'd like, I can also make a much stronger closing paragraph that tends to land very well with school boards (it reframes Oak Grove as part of the district's success story rather than a problem to solve). alos talk how theres a big possobilty we will have wvne less tham 90k if oakgrove is to close i blebe theyll go public so many oarenrs and famialies moved espaoclly for oak grove. the commnuty, the tpegthenress and its qulity Here is your full statement with that concern integrated, written naturally in a parent voice and keeping your tone thoughtful but clear. I added the point about families leaving the district in a way that sounds reasonable and grounded rather than confrontational. 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At the same time, Briarlake's current utilization does not necessarily reflect the residential growth already underway in the surrounding corridor. Within a few miles of these schools, several large developments are planned or under construction. The Lulah Hills redevelopment at the former North DeKalb Mall site includes up to 1,800 residential units and more than $850 million in investment, with the first 303 multifamily units expected beginning in late 2027. The Corporate Square and Northbend redevelopment includes roughly 2,000 residential units and about $605 million in investment, with Phase 1 alone including 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Even Phase 1 activity — about 835 units — could conservatively generate between 55 and 145 additional elementary students over time. If Briarlake were to gain even 50 additional students, its utilization would rise to roughly 83%. With 100 additional students, it would approach about 90% utilization. Continued development could eventually bring Briarlake closer to 90–95% utilization. This estimate also does not include additional housing demand connected to the continued expansion of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Emory, both of which are major employment centers drawing families into the area. More broadly, the Druid Hills and Clifton corridor has experienced significant institutional investment. The area has seen more than $2.5 billion in investment, including the $1.5 billion Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus, thousands of employees including about 1,000 new jobs, the $87.7 million Emory Heart and Vascular expansion, and continued hospital and research growth at Emory. This suggests the area is not experiencing decline but rather sustained growth that is likely to continue bringing families into the community. Another important part of Oak Grove's community is the support the school provides to students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). A meaningful percentage of Oak Grove students receive special education services, and many families have chosen or remained at the school because of the strong support systems and relationships that have been built there. Teachers, staff, and specialists know these students well and work closely with families to meet their needs. For students with IEPs, stability and familiarity with their support teams are especially important. Disrupting those established relationships through a school closure could be particularly challenging for these students and their families. Another concern many parents have is whether enrollment projections may rely too heavily on pandemic-era data from 2020 through 2022. Those years created unusual enrollment patterns in many school systems and may not accurately represent current trends. It may be helpful for projections to reflect the more recent recovery years as well as the housing and economic development already underway in this corridor. Finally, Oak Grove is not only meeting utilization targets — it is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group. Among the 26 schools being considered, Oak Grove ranks fourth in Content Mastery with a score of 94.2 and second in

	Readiness with a score of 95.3. Oak Grove is a school where families feel connected, where teachers know the students, and where the community has built something strong together. For many families, Oak Grove was a major reason they chose to live in this area. Families moved here specifically for the school — for its quality, its community, and the sense of belonging it creates. If Oak Grove were to close, there is a real possibility that some families would consider leaving the district or moving to private schools. At a time when enrollment across the district is already a concern, losing families who chose DeKalb specifically because of schools like Oak Grove could have unintended consequences. For many of us in the community, Oak Grove is a school that is working — academically, socially, and structurally. That is why the possibility of closing it is so concerning to so many families.	
100	It’s hard to imagine Oak Grove going away. It’s the heart of the community. My kids are still very young but I want them to go there like me in a few years. They can walk to school! That’s the way a community should be and the education there and teachers are outstanding.	3/8/2026 10:41 PM
101	Thrilled DCSD is considering consolidations. Desperately needed for past 20 yrs because there are so many schools not earning state funding due to empty seats. I do not understand how 27 schools were picked when the district has not decided what model(s) they want to use or what magnet, theme, specialty schools they want. It puts the cart before the horse. I am shocked that Livsey which is tiny would be kept but schools like Midvale that jsut had renovations/elevator put in would be closed. Similarly, I don't understand why Hawthorne, tucked in a neighborhood would stay open but Henderson Mill - on a main road - would be closed. Where would funding come from to add additional space at several elementary schools to accomodate consolidation of others - similarly same question for middle/high school expansions. Will the district finally sell some of the many, many properties? We have land on N. Decatur, N. Druid Hills, the old Heritage Elem. and so many others (which rasises the question: why purchase a bldg on N'lake Parkway???) Vacant buidings will not be good for any community and there aren't enough "district offices" for 27 buildings. With declined enrollment, there should be a corresponding decline in central admin staff.	3/8/2026 10:37 PM
102	Announcing closure of facilities without having solidified plans for rezoning doesn’t make sense.	3/8/2026 10:36 PM
103	I am disappointed that our neighborhood school, Ashford Park Elementary, is on the list of schools to be closed. However, it is most important for me four our neighborhood and community to stay together.	3/8/2026 10:35 PM
104	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary Oak grove Elementary should remain K-5th	3/8/2026 10:34 PM
105	Any consolidation decisions must consider more than building utilization. As a teacher and a long time Brookhaven resident, I am concerned that consolidation discussions focus heavily on facilities while overlooking what is happening inside classrooms. Schools like Ashford Park represent years of strong academic performance and community investment. Major changes to schools that are currently working well should be approached very carefully because they create instability for families who have chosen to live in this area based on the strength of those schools. At the same time, I teach at John Robert Lewis Elementary School and see the challenges that occur when schools become heavily imbalanced. My classroom currently has 19 English learners out of 27 students. These students are capable and hardworking, but they require additional language support and instructional time. With only about 90 minutes of ESOL support during the day, meeting those needs becomes extremely difficult for one teacher. We need help! If consolidations are considered, they should be paired with a thoughtful plan to create balanced school populations, provide ADEQUATE staffing, and ensure that teachers have the resources needed to support students. Simply moving students between buildings will not address the deeper challenges schools are facing.	3/8/2026 10:34 PM
106	This is a high thriving community school with very high levels of parent involvement. Our children are thriving and my hope is the weight of this decision is being considered as it will majorly disrupt this community.	3/8/2026 10:33 PM
107	Oak Grove elementary does not meet the criteria for consolidation. I understand that it exceeds the minimum enrollment and will continue to grow.	3/8/2026 10:32 PM
108	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district’s goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3	3/8/2026 10:31 PM

	years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	
109	These elementary schools are often the heart of a community. Many of my kids long term friendships began in elementary school and that was facilitated by their being able to easily connect with them after school and on weekends since we all lived close to the school.	3/8/2026 10:30 PM
110	Oak grove is already above the targeted utilization by the district with an expected enrollment of 96% next year. It is one of the highest ranking elementary schools in the nation with sustained enrollment growth over the last 4 years.	3/8/2026 10:30 PM
111	Oak Grove does not meet the stated objective of underutilization. Oak Grove is currently at 89% and estimated to climb to 96% for the 2026-27 school year.	3/8/2026 10:29 PM
112	I purchased my home here 1.5 years ago with intentions of my future children going to Evansdale given the proximity to my home and the glowing reviews my neighbors have had with their children attending over the years. I have heard that it is a better school, community and facilities than the others in question and believe if consolidation is necessary, we should consolidate into Evansdale.	3/8/2026 10:28 PM
113	Closing Oak Grove Elementary and consolidating students in neighboring Sagamore and Briarlake is a poor plan. Oak Grove continues to be a well functioning school for local families. It has above average utilization as well as above average student performance. Parent involvement is strong and it has a well funded foundation. Penalizing local students by removing such a well performing school is poor leadership from DCDS.	3/8/2026 10:28 PM
114	Consolidating is ok as long as the school system the students are moving to is on par with the education they are getting at Ashford Park and the Chamblee cluster. Also, the cluster would need to stay together so the students don't have to get used to a whole new environment to finish elementary school, then a new middle school. Children need structure, continued relationships and continuity to be able to thrive.	3/8/2026 10:27 PM
115	I wonder how some of these decisions have been made. Were things like the value of student success (reading proficiency scores for example) or building age or construction expenditures just made or planned considered? Were per pupil costs taken into account? I am troubled by some of the issues raised in a recent AJC series on the impending closures.	3/8/2026 10:26 PM
116	There are some parts that make sense - example, consolidating 2 neighboring schools at 50% capacity to a single school. Other parts of the plan make no sense and need additional information on student reassignment from schools that are closed. This causes fear and confusion	3/8/2026 10:24 PM

117	I do not agree with this at all. It appears you are looking to close public schools to create more facilities for private schools. You are also dismantling higher performing schools for no clear reason. These scenario all are economically and racially based as your spokesperson made very clear in repeatedly saying “schools on the north end” vs “schools on the south end” the south end based off your presentation clearly does not matter.	3/8/2026 10:24 PM
118	Closing and repurposing underutilized facilities is a financial necessity for Dekalb. I did not realize, as shown in the presentation, the funding differences of personnel based on enrollment. Knowing this strengthens my support of the changes.	3/8/2026 10:24 PM
119	The data collected to make the proposal on the initial facilities is inaccurate and short sighted to say the least. In the district in which I live, the elementary school that is proposed for closure has one of the higher utilization rates in the county and population growth trends do not seem to have been considered.	3/8/2026 10:24 PM
120	I believe consolidating would be a disservice to the teachers, students, and parents. The teachers may be overwhelmed with the increase in class sizes. The students would not benefit from enlarged class sizes.	3/8/2026 10:23 PM
121	I do not support the consolidation of the elementary school, specifically oak grove elementary. My sons were able to thrive in this school because it has lower than average teacher to child ratios. Also being able to attend close to home made my sons more supported, less stressed, and comforted by the environment. Consolidations will remove these protections for children at Oakgrove and nearby schools due to overcrowding and reductions in school resources.	3/8/2026 10:22 PM
122	I am submitting this feedback as a Dekalb resident of almost 40 years and proud graduate of Stone Mountain High School. I’ve seen a lot of changes over those 40 years and sadly most of them have not been for the better. I acknowledge the County’s current dilemma of having too many empty seats and their desire to consolidate and close schools. My greatest concern is that while closing schools may help the bottom line but it does nothing to address the core issue of failing schools. A crucial question is, are there so many empty seats because of population changes or because parents are choosing to send their children to private and charter schools. In the case of Ashford Park Elementary, we find a thriving school with a community that is eager to have their children enrolled there. We are so successful we have outgrown our school’s facilities and have reached the enrollment level you’ve stated is where elementary schools should be. So, to reward the incredible work of our administration, teachers, parents and students, you have recommended the County should close one of its most successful and highly desirable schools. Additionally, Ashford Park is centrally located in a growing community, removing the school would artificially create transportation hardships and cause overcrowding at our neighboring schools. The best path forward would be to add to the $26,000,000 already allocated for Ashford Park renovations and system upgrades and allow us to build a new school like so many elementary schools around us have done (Dresden, Doraville United and John Lewis). Our two priorities are maintaining the current Ashford Park community's trajectory within the Chamblee Cluster, feeding to Chamblee Middle and Chamblee High School, and keeping our attendance zone together as a thriving community. The Chamblee Cluster is a high-performing academic environment, scenarios affecting Ashford Park must also ensure continuity of academic standards and services, aligning students to schools and programs that can meet them where they are. The right solution is to lean into what is working so well and expand or rebuild our school. For these reasons, remove Ashford Park from the closure list.	3/8/2026 10:22 PM
123	Horrified that vanderlyn it considered for closure. This school should serve as a role model for other schools in the district. Smaller schools should be an option for families whose students need that for their learning to be accessible. My child could not thrive in be way she does in another bigger school and you’re destroying rather than adding resources to the school system.	3/8/2026 10:21 PM
124	I can’t begin to express how disappointed I am with your suggestion to close Oak Grove. Why would you choose to close an exemplary school with a building score higher than those nearby, just to send our children to a lesser school? The data published is incorrect, we have higher enrollment than posted, and we have over 100 students on our waitlist. I’m curious how adding on to two other schools would save money. And what would become of our building? Globe still sits empty.	3/8/2026 10:21 PM
125	While our 1st grade daughter has loved it and thrived in her first year at APES, I do realize that the facility will have to be addressed soon without kicking the can down the road. So now with the rest of the county’s needs being considered as well it is the obvious time to make hard	3/8/2026 10:20 PM

	decisions in our neighborhood too. With that being said closing APES should only be considered if there is a clear plan in place to keep a very high-performing school body and community together in a different facility. We support making a decision to move the student body of APES to John Lewis and shifting the boundary to keep us within the Chamblee cluster for middle and high school. This would keep the AP and Drew Valley community together and the school performance accelerating. After all, the majority of the families that have bought into the area in the last 5-10 years have done so because of the stellar reputation of the APES system and community and Dekalb County and the City of Brookhaven have financially benefitted mightily because of that.	
126	I understand the need for some school closures across the district due to current and projected under enrollment. I also understand that some schools are very old and have high maintenance costs. However, it is extremely difficult to give constructive feedback for Ashford Park closure (that's at double capacity) without a proposed plan of where students will be rerouted to. It is very important to me that these students and the community not be divided amongst multiple schools.	3/8/2026 10:19 PM
127	Oak Grove neighborhood is defined by the elementary school at its center. Parents walk their kids to school, teachers and staff are our neighbors. It is a close knit community that would change if the local ES closed. Buses would have to transport the youngest kids to another school in a different neighborhood.	3/8/2026 10:18 PM
128	Redan elementry	3/8/2026 10:17 PM
129	While consolidation aims for "efficiency," at Cross Keys, our primary hurdle is overcrowding. Any consolidation must be paired with immediate facility expansion. If we consolidate smaller neighboring elementary sites, the receiving buildings must be modernized to prevent the "portable city" effect. From a high school perspective, a consolidated pipeline only works if the secondary facilities (like ours) are finally sized to match that consolidated enrollment.	3/8/2026 10:16 PM
130	Oak Grove Elementary is the quintessential grade school. It is a safe space for students and it brings community together. The teaching is high quality and provided with heart and kindness. We often refer to OGE as our bubble which is more important than ever! The students are prepared for middle school and they learn to be good humans! It is an anchor to our community. The families and friends have all come from this important connection around our children. The parents are invested more than at most elementary schools and that benefits everyone.	3/8/2026 10:16 PM
131	I really like going to Oak Grove Elementary School. My mom and dad and grandpa all went to this school too. I am in multiple special reading groups, and my teachers have given me the tools and support I need to become a confident reader. Because of that, I have learned how to learn and feel proud of myself. I don't want to have to go to a different school. Moving to another school would make it hard to see my friends and get the help I need to keep learning. Oak Grove is a good school for me and for kids who need extra support to do their best. Please don't close Oak Grove. I want to stay here and keep learning.	3/8/2026 10:16 PM
132	First, I want to thank everyone who has put so much effort into this project so far. I am a former educator and former school district employee (not of DCSD), and I know how immensely challenging these jobs are, and that resources are always less than we would like. I also know that no one working on SAP would choose to put us in the position we are in, and that tough choices must be made in order to produce better outcomes for our students. I also understand that a phased and iterative process is necessary, and yet, I am also struggling to provide the best version of my feedback here, given several things. First, it would be really helpful to know exactly how this project is going to convert to better outcomes for all students. While I understand that some of that is unknown, based on the outcomes of the project, I (and I think many others), would appreciate more concrete details, such as, we imagine spending X% of funds saved to hire specialized support providers, X% to invest in teacher support and PD, X% to devote to more proactive building maintenance, whatever. I absolutely understand that there is a throughline here, but, to my knowledge, the throughline has not been explicitly stated. Unfortunately, money diverted from one problem does not always mean it is spent more wisely - I think the committee could win some advocates if all of this was more clear. On a related, but somewhat separate note, the first scenario presented was designed to talk exclusively about buildings, when your core service is to students, and by association, their families. This feels akin to asking us to give feedback on a new fleet of shipping vehicles for USPS, without any understanding of how that would affect routes, service delivery, etc. Buildings are one tool we have at our disposal to serve our students - and of course, so much of our financial resources must be devoted to them given their high cost - but there are so	3/8/2026 10:16 PM

	many other tools at our disposal to serve students well, and I am disappointed to see this discussed as if the pieces are not interconnected. What it means for students in a building to receive an excellent education is a combination of so many factors - the building itself is certainly one, but so is the caliber of the staff, the culture and community built among them, access to non-traditional learning opportunities provided, community involvement, and more. If we have better facilities but break down these other factors, we will ultimately lose. I hope that in the next scenario, there will be more attention devoted to the narrative around what, if any, building closures, would mean that would improve outcomes for all kids.	
133	Está en un buen lugar	3/8/2026 10:15 PM
134	Consolidating will potentially mess up school zoning for middle and high schools and also make commutes more difficult. It will be difficult to add schools back in the future if enrollment increases. I want the entire Evansdale school zone to remain in the Lakeside Highschool zone even if Evansdale is closed.	3/8/2026 10:15 PM
135	I strongly oppose any scenario that would close or consolidate Ashford Park Elementary. Ashford Park Elementary is the heart of a thriving and highly engaged community. Families do not attend Ashford Park by default. They actively choose it. Our school consistently posts some of the highest academic performance results in the area, reflecting the strength of our teachers, leadership, and deeply involved parent base. From a capacity standpoint, Ashford Park does not reflect the underutilization challenges cited in the district's broader analysis. We currently operate at approximately 180 percent utilization. These numbers demonstrate sustained and growing demand. Closing or consolidating a school that is high performing, nearly at capacity, and in strong demand would undermine one of the district's most successful community school models. Ashford Park benefits from exceptional volunteer engagement through our PTA, with parents contributing significant time and financial support. This partnership strengthens student outcomes and reduces strain on district resources. If the goal of the Student Assignment Project is to improve resource alignment, academic quality, and long term sustainability, Ashford Park should be strengthened, not disrupted. I urge the district to reconsider any scenario that negatively impacts Ashford Park Elementary and instead prioritize solutions that address true underutilization while preserving high performing, in demand schools that families overwhelmingly support.	3/8/2026 10:15 PM
136	Vanderlyn cannot be closed. You can not relocate a community with decades of investment it a s school and expect that it can be rebuilt somewhere else. We prioritized a SMALL school over access go other resources and you can not close the top performing school in the district. Tearing down one quality school will not make another school better.	3/8/2026 10:11 PM
137	I strongly disagree with closing schools currently near or above capacity- especially neighborhood schools that have created strong community ties over several decades. In particular, my child attended Evansdale Elementary. It exists on a large lot- much larger than some of the schools currently listed to remain open and expand. The extra land also includes a large field for exercise and athletics, two playgrounds, a nature trail, and multiple parking lots. The grounds could easily accommodate an addition while maintaining parking and opportunities for physical activity. The location can manage increased traffic given that it occupies two sides of a large neighborhood block. Enrollment at Evansdale is projected to increase to more than 600 in the next 4 years. In addition, Evansdale has a successful and highly sought after French immersion program which is unique to the Lakeside cluster. The French teachers at Evansdale, Henderson Middle, and Lakeside High have chosen to live in these neighborhoods due to this specific opportunity. In order to maintain a strong French immersion program, keeping this opportunity within the Lakeside cluster is imperative.	3/8/2026 10:10 PM
138	Pk-6th/7th-12th	3/8/2026 10:07 PM
139	I am very concerned with the initial facilities scenario and how it was presented to the citizens of Dekalb Co. My major concern is that is creates a situation where the school board will separate our community with zero regard for our neighborhood. Schools create a community and our community of Ashford Park Elementary School should be the example for what a community is to the entire county/metro Atlanta area.	3/8/2026 10:06 PM
140	I strongly and unequivocally oppose any facilities plan that removes Hawthorne Elementary School from the Lakeside Cluster. Hawthorne must remain in the Lakeside Cluster. Any proposal that shifts Hawthorne students across I 85 or into another cluster is fundamentally unsafe, geographically illogical, and educationally unsound. Hawthorne is physically and programmatically anchored in the Lakeside Cluster. It is wedged directly between Henderson Mill Middle School and Lakeside High School, creating a clear and intentional K–12 feeder	3/8/2026 10:05 PM

	pattern. Disrupting this alignment would fracture a coherent community pathway that families rely on and that the district has deliberately built. Hawthorne belongs in the Lakeside Cluster—geographically, operationally, and academically—and it must remain there. Reassigning Hawthorne students west of I 85 would force families into some of the most congested corridors in the county, including the areas surrounding Dresden Elementary School, St. Pius X High School, the I 85/Shallowford Road interchange, and the Shallowford/Briarcliff intersection near Globe Academy's upper campus. These are already failing traffic zones during school hours, where travel times of 30–45 minutes for a single mile are common. Routing Hawthorne families into these conditions is neither safe nor feasible and should be categorically rejected. The proposal to consolidate or overexpand within the Lakeside Cluster is especially troubling given that the cluster is currently stable and well utilized, with Hawthorne operating at approximately 88% capacity. At the same time, the district faces extreme overutilization elsewhere—Ashford Park (162%), Chesnut (128%), Montgomery (121%), and Livsey (123%)—where reliance on trailers has become normalized. Trailers are not a long-term solution; they are a costly stopgap. Removing these trailers through targeted capacity relief would generate meaningful savings and should be a district priority. Conversely, severe underutilization persists at Toney (33%), McNair (51%), Columbia (52%), and Browns Mill (58%), representing an ongoing inefficiency and waste of taxpayer dollars. The district should address these structural imbalances before destabilizing a functioning cluster. Hawthorne must stay in the Lakeside Cluster while resources are directed to where they are most needed. Expanding Hawthorne beyond reasonable limits is also inconsistent with the district's own guidance. A DCSD Board analysis has identified the ideal elementary school size as 700–800 students, not 900. Proposals to push Hawthorne toward a 900 student footprint ignore both best practices and site constraints. Overexpansion would undermine safety, strain infrastructure, and diminish educational quality. This concern is magnified by Hawthorne's student population. Hawthorne is a Title I school, in large part because it serves families from nearby apartment communities. These students deserve investment, stability, and appropriately scaled resources—not overconsolidation. Title I status should be a reason to strengthen the school's supports, not to overload the campus in ways that dilute services and strain staff. Hawthorne proudly serves some of the district's most vulnerable students, including a significant population of students with disabilities and English language learners. Its Inclusion Program, developed in partnership with The Coralwood School, is a model of what public education should strive to achieve. Hawthorne provides exceptional students with meaningful, inclusive support while simultaneously offering neurotypical students the opportunity to develop leadership, empathy, and lifelong social awareness—outcomes consistently supported by educational research and impossible to replicate in an oversized, overcrowded environment. The district invested approximately $10 million in modernizing Hawthorne and Henderson Mill Elementary Schools in 2024. Proposing closure, consolidation, or excessive expansion so soon after this investment is fiscally irresponsible. The appropriate path forward is clear: invest in Hawthorne, do not overexpand it. Preserve its scale, protect its programs, and maintain its critical role within the Lakeside Cluster. Hawthorne must remain in the Lakeside Cluster. Hawthorne must remain in the Lakeside Cluster. Hawthorne must remain in the Lakeside Cluster. A Smarter, More Equitable Path Forward: The district should pursue a "Smarter, Not Larger" strategy—maintaining Hawthorne's enrollment within a manageable range, relieving overcrowding at overutilized schools, eliminating costly trailers, and addressing chronic underutilization elsewhere. This approach protects vulnerable students, respects taxpayer investments, and keeps strong schools strong—better, not bigger.	
141	I believe this entire process needs to be paused due to corrupt Horton's involvement, incorrect data and lack of community input. Evansdale does not have anyone on the SAP and is therefore not represented. The French Immersion program is an essential part of the Evansdale community. Do not incorporate us into Pleasantdale or Sequoia. The fact HPM is running this and stands to profit off of this project is disgusting and should kill this entirely.	3/8/2026 10:05 PM
142	I like it the way it is now!! When it was changed before that, this current scenario was based upon educational standards, not just building issues. Previously, it was 1-8 and 9-12.	3/8/2026 10:05 PM
143	We value Ashford Park elementary students staying within the Chamblee cluster. Our children are in the gifted program and German immersion and we would like for them to continue on their learning pathways they've been working on for years.	3/8/2026 10:04 PM
144	Concern from a property value perspective. Children attended Oak Grove Elementary School - we chose our home for the great value that this school offers	3/8/2026 10:04 PM
145	Lacked sufficient data for closure at Oak Grove Elementary. Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary	3/8/2026 10:03 PM

	utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026-27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2-3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. Question 5: Feedback on Potential Grade Band Scenarios For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK-5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization. Question 6 Answer: No. Grade bands should reflect local enrollment trends and utilization levels rather than a uniform district-wide model. Question 7 Answer: Traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 Question 8: Additional Feedback Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4-16. Oak Grove: Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth Ranks in the top tier academically Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity.	
146	I’m disappointed that Vanderly, at less than 50 seats away from the 600 student threshold is on the closure list. It would be easy to add 50 seats to one of the best schools in the whole county. Not to mention our family prioritized a SMALL school over access to other resources when choosing where to live. I’m disapointed that 600 min. threshold is considered when there is plenty of research showing that smaller school environments are better for children. (While it may not affect class size), I would consider a school of 600 students inaccessible for my student and their neurotypical and 504 plan needs. A small school is a priority and provides incredible support for students without needing other resources in the district. It would be a failure on Dekalb entire school board to close Vanderlyn.	3/8/2026 10:03 PM
147	I want to start with my number one concern: I WANT EVERY FAMILIY WHO IS CURRENTLY DISTRICTED TO THE CHAMBLE HIGH CLUSTER TO STAY IN THE CHAMBLEE HIGH CLUSTER!!! Based on the facilities scenarios I would like to see all Ashford Park students moved to John Lewis Elementary. Overall this is not ideal but Dekalb County has never truly listened to the Ashford Park community. We have been asking the county to add on to Ashford Park Elem for over 10 years. I remember attending a public meeting in 2016 about redistricting and the newly announced construction of John Lewis Elem. Every parent in attendance did not understand why the county was building an elementary school in the Ashford park Neighborhood while neglecting the aging Ashford Park Elementary Building. The county's rationale was because they already owned the land where John Lewis Elem is currently and it would be used to alleviate overcrowding for the district next door to Ashford park. I now see that the plan was to close Ashford Park and move our students all along. Since this is obviously what the County wants, I would like ALL students and ALL staff to move to John Lewis Elem. Based on the declining enrollment at Woodward Elem, Montclair Elem, and John Lewis this makes sense. All of Ashford Park can fit into John Lewis. All of the current John Lewis students can fit into Montclair Elem, Woodward Elem, or.....ASHFORD PARK ELEM. In the meantime the county can continue to upgrade Woodward Elem and Montclair since the county thinks these are better sites for expansion that Ashford Park Elem.	3/8/2026 10:03 PM
148	Evansdale needs to be renovated and expanded. It is bigger than other neighboring schools that are recommended for expansion.	3/8/2026 10:02 PM
149	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026-27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2-3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats.	3/8/2026 9:59 PM

	Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion.	
150	I believe this entire process needs to be paused due to corrupt Horton's involvement, incorrect data and lack of community input. Evansdale does not have anyone on the SAP and is therefore not represented. The French Immersion program is an essential part of the Evansdale community. Do not incorporate us into Pleasantdale or Sequoia. The fact HPM is running this and stands to profit off of this project is disgusting and should kill this entirely.	3/8/2026 9:59 PM
151	The schools are spaced out and allows each child the best possible opportunity to be able to learn from the teacher. With the current teacher to student ratio, it's already hard enough to teach the students. Combining schools only makes it harder for everyone. Combining schools for budgets means isnt the best option. A quality education and student/staff safety are the priorities!!!!	3/8/2026 9:59 PM
152	Consolidating the schools will increase class sizes. Students at low-performing schools will suffer more academically in larger classes.	3/8/2026 9:58 PM
153	The main goal is to keep Ashford Park/Chamblee Middle/Chamblee High together as a cluster. This is a community with strong ties with active parent involvement. I do agree that Ashford Park needs a plan to alleviate its overcrowding. If adding onto/rebuilding Ashford Park is not possible, considering breaking it into a smaller band (PK-2 at Ashford Park/3-5 at John Lewis) or moving Ashford Park in whole to John Lewis. In either scenario it would be imperative that teachers/staff who so choose could move with the student population.	3/8/2026 9:58 PM
154	The initial facilities scenario for Oak Grove Elementary raises many concerns. 1. This is a high performing school and as such needs to be reconsidered for any decisions on closure. It has: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) 2. Utilization: Oak Grove ES currently has fairly optimal utilization- already at 89% currently (447 students in a 504-capacity building) and is projected to reach ~96% next year (487 students shared at the Feb 9 PTA meeting), while the DCSD dashboard shows reduction in utilization. Utilization has shown an upward trend since after the pandemic for Oak Grove ES. What consideration has been given to the expansion of area and general development in the Lakeside cluster? There are many new mixed-used spaces which are developing, new constructions, new sub-divisions, all of which will increase the demand for existing schools, including Oak Grove ES. 3. Overcrowding: Proposed closure of Oak Grove ES and concurrently rise in development of properties as mentioned above will lead to overcrowding of the remaining ES (Sagamore and Briarlake that would absorb Oak ES students), may affect academic performance, cause traffic congestion and delays. 4. Unintended consequences: Overcrowding will dissuade parents for choosing public schools. There are several private schools in this cluster and more parents may end up considering private schools over the consolidated ES in the area. Smaller class size was one of the reasons parents chose private schools during the pandemic and it may happen again if school sizes grow significantly and affect neighborhood structure. This will again affect enrollment. Consolidation/ closure of school may NOT yield the intended positive consequences under the current scenario. The proposed facilities consolidation greatly affects our and neighboring communities. We sincerely request that DCSD reconsider this scenario and present a more updated data on projected utilization and enrollment based on current area growth to make a more informed decision.	3/8/2026 9:58 PM
155	I'm concerned about Midvale Elementary. It's a school nearly at capacity, good performance, an engaged community, in an area that keeps adding housing. Doesn't make any sense to me.	3/8/2026 9:58 PM
156	Large class sizes are not good. Therw are already behavior promblems in the schools.	3/8/2026 9:57 PM
157	It is very clear that DCSD needs to close some schools. The school system is close to a financial crisis. The northern part of DeKalb has schools that are overcrowded. Find ways to reduce the overcrowding. Most definitely get the Doraville cluster out of the Dunwoody attendance zone.	3/8/2026 9:56 PM
158	Biggest concern is where will the new students go if the schools are consolidated? Our school is not big enough to accommodate more students and will need a renovation to be able to accommodate. If families are sending their kids to public schools and the schools are over crowded, those are excellent schools that should be enhanced and grown. The amount of money spent on consultants and school renovations will surpass what is already being spent. This is especially true if the existing schools that are proposed to close are not sold for profit and functional use in the county. Regardless of numbers, if schools are high achieving, they	3/8/2026 9:56 PM

	should be grown and nourished. Schools that are not meeting state standards should be closed and those properties sold to gain funds to rebuild or expand the schools that are thriving. The highest achieving schools in the county should stay open and be enhanced to include more students	
159	Our community values the current school structure and benefits academically and socially for our children and their future	3/8/2026 9:54 PM
160	Oak Grove is not underutilized and the population is growing so it does not align with the objectives. Oak Grove population cannot be absorbed by the closest schools, one of which is already at over 90% utilization. With CHOA moving close to this area and Emory being nearby along with the redevelopment nearby, population is only going to increase which is going to create overcrowding. Oak Grove is a very high performing school with strong parental involvement and a great community. People purchase homes specifically for this school. Changes such as this risk decreasing our property values which will have a direct impact on the income Dekalb receives from taxes. I, like many other parents, are considering leaving the public school system should a disruption like this occur. Dekalb already loses many students in middle school which then bleeds into high school.	3/8/2026 9:54 PM
161	I strongly oppose any facilities plan that removes Hawthorne Elementary School from the Lakeside Cluster or requires students to cross I-85 to attend another cluster. These geographic barriers present serious safety and logistical concerns. Traffic west of I-85 is already heavily congested, particularly around Dresden Elementary School, St. Pius X High School, the I-85/Shallowford Road exit, and the Shallowford/Briarcliff intersection near Globe Academy's upper campus. During school hours, travel times of up to 45 minutes for a single mile are common. Redirecting Hawthorne families into these corridors would create unsafe and impractical commutes for hundreds of students. I have followed this project since its inception and was surprised by the proposed consolidations in the northern part of the county, particularly when data reflects more acute capacity challenges elsewhere. While the Lakeside Cluster is relatively balanced and well utilized—Hawthorne currently operates at approximately 88% capacity—other schools are experiencing extreme overutilization. Ashford Park (162%), Chesnut (128%), Montgomery (121%), and Livsey (123%) are relying heavily on trailers to accommodate enrollment. These trailers represent an ongoing and costly temporary solution, and removing them through thoughtful redistricting and capacity relief would result in significant long-term savings for the district. At the same time, several schools remain severely underutilized, including Toney (33%), McNair (51%), Columbia (52%), and Browns Mill (58%). Continuing to operate facilities at such low utilization is an inefficient use of taxpayer funds. These capacity imbalances should be addressed before making sweeping changes to stable and well-functioning clusters like Lakeside. Additionally, long-standing boundary inequities along Buford Highway—contributing to racial and socioeconomic imbalances between the Cross Keys and Chamblee clusters—should be corrected, as originally intended with the opening of John Lewis Elementary School in 2017. While it is encouraging to see Sequoyah Middle School coming online to relieve overcrowding and improve equity, these efforts should not come at the expense of communities that are already balanced and stable. Expanding Hawthorne is also fiscally and programmatically unsound. The district invested approximately $10 million in modernization projects at Hawthorne and Henderson Mill Elementary Schools in 2024. Significantly expanding or closing these schools so soon after this investment would represent a misuse of public funds. Moreover, an internal analysis by the DCSD Board has identified the ideal elementary school size as 700–800 students, not 900. Pushing Hawthorne beyond this threshold risks undermining both educational outcomes and site feasibility. I am advocating for investment in the Lakeside Cluster bringing schools up to the minimum thresholds to receive all State an Federal Funding, but the land and design of these schools being the center of neighborhoods would make it impractical to build very large schools; the impact to the neighborhoods would be detrimental. This concern is particularly acute given Hawthorne's student population. Hawthorne serves one of the district's most vulnerable communities, including a high concentration of students with disabilities and English language learners. The school's Inclusion Program, in partnership with The Coralwood School, is a model for the district. Hawthorne proudly supports exceptional students while simultaneously providing neurotypical students with meaningful opportunities to develop empathy, leadership, and inclusion skills—outcomes consistently supported by educational research and impossible to quantify in traditional metrics. Key Concerns: Safety and Traffic: Increased enrollment would significantly worsen congestion on Briarcliff Road and compromise safety for more than 60 families who currently walk to school. Environmental Impact: The Hawthorne site cannot support a 900-student campus without eliminating established nature trails and increasing flood risk in the Briarmoor Manor community. Infrastructure Limitations: Local sewer infrastructure is	3/8/2026 9:54 PM

already operating near capacity and cannot support a 1,000-person facility. Academic and Programmatic Impact: Oversized schools are correlated with declines in student achievement, attendance, and school climate—particularly harmful for students requiring specialized support. A Smarter Alternative: Rather than large-scale consolidations or overexpansion, we advocate for a “Smarter, Not Larger” approach that maintains enrollment in the 450–550 student range through targeted, minimal redistricting. This strategy preserves fiscal responsibility, protects vulnerable student populations, reduces reliance on costly trailers, and keeps schools better—not bigger. If you’d like, I can: Cut this down to fit a strict public-comment time limit Make it more assertive or more neutral Tailor it specifically for a DCSD Board submission or community letter Provide your feedback on BizChatYou said: make this more assertive and mention hawthorne must stay in the lakeside cluster a few times, also mention how it is wedged in between henderson mill middle and lakeside high school. Also mention Hawthorne is title 1 because it draws from the apartments - create a clever argument here to invest in the school but not over expandCopilot said: CopilotHere is a more assertive, policy-focused rewrite that repeatedly reinforces Hawthorne must remain in the Lakeside Cluster, highlights its geographic logic, and makes a clear “invest, don’t over-expand” Title I argument tied to equity, fiscal responsibility, and student outcomes: I strongly and unequivocally oppose any facilities plan that removes Hawthorne Elementary School from the Lakeside Cluster. Hawthorne must remain in the Lakeside Cluster. Any proposal that shifts Hawthorne students across I-85 or into another cluster is fundamentally unsafe, geographically illogical, and educationally unsound. Hawthorne is physically and programmatically anchored in the Lakeside Cluster. It is wedged directly between Henderson Mill Middle School and Lakeside High School, creating a clear and intentional K–12 feeder pattern. Disrupting this alignment would fracture a coherent community pathway that families rely on and that the district has deliberately built. Hawthorne belongs in the Lakeside Cluster—geographically, operationally, and academically—and it must remain there. Reassigning Hawthorne students west of I-85 would force families into some of the most congested corridors in the county, including the areas surrounding Dresden Elementary School, St. Pius X High School, the I-85/Shallowford Road interchange, and the Shallowford/Briarcliff intersection near Globe Academy’s upper campus. These are already failing traffic zones during school hours, where travel times of 30–45 minutes for a single mile are common. Routing Hawthorne families into these conditions is neither safe nor feasible and should be categorically rejected. The proposal to consolidate or overexpand within the Lakeside Cluster is especially troubling given that the cluster is currently stable and well utilized, with Hawthorne operating at approximately 88% capacity. At the same time, the district faces extreme overutilization elsewhere—Ashford Park (162%), Chesnut (128%), Montgomery (121%), and Livsey (123%)—where reliance on trailers has become normalized. Trailers are not a long-term solution; they are a costly stopgap. Removing these trailers through targeted capacity relief would generate meaningful savings and should be a district priority. Conversely, severe underutilization persists at Toney (33%), McNair (51%), Columbia (52%), and Browns Mill (58%), representing an ongoing inefficiency and waste of taxpayer dollars. The district should address these structural imbalances before destabilizing a functioning cluster. Hawthorne must stay in the Lakeside Cluster while resources are directed to where they are most needed. Expanding Hawthorne beyond reasonable limits is also inconsistent with the district’s own guidance. A DCSD Board analysis has identified the ideal elementary school size as 700–800 students, not 900. Proposals to push Hawthorne toward a 900-student footprint ignore both best practices and site constraints. Overexpansion would undermine safety, strain infrastructure, and diminish educational quality. This concern is magnified by Hawthorne’s student population. Hawthorne is a Title I school, in large part because it serves families from nearby apartment communities. These students deserve investment, stability, and appropriately scaled resources—not overconsolidation. Title I status should be a reason to strengthen the school’s supports, not to overload the campus in ways that dilute services and strain staff. Hawthorne proudly serves some of the district’s most vulnerable students, including a significant population of students with disabilities and English language learners. Its Inclusion Program, developed in partnership with The Coralwood School, is a model of what public education should strive to achieve. Hawthorne provides exceptional students with meaningful, inclusive support while simultaneously offering neurotypical students the opportunity to develop leadership, empathy, and lifelong social awareness—outcomes consistently supported by educational research and impossible to replicate in an oversized, overcrowded environment. The district invested approximately $10 million in modernizing Hawthorne and Henderson Mill Elementary Schools in 2024. Proposing closure, consolidation, or excessive expansion so soon after this investment is fiscally irresponsible. The appropriate path forward is clear: invest in Hawthorne, do not overexpand it. Preserve its scale, protect its programs, and maintain its critical role within the Lakeside Cluster. Hawthorne must remain in the Lakeside Cluster. Hawthorne must remain in the Lakeside Cluster. Hawthorne must remain

	in the Lakeside Cluster. A Smarter, More Equitable Path Forward: The district should pursue a “Smarter, Not Larger” strategy—maintaining Hawthorne’s enrollment within a manageable range, relieving overcrowding at overutilized schools, eliminating costly trailers, and addressing chronic underutilization elsewhere. This approach protects vulnerable students, respects taxpayer investments, and keeps strong schools strong—better, not bigger.	
162	The initial facilities scenarios are very difficult to address since as a parent, we do not have full picture of the boards plan. Every cluster has different assets and challenges thus each cluster should be addressed individually.	3/8/2026 9:53 PM
163	Oak grove closing would be detrimental to the neighborhood, the quality of the education since oak grove is basically one of the best elementary schools in deklab county.	3/8/2026 9:52 PM
164	keep oak grove elementary school open	3/8/2026 9:51 PM
165	If schools are consolidated, where and what would be the process of replacing students in areas where several surrounding schools would be closing. Considering that many of the schools on the closing list are Horizon schools, how would class sizes be considered to ensure learning and less behavioral distractions. Instead of closing schools, could some positions that are not conductive to learning be eliminated: Many of the District level positions, LTSE, MTSS, Behavioral Specialist, Tutors, etc. to alot funds to be funneled into the schools with students. Have considerations been made to sale properties that are not being used, the Krogers office building and others. Instead of renovating that space, could some of the olders facilities be used to efficiently use school funds.	3/8/2026 9:51 PM
166	Looking at the data with the simple Microsoft BI interface, it doesn't quite seem right. For example, it seems that the historical utilization percentages are calculated using the current capacity numbers, applied to previous years. But what about schools where the facilites have been changed, upgraded, moved, rebuilt, etc.? For example, Austin Elmentrary school built a new facility with increased capacity around 2020. But the previous years' utilization numbers are pulled down because they are based on current capacity. If this is true, then the data (and resulting conclusions) is tainted. Also, can the raw data be provided so we don't have to hobble around with Microsoft BI? Also, other details, such as forecasting model selection, parameters, etc.	3/8/2026 9:50 PM
167	Consolidating schools with low enrollment makes sense. Trying to close an over capacity school that is surrounded by other over capacity schools does not make sense. Removing kids from their communities would also be detrimental to the kids.	3/8/2026 9:50 PM
168	I don't support the removal of Oak Grove Elementary School because it is essential for the community.	3/8/2026 9:49 PM
169	We want Oak Grove to stay open.	3/8/2026 9:48 PM
170	It looks like no real consideration was made in the disruption of the communities this plan would have by closing elemtary schools.	3/8/2026 9:48 PM
171	I am very concerned about this scenario - the research has not been done especially at the local level and does not include the historical findings of past DCSD initiatives including one that later lead to the reintroduction of middle schools. There is no trust in the process and no confidence in the project especially when it does not include any feedback from the current 150 SAP committee members who are from the communities including parents and staff. How can you just tell communities that their schools are closing with no constructive solutions of where such communities and amazing teachers and staff will go?! And how did you not give any notice to the schools before it became public knowledge?! It is the fault of our own DeKalb County School District who failed to recognize the strong growth in their county and districts while neglecting the funds to invest in our infrastructure, curriculum, and staff. You must do everything in your power to keep our school community together especially Ashford Park - there is plenty of land to redevelop and develop to include multi-story buildings. You all know there is a reason why such districts are growing - we would hate to see Dekalb lose so many residents from a potential mass exodus that would result with the potential school closures of such strong and affluent communities.	3/8/2026 9:48 PM
172	As a longtime member of this community, I strongly oppose the inclusion of Oak Grove Elementary School in the closure scenarios. Oak Grove is not just a school building—it is a generational cornerstone of our neighborhood. I attended Oak Grove myself, my husband attended Oak Grove, and our children are currently students there. Our family represents just one example of the deep multigenerational ties many families have to this school. Oak Grove	3/8/2026 9:48 PM

	has long been a school that families actively move into the area to attend, helping maintain the strength and stability of the community. Closing a thriving neighborhood school like Oak Grove would disrupt established feeder patterns, fracture a highly engaged parent community, and undermine the continuity that has benefited students and families for decades. From a planning perspective, Oak Grove also does not align with the district's stated goal of addressing underutilization. The target elementary utilization is approximately 88%, yet Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity as of October 2025) and projected to reach approximately 487 students (~96%) in 2026–27. Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years and is on a sustained upward trajectory. Closing Oak Grove would also create a capacity challenge for nearby schools. Sagamore Hills Elementary School is already at 91% utilization (413/456) with only about 43 available seats, and Briarlake Elementary School is at 73% utilization (350/480). Together they cannot absorb Oak Grove's 447 students without significant boundary shifts or overcrowding. At the same time, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential and employment growth, including major redevelopment projects and more than $2.5B in institutional investment in the Emory/Clifton area. Even early phases of planned housing developments could generate dozens to over 100 additional elementary students over time, which would further increase utilization at nearby schools. Oak Grove is also among the highest-performing schools in the review group, ranking near the top in both Content Mastery (94.2) and Readiness (95.3). Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained enrollment growth, and ranks among the top academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap within the DeKalb County School District.	
173	As a home owner and parent of a new born, the reason we moved to the area was for oak grove elementary. We do not want this to affect our home value and education of our son.	3/8/2026 9:47 PM
174	Don't think it should happen.	3/8/2026 9:47 PM
175	Oak grove elementary has a good reputation and closing it hurts Dekalb county schools and its reputation if it's closed. It's beneficial having good reputation for future enrollment and engagement.	3/8/2026 9:47 PM
176	It makes no sense to close schools in the north when they're 98% occupied.	3/8/2026 9:46 PM
177	I support the Brookhaven community's strong support of the public school system now and for many, many years to come therefore, I support the following position… keeping our trajectory in the Chamblee MS and HS cluster, and the pathway of closing the Ashford Park Elementary School facility as a neighborhood school, and shifting the Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone to the current John Lewis Elementary facility, and preserve our (current attendance zone) Chamblee Cluster alignment.	3/8/2026 9:46 PM
178	Against it	3/8/2026 9:46 PM
179	As a deeply invested Ashford Park family and community members, we are submitting this feedback to strongly oppose the proposed closure of Ashford Park Elementary. While recognizing the complex capacity and logistical challenges the committee is working to solve, closing the district's most successful school is fundamentally the wrong approach. We urge the committee to consider an alternative path that addresses the population challenges while protecting the quality of education in our community. Our core recommendations are as follows: • Preserve the District's Top Performer: Ashford Park Elementary is currently the number-one performing school in the district. This remarkable achievement is the direct result of the culture, dedication, and expertise of our outstanding faculty and staff. Dismantling a proven, top-tier educational environment—and scattering the educators who built it—counteracts the district's primary mission of providing excellent education. We should be replicating this school's success, not closing its doors. • Expand the Existing Footprint: I fully acknowledge the reality of our capacity issues, with the school currently operating over capacity. However, the solution to a thriving, high-demand school is expansion, not elimination. The current campus footprint has the physical space to accommodate an expansion. Investing in adding to the existing infrastructure will safely house our larger student population while keeping this highly successful community intact. • Maintain the Chamblee High School Pipeline: It is imperative that our neighborhood remains zoned for the feeder pattern into Chamblee High School. The academic continuity of moving from the district's top-performing lower school into a high-caliber charter program is vital for our students' long-term success. Disrupting this pipeline would be detrimental to the academic trajectories of hundreds of students. Rather than eliminating a thriving educational community to solve a capacity issue, I ask the committee to choose a path of investment. Let's expand the physical space of	3/8/2026 9:46 PM

	Ashford Park Elementary, retain the exceptional faculty who run it, and preserve our zoning to Chamblee High	
180	My preference is to leave Oak Grove unchanged.	3/8/2026 9:45 PM
181	The proposed consolidation scenarios raise serious concerns for families in our community. Elementary schools are more than just facilities—they are neighborhood anchors that support strong family engagement, community identity, and student stability. Consolidation may appear efficient on paper, but it often leads to larger schools, longer travel times for young children, and reduced opportunities for parent involvement. For younger students especially, smaller and community-based schools provide important benefits: stronger relationships with teachers, safer environments, and easier access for families. Eliminating neighborhood elementary schools risks weakening these important supports. Before moving forward with consolidations, DCSD should carefully evaluate the long-term impact on communities, transportation costs, and student outcomes—not just building utilization rates.	3/8/2026 9:45 PM
182	I support the Brookhaven community's strong support of the public school system now and would like to keep Ashford Park in tact with the remodeling of the building. If that's not possible, I support the following position… keeping our trajectory in the Chamblee MS and HS cluster, and the pathway of closing the Ashford Park Elementary School facility as a neighborhood school, and shifting the Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone to the current John Lewis Elementary facility, and preserve our (current attendance zone) Chamblee Cluster alignment.	3/8/2026 9:45 PM
183	Many schools are closing. How will the closings effect students, parents, and staff at schools? Merging students does not always benefit the students and staff in the buildings.	3/8/2026 9:44 PM
184	Oak Grove Elementary should remain open as a neighborhood elementary for the following reasons: Oak Grove already meets the district's utilization target today (about 89%) • The school is projected to reach ~96% capacity next year • Enrollment has been increasing, not declining • Significant new investment and development in our area will become clearer in the next 12-24 months • Academic performance and teacher retention are also critical to our goal of student education	3/8/2026 9:44 PM
185	Oak Grove is and has been an integral facility within this area, affording the students the best public schooling available in the DeKalb system. Any disruption to this status would be detrimental to these children, and I should add, the surrounding neighborhood	3/8/2026 9:42 PM
186	It seems as though it would be wiser to keep your better performing schools open and consolidate the schools with poorer performance. This would result in a net decrease in poorer performing schools and give you a smaller # of schools to optimize. Furthermore, people moved to the regions with better performing schools for those schools. If you shut them down, the demand for those regions will decrease, thereby decreasing demand for those homes and depressing property values and thereby county revenue. Those who can move out to private schools will, and the # of schools with poorer schools could potentially rise…the opposite of what you would theoretically want	3/8/2026 9:42 PM
187	I support the district's responsibility to address overcrowding at Dunwoody High School; however, the current proposal to close Vanderlyn Elementary is not supported by sufficient analysis and should not move forward. While Vanderlyn's proximity to the high school places it within broader facilities planning discussions, proximity alone does not justify closure. The district has stated that the SAP is driven by enrollment trends and utilization, yet the proposal does not clearly demonstrate how these metrics have been applied at the cluster level to support this recommendation. Critical data—including receiving school enrollment capacity, projected class sizes, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern changes—has not been shared. These analyses are essential and must be provided before any consideration of closure. The shared Vanderlyn–Dunwoody campus presents a clear opportunity to pursue phased, campus-level solutions that directly address secondary capacity constraints without eliminating elementary access. Closing a successful elementary school without fully evaluating and presenting such alternatives represents a missed opportunity and an incomplete planning process. Vanderlyn is a diverse, high-performing, and inclusive school community. Disrupting a stable elementary environment without transparent justification runs counter to the district's stated priorities. I strongly urge the Board to pause any closure decision and direct district leadership to engage both school communities in a collaborative process focused on viable, data-driven solutions that relieve high school overcrowding while preserving the Vanderlyn community.	3/8/2026 9:41 PM

188	Current discussions around Vanderlyn students are that they would likely be split between neighboring schools, if closed. This is not comparable to combining two half-capacity schools and would create significant feeder disruption and transportation impact. If the district's objective is to right-size elementary schools toward the 600-student efficiency benchmark, Vanderlyn should be evaluated as a candidate for expansion rather than closure. The school is already operating efficiently and, given its shared campus, presents an opportunity to explore coordinated facility solutions that support Dunwoody High School's needs while preserving elementary access. We respectfully request comparative modeling that evaluates closure versus expansion scenarios within the Dunwoody cluster, including cost, utilization, and long-term flexibility, before final determinations are made. Additionally, if this proposal is driven by high school facility needs rather than elementary inefficiency, and if future enrollment shifts may relieve this pressure, closure should not be assumed as the default solution. The Dunwoody cluster cannot be evaluated using the same framework as clusters with multiple under-enrolled campuses. Do not close Vanderlyn simply to expand the high school. There is plenty of space currently available to the high school to allow for appropriate expansion to meet student size demands. Lastly, closing a high-performing STEM certified elementary school seems counterintuitive. Expansion is much more sensible to draw more students to the school thereby continuing to allow Dunwoody to serve as an excellent area to raise children.	3/8/2026 9:40 PM
189	We have experienced the middle school consolidation which in my opinion led to a deterioration of academic performance and the ability for the schools to have special programs.	3/8/2026 9:40 PM
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191	I understand that DCSD has a responsibility to address overcrowding at Dunwoody High School; however, the current proposal to close Vanderlyn Elementary is not supported by sufficient analysis and should not move forward, as a solution to that problem. While Vanderlyn's proximity to the high school places it within a broader facilities planning discussions, proximity alone should not justify closure. The district has stated that the SAP is driven by enrollment trends and utilization, yet the proposal does not clearly demonstrate how these metrics have been applied specifically at the cluster level to support this recommendation. Critical data—including receiving school enrollment capacity, projected class sizes, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern changes—has not been shared. These analyses are essential and must be provided before any consideration of closure. As the parent of a student who graduated from Vanderlyn Elementary and is now pursuing an engineering course at a premier nationally recognized institute of higher learning, I cannot emphasize how much of an impact Vanderlyn Elementary had to boost my student into that trajectory. Closing a successful elementary school without fully evaluating and presenting such alternatives represents a missed opportunity and is a failed planning process. Vanderlyn is a diverse, high performing, and inclusive school community. Disrupting a stable elementary environment without transparent justification runs counter to the district's stated priorities. I strongly urge the Board to reconsider any closure decision and direct district leadership to engage in a collaborative process focused on viable, data driven solutions that relieve high school overcrowding while preserving the Vanderlyn community.	3/8/2026 9:36 PM
192	The proposed closing of Ashford Park Elementary would be devastating to our community for decades to come. In the last 20 years our community has made APES into a tight knit family that galvanizes our neighborhoods and makes this growing area of Dekalb County an amazing place to raise young children. Instead of closing and razing Ashford Park, this is one area where Dekalb should INVEST and expand the school to keep the community together.	3/8/2026 9:36 PM

193	I am a retired teacher from Dekalb as well as a community member in the S. Dekalb area and I feel strongly that the closures and/or consolidations primarily in our region will disrupt the lives of students and families in a major way. Transportation will be an issue for many families, but communities with closed schools face decreased property values that over the proposed time frame SAP has presented could lead to an economic downward cycle for S. Dekalb.	3/8/2026 9:36 PM
194	I am concerned about the proposed closing of many elementary schools and moving to a larger elementary school model. My children attend Lakeside High School, one of the highest populated schools in the county, and I do not think the equivalent density would be a good environment for elementary school children. I am also concerned about the proposed closing of Oak Grove Elementary, which does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove's utilization is at 89%. Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. At current pace, it will reach or exceed full capacity in 2-3 years.	3/8/2026 9:35 PM
195	It is important to keep the Ashford Park and Drew Valley neighborhood and community together at the same school.	3/8/2026 9:34 PM
196	OAK GROVE Elementary Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years.	3/8/2026 9:34 PM
197	I agree with the scenario of consolidation if it means more resources for our students.	3/8/2026 9:33 PM
198	Evansdale elementary is on 10.1 acres, larger than the majority of the elementary schools in the surrounding area (some slated for an expansion or rebuild) with space to expand. It has 2 playgrounds near the building that could be moved to space near the lower field to accommodate for an expansion. It also has 2 parking lots and is in a residential area with ability to use street parking unlike some of the other schools in the nearby area that are on busy roads. Currently, Evansdale is at 96% capacity and over the 500 student mark with space to increase to 600. It does not make sense to close a school with the only DLI program that feeds through the Lakeside cluster.	3/8/2026 9:33 PM
199	Evansdale's lot size is bigger than neighboring schools recommended for expansion. Evansdale is unique and that it has a large separate playfield to playgrounds and multiple parking lots. This site can accommodate additions in the back of the school and still have ample play and parking space. Evansdale is uniquely situated to accommodate increase traffic as it takes up two sides of a large neighborhood block. Evan stills enrollment is projected increased over 600 by 2030.	3/8/2026 9:32 PM
200	Emphatically against this consolidation effort. A community-shattering proposal.	3/8/2026 9:32 PM
201	I am opposed to the closing/consolidation of elementary schools due to the impact this will have on the neighborhoods served by these schools. I fear that creating larger, more heavily populated schools, the children's needs will be harder to meet as those with issues will more easily be missed. Another concern is that the environments of larger schools will be less personal and young children will not the warmth and nurturance that enhances a learning environment. My strong preference is that the county consider reducing the cachement areas of some of the high schools and middle schools and decrease the size of these campuses. Schools should be important gathering spaces for their communities and by closing schools, these communities lose these spaces.	3/8/2026 9:32 PM
202	Don't close Evansdale and move the students to another school. If anything, expand Evansdale! Evansdale has a large lot with a large separate play field, woods with an outdoor classroom, 2 playgrounds, and multiple parking lots. You could more easily ADD to Evansdale and still keep the playgrounds/parking lots. It's also a great n'hood school but yet in an easily accessible spot, traffic-wise. Also Evansdale's enrollment is projected to increase to well over 600 students in just a few years-- by 2030. Closing it would be devastating to this n'hood.	3/8/2026 9:31 PM
203	POINTS 1) Evansdale Is More Than a Neighborhood School Evansdale is not simply a neighborhood school. It is a district-wide academic choice program that attracts families across DeKalb County. The French dual-language immersion program draws families from across DeKalb through a lottery system. Many families choose Evansdale (and often choose to live in this neighborhood) intentionally because of its programming. Schools that attract	3/8/2026 9:31 PM

	voluntary enrollment help retain families in the public school system. 2) Internationally Recognized French Immersion Program Evansdale offers an internationally recognized French immersion program that provides students with global language skills and cultural competency. Evansdale offers one of the district's most distinctive academic programs. Students spend approximately half their instructional day learning in French. The program is recognized internationally through LabelFrancÉducation, awarded by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Only a small number of schools in the United States have this designation. 3) The French Immersion Program Is Part of a K–12 Language Pathway The immersion program does not end at Evansdale. It continues through Henderson Middle and into advanced French at Lakeside High School. Closing Evansdale affects multiple schools, not just one. Pathway: Evansdale → Henderson → Lakeside Students continue immersion learning at Henderson Middle School. Students can take advanced French courses at Lakeside High School Important fact: Evansdale parents and teachers helped build and advocate for this pathway over many years.	
204	I do not think Midvale Elementary school should be considered for closing/repurposing. It is a good, well-kept facility with potential for expanding the building. I believe other nearby elementary schools that are not on the list for closing/repurposing do not have the same potential for expansion.	3/8/2026 9:30 PM
205	Consolidation seems appropriate, however need to look at school performance and results too, especially for elementary schools, so early child education which is foundational does not suffer	3/8/2026 9:30 PM
206	It is imperative that we consider the size of the classroom. Older schools versus new schools. It was challenging to expect every school to house the same number of students.	3/8/2026 9:27 PM
207	I am open to school consolidation if it helps the district run more efficiently, similar to approaches used in other large districts like Gwinnett. If consolidation results in cost savings, those funds should be redirected to the classroom. Specifically, the priority should be hiring additional teachers and lowering class sizes. Too many resources currently appear to be concentrated at the district level rather than going directly toward supporting students and teachers in classrooms.	3/8/2026 9:26 PM
208	I does not make sense to close high performing schools.	3/8/2026 9:26 PM
209	I find that eliminating Ashford Park ES would be a disservice to the community. It is a wonderful school with an incredible staff. If the school must be closed then I feel that the APES staff and kids should go to John Lewis ES but be kept in the Chamblee cluster.	3/8/2026 9:26 PM
210	No changes for Oak Grove Elementary	3/8/2026 9:25 PM
211	I live in the community surrounding Evensdale Elementary. My wife and I are about to have a baby who would eventually attend the school. I think it would be a shame to loose the community feel of Evensdale to transition to a larger and further away elementary school. The unique programs that Evensdale offers draw people to the neighborhood. I personally valued the potential of walking my child to school. Evensdale also has a large lot size that would allow for future expansion and a traffic arrangement that appears to glow pretty well.	3/8/2026 9:25 PM
212	Please don't close Evansdale. Such a gem for elementary education.	3/8/2026 9:24 PM
213	I am generally in favor of consolidating schools if it improves efficiency, similar to how districts like Gwinnett operate. However, any savings created through consolidation should be reinvested directly into classrooms. That means prioritizing hiring additional teachers and lowering class sizes. Right now, too much funding appears to be allocated to district-level roles that are not directly supporting students or classroom teachers.	3/8/2026 9:24 PM
214	I don't think there should be consolidations it will create overpopulation classes, which will make it less optimal learning environment for students and teachers	3/8/2026 9:24 PM
215	Unnecessarily disruptive. DCSD needs to look in the mirror for reason for declining enrollment not the school buildings. Midvale isn't a threat, it's a model for what other communities could be like.	3/8/2026 9:24 PM
216	I don't like disrupting children in certain school district being uprooting and being transferred to school out of their community. Try to get Federal Assistance to keep studies where they live unless the parent was them to go to a more school where they pay for child education in	3/8/2026 9:23 PM
217	Evansdale Elementary School has been an excellent institution of learning for so many years.	3/8/2026 9:22 PM

	It’s a wonderful community school and has been a magnet school for years. Please reconsider taking this school, as well as Midvale and Henderson Mill, out of commission. Thank you!	
218	While the outline about why the consolidation is being proposed makes sense my concern is that I did not find any info about how the required elementary school “expansions” would be funded. It sounds like a lot of construction will be required. Dekalb County doesn’t have the best reputation when it comes to prudent use of tax payer money…the public will need lots of assurance there is no corruption at work here. I also do not understand why Oak Grove ES was selected for closure when it has higher existing seating capacity than other nearby elementary schools not on closure list. Oak Grove has always had great academic reputation and strong parental engagement. I would think you would want to bring more students into that environment rather than dissipate out across several schools. I do worry about my property value as well since Oak Grove ES has long been a selling point for our neighborhoods.	3/8/2026 9:21 PM
219	I support consolidating schools to operate more efficiently, similar to the model used in Gwinnett. If consolidation frees up funding, those dollars should go directly into classrooms by hiring more teachers and reducing class sizes. Too much money is currently tied up in district-level positions that do not directly support students and teachers.	3/8/2026 9:20 PM
220	Consolidations are disproportionately affecting underserved communities. I think many of these schools could remain open and rent a portion of the building to a community-serving non-profit. They need to remain an option for the people in those communities.	3/8/2026 9:20 PM
221	I really like my school and I don’t not want it to close.	3/8/2026 9:19 PM
222	I really value our small neighborhood schools but understand the desire to cut overhead costs by consolidating schools. I hope this will come with additional programs. I think fewer students would opt for alternative schooling options if each school had a draw (eg internal magnets for high achievers, more arts programming, language immersion, etc).	3/8/2026 9:19 PM
223	My main concern is that redistricting to the new facilities scheduled to open (Sequoyah Middle and High) has not been finalized yet; I feel that a district plan for students that will attend this and other new facilities needs to happen first, then, perhaps at the same time, clearer decisions can be made about which facilities to close.	3/8/2026 9:19 PM
224	I don't want Oak Grove Elementary to close. It is one of the best, if not the best elementary school in all of DeKalb county. School performance should factor into closings. The whole reason we moved into this district was because of Oak Grove Elementary. I understand the need for cuts, but closing one of your best schools doesn't make sense to me.	3/8/2026 9:19 PM
225	I understand that the Student Assignment Project is addressing a difficult challenge for the district. Declining enrollment and significant unused capacity mean that the district may need to consolidate some schools in order to use facilities and resources more efficiently. I appreciate that the district is taking a long-term approach to planning and gathering community feedback before making final decisions. However, I strongly believe that Ashford Park Elementary should not be consolidated into another school or closed as part of the Phase 1 scenario. Ashford Park is a strong and stable neighborhood school with a deeply engaged parent community. Families, including my own, move into the area specifically because of the school and the neighborhood school model it represents. Consolidating Ashford Park into another location would disrupt a thriving school community that is already functioning well and serving students successfully. If consolidation is necessary in some parts of the district, it should prioritize schools where there is clear underutilization, facility limitations, or overlapping attendance zones. Ashford Park does not fit that description. It is a well-supported school with strong enrollment relative to its neighborhood and plays a central role in the Brookhaven community. Closing or consolidating Ashford Park would also undermine the neighborhood school model that many families rely on. Students would likely be reassigned farther from their community, increasing travel times and weakening the connection between families and their local school. This could also drive families to leave the district or pursue private education, which would further exacerbate the enrollment challenges the district is trying to solve. The district has stated that the Student Assignment Project is intended to align facilities with enrollment realities and use resources more effectively. Currently, the district has tens of thousands of empty seats across its schools, which is the main driver behind consolidation discussions. However, those system-wide challenges should not come at the expense of closing strong neighborhood schools that are working well for students and families. I encourage the district to explore alternatives such as boundary adjustments, program placement, or consolidations in areas where schools are significantly under-enrolled rather than closing Ashford Park. Preserving successful neighborhood schools and specialized programs	3/8/2026 9:19 PM

	like the German immersion program at Ashford Park will help maintain family confidence in the district.	
226	Please do not shut down Oak Grove elementary	3/8/2026 9:18 PM
227	If this proposal is driven by high school facility needs rather than elementary inefficiency, and if future enrollment shifts will relieve cluster pressure, closure should not be assumed as the default solution. The Dunwoody cluster cannot be evaluated using the same framework as clusters with multiple under-enrolled campuses. Before moving forward, families need cluster-specific reassignment modeling, receiving school utilization projections, and a clear explanation of why expansion or shared-campus options were not prioritized.	3/8/2026 9:18 PM
228	I have very strong concerns about consolidating schools generally. We have seen this when Henderson High School became a middle school, moving 1,500 + students in only 3 grades - 6,7,8 - into a single school. Middle school is a particularly challenging developmental age for students and having 500 to 600 students in one grade in a single school is not manageable while also providing a quality education. Schools built in this section of Dekalb County (30345) were built when Dekalb County used a 1-7/8-12 model, making retrofitting these schools to a new model more difficult.	3/8/2026 9:18 PM
229	Henderson Mill Elementary School has a positive climate for all of our students. At HMES, they feel protected and loved. We at HMES may not be perfect, but our community members, faculty, and staff work very hard for the well-being of all students.	3/8/2026 9:17 PM
230	The Ashford Park community strongly opposes the proposed consolidation as currently conceived. Our concerns fall into three areas: Community cohesion. Ashford Park is a thriving neighborhood school whose community has been built over many years. Consolidation that scatters students across multiple schools would destroy that community — and community cohesion is itself an educational asset that should be weighed alongside operational considerations. Preservation of the Chamblee cluster pathway. Families zoned for Ashford Park have made long-term decisions — where to live, how to plan — around the Chamblee Middle School and Chamblee Charter High School pipeline. Any consolidation that removes students from this cluster pathway would represent an involuntary reduction in educational opportunity. This is an equity issue, not merely a preference. Infrastructure, not community, should drive solutions. The District's stated concerns — building age, size, and capacity — are infrastructure problems. They do not require dismantling a high-functioning school community. Before any consolidation is finalized, the District should exhaust alternatives: renovation, replacement on the current site, or merger with a neighboring school that preserves the Chamblee cluster assignment for all affected students. If consolidation proceeds, we request that all Ashford Park students be kept together and guaranteed their pathway to Chamblee Middle and Chamblee Charter High School, with access to equivalent AP and academic programs.	3/8/2026 9:16 PM
231	I don't think the school closure would be beneficial because it will be an impact on students and parents and the community.	3/8/2026 9:14 PM
232	We are completely shocked by the scenarios that shows Ashford Park closing. We moved to Brookhaven to raise our family and be a part of the APES community for our kids. We understand the overcrowding issue. We would be more comfortable with changes if there was better understanding of what the plan is…where will our children go to school? I know that you've heard multiple comments from Brookhaven parents - we would be ok with options that keep our kids in the high performing track in the Chamblee cluster. My wife and I both have advanced college degrees, and our oldest is testing in the 95+ percentile. Quality education that pushed our children and opportunities to take advanced classes is the most important thing to us. We live on the south side of Dresden and are concerned that we may be rezoned to a lower performing cluster. We ask that you take demographics of the APES student body into consideration while evaluating scenarios. We would 100% support an addition to the current APES facility or a move to John Lewis IF all students stay together and JLES moves to the Chamblee cluster.	3/8/2026 9:14 PM
233	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73%	3/8/2026 9:13 PM

	utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	
234	First and foremost, all decisions and discussions should be postponed until a new CREDIBLE Superintendent is in place. Everything he touches, the people he hired is poison. You say this has been in conversation for years, but yet you are just now advising the stakeholders of this plan and only after his hire started to run with it. HPM is construction company and is not 3rd party source that doesn't have some sort of skin in the game here! Buildings should NOT be discussed until there is a guide as to where the children would be going, the redistricting and the programs. This is NOT about the kids and what is best. This is simply about the money and pushing more to South Dekalb. The numbers being used are NOT correct that this company is using. No one is being transparent or truthful. If numbers are dropping it is because people do not want to be in a corrupt county. Who hires someone that has charges pending!?!?! Our school is STEM and DLI. It caters to ESOL and French DLI. We are in walking distance for the neighborhood. We are school choice. There is a waiting list to get into French Immersion (only school in Dekalb). You are disrupting our kids education that has worked hard to get where they are now. Will schools need to potentially close? Yes, but 27? Primarily N Dekalb?!? You built mega schools before thinking it through. This will happen again. Large schools are NOT in the best interest of the students!! Not to mention traffic issues and more. Evansdale can be expanded, there is room. We are will be over capacity by 2030, proving our enrollment is NOT declining! Shift the district lines back to 2013 and the apartments can feed into Pleasantdale. That will fill that school. You can close Henderson Mill and move some to Evansdale and other to Oak Grove/Briarlake. There are ways to move kids without the major disruption and pulling kids outside of the cluster that they are intended to go through. Again though, NOTHING should happen until a permanent Super is in place! Let's talk about the 6.3 million YOU spent on new Admin building that is also sitting vacant. Let's cut the fat at the top before messing with our kids. Sell that building in good faith. How many more millions are you needing to put in there? That money could have gone to our schools to update the HVAC!!! Right now the only ethical thing to do is pause this. Provide more information to all stakeholders. Stop focusing on buildings only!	3/8/2026 9:13 PM
235	i am not agreeing with the school closures because it will be an impact on all students and community	3/8/2026 9:12 PM
236	I think that closing Oak Grove Elementary would be a very poor choice out of all the Dekalb county schools. The school is high scoring, the teachers are phenomenal, the administration is efficient and on top of things and it would lead to these children having to go to lower performing schools without the same level of resources.	3/8/2026 9:11 PM
237	I'd like more information on the enrollment projections and how much sensitivity analysis was done to validate projected closures. Currently, Oak Grove Elementary (OGE) has 89% utilization (447 students/504 capacity (Oct 2025) and projected to 96% enrollment for Fall 2026. There are not enough empty seats at Sagamore and Briarlake to absorb the OGE	3/8/2026 9:11 PM

	students without boundary shifts, overcrowding, trailers, or facility expansion. Additionally, Briarlake Elementary is already likely to experience greater than projected occupancy due to Lula Hills development and Corporate Square/Northbend redevelopment. Additionally, the growth of CHOA and Emory facilities in the Druid Hills/Clifton corridor will certainly drive increased residential growth in our area that may not be reflected in the enrollment projections. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024-2026 building and growth and documented pipeline activity. Importantly, closing an elementary school that already exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district's utilization gap.	
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239	I feel like there is no reason to snatch these kids from a school that has helped build social skills and show diversity. Sometimes change is ok but it's not just the kids, it's also the teachers these kids love so dearly.	3/8/2026 9:08 PM
240	Focusing on facilities rather than the communities and successful outcomes of students is shortsighted. Why is enrollment down? What makes families choose other options/leave the county? What is the larger economic impact of closing schools? Beyond the building, staff, and land - what is forecasted county economic development, traffic, and planning impact? The public presentations haven't instilled confidence that anything beyond facility conditions matter.	3/8/2026 9:08 PM
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242	I deeply value the strong, close-knit, and supportive community that has been built at Ashford Park Elementary over the years. My top priority is maintaining the current boundaries and district lines for the Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone so that this community can remain intact. My second priority is ensuring that this attendance zone continues within the Chamblee Middle and High School cluster. With those priorities in mind, I would like to offer two potential solutions for consideration: 1. Expand Ashford Park Elementary on its current site. While I understand there may be challenges related to the existing land footprint, exploring expansion options could allow the entire attendance zone to remain together while preserving established boundaries and feeder patterns. 2. Reassign the Ashford Park attendance zone to the John Lewis Elementary facility. Under this approach, students currently attending John Lewis Elementary could be reassigned to neighboring schools with available capacity. The full Ashford Park attendance zone could then move together into that building, and then John Lewis Elementary could be moved into the Chamblee Middle and High School cluster. This would preserve both community continuity and feeder alignment. I appreciate the complexity of district planning decisions and hope these options can be considered as ways to maintain stability, continuity, and community connections for Ashford Park families. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.	3/8/2026 9:06 PM
243	Redan Elementary should only close if the closure benefits the greater good of the whole community.	3/8/2026 9:06 PM
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245	Scenarios should include the performance of a school. Year after year Vanderlyn is ranked a top 40 school in the state of Georgia and top 5 within the Dekalb school district. In 2025 Vanderlyn performed better than 98% of Georgia schools. The teachers and administration are top notch and the community will feel the loss of this school closure in particular.	3/8/2026 9:03 PM
246	Closing Oak Grove does not align with the stated objectives. Enrollment has increased over the last 4 years and is expected to continue to increase. The other schools that would "absorb" oak grove students in the event of closures don't seem to have capacity or better facilities. Oak Grove has a new playground and outdoor classroom.	3/8/2026 9:02 PM

247	Consolidating Midvale Elementary into Livesy will be a mistake. Midvale Elementary is an important part of our neighborhood and this closure will greatly impact all residents in the area is serves.	3/8/2026 9:02 PM
248	Oak Grove Elementary is already at 89% utilization, surpassing the district's goal of 88%. OGE is projected to reach 96% utilization in 2026-27.	3/8/2026 9:02 PM
249	Closing 2 out of 5 elementary schools in the Dunwoody cluster would be detrimental for the community. Over capacity elementary schools are bad for everyone involved. The kids, the parents, traffic and the community feeling as a whole. Abandoned buildings are even worse for the neighborhoods.	3/8/2026 9:01 PM
250	SAVE EVANSDALE ELEMENTARY! Evansdale is a key part of the Lakeside cluster pathway that many families rely on when making long-term educational decisions. Evansdale is an important part of the Lakeside school pathway. Families often choose where to live based on: Evansdale → Henderson → Lakeside. Frequent redistricting proposals create uncertainty for families and the broader community. Given Evansdale's strong academic performance, internationally recognized immersion program, established K–12 language pathway, and deep community investment, I encourage the district to carefully consider the broader programmatic value the school brings to DeKalb County as it evaluates consolidation scenarios. Schools that combine unique academic offerings, strong performance, and strong community partnerships should be thoughtfully considered before being included in consolidation proposals.	3/8/2026 9:00 PM
251	North Dekalb schools are not in the same situation as South Dekalb. Our schools are at or over capacity. Ashford Park ES isn't able to consolidate due to our enrollment numbers. Expanding the current facility or moving the entire student body to a new facility less than 1.5 miles away. If Ashford Park ES is relocated, we would like to ensure it remains in the Chamblee Middle - High School cluster. Our 7 acre site is large enough for our current enrollment with the right facilities in place. Also, the neighborhood fully supports having the school in the current location.	3/8/2026 9:00 PM
252	North DeKalb schools are not in a similar situation as South DeKalb. We are all at (or over) capacity. Ashford Park (APES) isn't able to consolidate due to our enrollment numbers. I understand that APES is too large for our current facility. I propose finding us a nearby school (less than 1.5 miles) or expanding our current one to keep our community together. If we do relocate, I request that we stay in the Chamblee cluster. Our 7 acre site is large enough to hold our current enrollment with the right buildings in place.	3/8/2026 9:00 PM
253	We prefer that Ashford Park Elementary students not be taken out of the Chamblee cluster. Our children have invested time in the German immersion program, which has become a meaningful part of their education and development. Language immersion programs require continuity and long-term participation for students to gain true proficiency. Removing students from the cluster risks disrupting that progress and undermining years of investment by both students and teachers. Beyond language learning, remaining within the Chamblee cluster provides important educational continuity. Students benefit academically and socially when they can transition from elementary to middle and high school within a consistent system where programs, expectations, and peer relationships remain stable. Maintaining this pathway allows children to build long-standing friendships, develop relationships with educators, and participate in programs that are designed to build upon one another across grade levels.	3/8/2026 9:00 PM
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255	While some facilities in areas of low utilization make sense, no sense can possibly be made of closing multiple high usage (and high performing) schools in other neighborhoods. The local SAP representatives were shocked by the scenarios presented which makes the integrity of the entire process seem questionable at best. If I had a job in which I spent that many months to come up with a plan and what I presented to leadership was as vague as the scenario presented here I would expect to be relieved of my job duties and find employment elsewhere. I reside in a tight knit community that could be decimated with the scenario proposed. In addition to that home values will likely drop, and the entire area may become less desireable for people to move here.	3/8/2026 8:57 PM
256	The indictment of Horton is hanging over this initial scenario. There is too much baggage there, need to start fresh with a consultant who will not be allowed to bid on doing the work.	3/8/2026 8:57 PM
257	enrollment has increased in the past four years	3/8/2026 8:54 PM
258	Unhappy with the potential closures of neighborhood schools.	3/8/2026 8:51 PM
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260	Surprised to see SO many schools in our area closing. Repair facilities rather than close them. Lower income areas a harshly impacted.	3/8/2026 8:49 PM
261	I do not feel that Oak Grove Elementary should be closed. From what I understand, the enrollment close to capacity. That does not mean that the school should be closed, it means that perhaps some lines should be moved around to add students.	3/8/2026 8:49 PM
262	Shocked and saddened to learn that Ashford Elem is slated to be closed. Concerned about my property values living in Ashford Park, concerned about the community that is lost if this happens, and very concerned about not being a part of Chamblee HS cluster.	3/8/2026 8:48 PM
263	I support scenario 1 with the suggested closures and consolidations. I acknowledge that school closure possibilities are tough on communities, but I applaud SAP for taking a data based approach in its recommendations. I believe any short term hardships will be outweighed by the long term benefits. I hope to see continued transparency on decisions made based on the survey feedback, and caution the committee on making any decisions not influenced by and held up by the data presented to the community.	3/8/2026 8:48 PM
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266	I do not support the proposed closure of Ashford Park Elementary School in Scenario 1. My feedback is based on three areas of concern. Academic performance and district value Ashford Park is one of DeKalb County's highest-performing schools. It ranks 5th among 81 ranked elementary schools in the DeKalb County School District and outperforms both the county and state averages significantly — with 78.2% of 3rd graders proficient or better in ELA, compared to 29.1% for DeKalb County and 34.9% for the state. The school ranks in the top 10% of all public schools in Georgia for overall test scores. Closing a school of this caliber works against the district's stated goal of ensuring every student has access to high-quality programs. The SAP process should protect and build on high-performing assets, not eliminate them. Enrollment and capacity Ashford Park's student population has grown by 11% over the past five school years— a trend that runs counter to the district's broader enrollment decline narrative. A school with demonstrated enrollment growth and high academic output does not fit the profile of a consolidation candidate and should not be treated as one. Community and reassignment impact Ashford Park functions as a true neighborhood school in a defined residential community. Closing it would displace a student population that is actively growing and thriving, forcing reassignment to schools that may be farther from home and less familiar to families. The SAP's own framework acknowledges proximity to where students live as a key planning factor — closing Ashford Park would work against that principle. My recommendation I urge the district to remove Ashford Park Elementary from consideration in future scenario iterations and to identify consolidation candidates based on underperformance, declining enrollment, and excess capacity — criteria this school does not meet.	3/8/2026 8:47 PM
267	I am writing to express strong opposition to any proposal to close Evansdale Elementary School or remove Evansdale from the Lakeside High School community as part of the district’s school consolidation and redistricting process. Evansdale is a vital institution within the Lakeside High School cluster, and closing it would overlook several important factors related to facilities, community investment, and future enrollment growth. Evansdale is well positioned physically to support long-term use and expansion. The school sits on approximately 10.1 acres, a lot size that is larger than many neighboring schools and provides ample room for future growth. The campus is unique in that it includes a large, separate play field, two playgrounds, and multiple parking areas. Because of this layout, additions could be constructed at the back of the school without sacrificing play space or parking. In other words, the site has the capacity to accommodate modernization and expansion rather than closure. The school is also well situated to manage transportation and traffic flow. Evansdale occupies two sides of a large neighborhood block, allowing for safer and more flexible traffic patterns for buses and carpool lines. This physical advantage would be difficult and costly to replicate elsewhere. Additionally, enrollment projections indicate that Evansdale’s student population is expected to increase to over 600 students by 2030. This projected growth suggests that closing the school now could create capacity problems in the near future and force the district to reopen or rebuild facilities later at much greater expense. Another critical factor is Evansdale’s unique role in the Lakeside cluster’s French language program. Evansdale’s French program is supported by a strong network of neighborhood parents, teachers, and community volunteers who provide valuable resources and assistance for students. Moving the program away from Evansdale would disrupt this vital community infrastructure that has taken years to build. The French language pathway connecting Evansdale Elementary, Henderson Middle School, and Lakeside High School has deep roots in the community. Teachers in this program have developed long-standing relationships with students and families, and older students often mentor younger ones within the same cluster. Maintaining this continuity is essential to preserving the strength and success of the program. Finally, enrollment projections themselves should be carefully examined. Forecasting future student populations is inherently uncertain, and current models may underestimate the number of children who will attend Evansdale. In many communities, projections fail to fully account for apartment developments, immigrant families, and newly arriving households who may not appear in traditional forecasting models. These populations often bring additional students into neighborhood schools over time, which can make projected enrollment numbers significantly lower than the reality that unfolds. Evansdale Elementary had this issue the last time Dekalb redistricted as 120 more students than estimated showed up for the school year because the student estimates had significantly underestimated our area and the large amount of families with children continuous moving into our area. Closing a school based on projections that may undercount future students could create unintended consequences for the district, including overcrowding in neighboring schools and the loss of an established community hub.	3/8/2026 8:47 PM

268	As a community member, former student of Oak Grove Elementary and also having had my own children at the school, I am particularly shocked that a school of this caliber could possibly be closed. The school is such a staple to this community. The facilities have never been underutilized. There have been many former students that have moved into this area just for this school. Now my own children want to move here. The facilities have never been underutilized. Adding more classroom in some capacity can not only help this school but also help this community thrive for many more years to come. Let’s not let a good thing be destroyed by closing down our school and the community around it.	3/8/2026 8:46 PM
269	I don't agree with or support the decision to close EES. At 10.1 acres, the EES campus is significantly larger than the lot sizes of neighboring schools being considered for expansion. The campus already includes a large, separate play field, two playgrounds, and multiple parking areas, providing valuable flexibility for future development. The site can accommodate building additions at the rear of the school while still preserving ample space for student play and parking. In addition, EES is uniquely positioned to manage increased traffic flow because the campus spans two sides of a large neighborhood block, allowing for better circulation than many surrounding schools. With enrollment projected to exceed 600 students by 2030, EES offers both the space and infrastructure needed to support responsible and sustainable growth.	3/8/2026 8:45 PM
270	I do not want Ashford Park Elementary School to close especially given the $25M renovation that is currently in progress. That location is only fit for a school and I don’t think it makes sense to have other communities use the building rather than current residents (for example, people being bussed in from out of zone due to school construction is not beneficial - it is either fit for student service or not). I’d rather some Ashford Park students move to expanding neighboring schools if it is over capacity and cannot be expanded, which would be wonderful. However, I would be opposed to Ashford Park ES changing middle school or high school cluster.	3/8/2026 8:44 PM
271	Current scenarios do not meet our goal of keeping the Ashford Park students together and in the Chamblee middle and high school cluster. Under the current scenarios we do not feel our children will be provided the best education.	3/8/2026 8:44 PM
272	The current scenarios do not align with our goal of being all Ashford Park students together, and in the assembly cluster. Under these current scenarios education of our children is jeopardized.	3/8/2026 8:44 PM
273	Closing Oak Grove Elementary does not align with the district’s stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district’s goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove already exceeds that benchmark. As of October 2025, Oak Grove enrolls 447 students with a capacity of 504 (89% utilization) and is projected to reach 487 students in 2026–27 (96% utilization). Enrollment at Oak Grove has increased for four consecutive years. If this trend continues, the school will likely reach or exceed full capacity within the next 2–3 years. If Oak Grove were to close, its students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake. However, those schools do not have sufficient available capacity to absorb Oak Grove’s entire student population without significant disruption. Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) — only 43 available seats Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) — approximately 130 available seats Combined, these schools cannot reasonably absorb 447 Oak Grove students without substantial boundary changes, overcrowding, or facility expansion. Additionally, Briarlake’s current utilization does not reflect the significant residential growth already underway in the surrounding area. Major redevelopment projects within a few miles—including the Lulah Hills redevelopment of North DeKalb Mall and the Corporate Square/Northbend redevelopment—are expected to add more than 3,000 residential units. Even the first phase of development alone (approximately 835 units) could generate an estimated 55–145 additional elementary students over time. As these developments are built out, Briarlake’s utilization could quickly increase to the 83–90% range, and potentially higher with continued growth. This does not include additional housing growth along the LCI corridor or population growth associated with major institutional expansion in the Druid Hills/Clifton area. The surrounding corridor has seen more than $2.5 billion in investment, including the new Arthur M. Blank Children’s Hospital campus and ongoing expansion at Emory University and Emory Healthcare. These investments bring thousands of jobs and new housing demand, indicating that this area is experiencing growth, not decline. Finally, Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the district, ranking near the top among the schools under review in both Content Mastery and Readiness.	3/8/2026 8:43 PM
274	Closing 26 elementary schools is NOT CONSOLIDATION. 20 High Schools are reduced to 17 which is 15% reduction. 18 Middle schools reduced 16 is a 22% reduction. 78 elementary	3/8/2026 8:43 PM

	schools reduced to 53 is a 33% reduction.	
275	The traditional schooling seems to be fine. It would help to let PreK3 & PreK4 have half days instead of the entire school day with the rest Elementary.	3/8/2026 8:40 PM
276	I have concerns about the long-term viability of these scenarios. Current elementary school numbers may still reflect the overhang of families who started children in private school during Covid and did not want to force those children to change schools once DCSD went back to in-person instruction. While enrollment may have dipped over time, that number may be inflated. The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made.	3/8/2026 8:40 PM
277	I understand as long as teacher salaries and step increases are unaffected	3/8/2026 8:38 PM
278	In my opinion, many of the schools on the list proposed for consolidation, including the one where I work, should continue operating as they currently do. Elementary schools should remain small in order to provide more personalized and individualized education. It is important that children's first school experience takes place in a safe, supportive, and familiar environment. Achieving this becomes much more difficult when a school has more than 500 students.	3/8/2026 8:37 PM
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280	I'm concerned with the potential of closing higher performing neighborhood schools and schools that offer special programs like French immersion @ Evansdale	3/8/2026 8:35 PM
281	I understand the reasoning for this move but I am concerned about how individual high performing schools like Evansdale, Oak Grove, Henderson Mill are on the potential list to be closed. Surely there is a way to achieve you goals without impacting good schools which help to attract high income families and associated high property tax households to the country tax base. Don't throw out the baby with the bath water.	3/8/2026 8:34 PM
282	Smaller neighborhood schools are so valuable to our community and allow children to live near their friends. Being able to get home safely on foot is also important for sustainable development and community health and wellness. I see people in my neighborhood constantly using the Evansdale track, soccer fields, playgrounds every day, year round. It's a huge part of the neighborhood and the greater community.	3/8/2026 8:34 PM

283	Will cause students to attend another school	3/8/2026 8:33 PM
284	I do not think any school operating at near capacity (85%+) or inside of a neighborhood (on a street within a neighborhood and not on a main road) should be considered for closure and student consolidation to other schools. I also do not think any of the school providing special services (Elementary foreign language, stem programs, arts, etc) should be candidates for closure.	3/8/2026 8:33 PM
285	Part of what makes Dekalb County schools so special is that they have always been neighborhood schools.	3/8/2026 8:33 PM
286	I believe at a young age classes should be smaller along with the school capacity. Costs of remolding the schools to hold more students will also have a negative impact on neighborhoods they are in.	3/8/2026 8:31 PM
287	I do not support this proposed scenario. Evansdale ES should not be on this list to close/repurpose. The school is at near capacity. There is a wait list for the kindergarten program. This is one of the most culturally diverse schools in the county and is a school choice location that is sought after with incredible parent involvement. It is one of the larger campuses in the county with plenty of room for expansion. If expansions are being considered this school should be prioritized over Livsey which is overflowing with trailers already. How are you going to accommodate traffic in the morning and school busses when you're cramming students into these spaces? How are you going to have reasonable lunchtime when smaller schools have children eating at 10:30 in the morning already to accommodate all students? Large schools when you are not guaranteeing smaller class sizes serve no one: not teachers, students or parents. To say this is about our students is a farce. This is about money and it isnt even a good money plan otherwise you would have told us cost savings. It's not about teacher collaboration because that can happen in continuing education classes and through mentorship programs without moving a single student. This process is woefully deficient. There was not enough chance for community engagement and involvement and asking 150 people to participate is not representative. Nor has the data been shared with enough time and detail for meaningful community feedback. You have not referenced a single study showing why large schools create better outcomes. You don't even have the correct metrics to make a recommendation and you haven't released full metrics and data available to the Public because you know it is based on faulty premises.	3/8/2026 8:31 PM
288	In general, the consolidation of facilities where there are obvious underutilizations of facilities (especially that are close to each other) and can be reasonably cascaded makes sense to me. The closing of Ashford Park (APES) for the opposite reason (over capacity) does not make sense - even if the phase 1 scenario is stated as being only "facilities" focused. APES has begun a well-planned and approved $20 million + renovation that has already started and will be complete for the beginning of the 2027-28 school year. Most of the work will be done in the summer months with no disruption APES during the school year. The renovation should very positively improve the low Building Adequacy and FCA scores that are the reason for the renovation in the first place. In addition, APES has a "lower campus" of three well maintained, spacious modulars units that have 12 classrooms where 4th and 5th Grade students as well as numerous support functions are located. I think these units should be considered as "adjusted capacity" for APES and using the 66 2/3 and 33 1/3 formula raises capacity from 480 to 672. At some point, say in the 2030 to 2032 timeframe, the 3-modular configuration could be replaced with a 1 or 2 story "lower campus" - floor one replacing the "adjusted capacity" with "fixed capacity" and a possible 2nd floor adding additional fixed capacity as well as things like an expanded STEM Lab, a Technology Lab, Special's rooms and additional support functions. Building Adequacy and FCA scores would improve more. This might greatly relieve some of the "potential capacity expansion projects" that the consulting firm is suggesting for Montgomery and Huntley Hills. Yes, I know that APES has a smaller property footprint than others and it will be "harder to build". That is offset significantly by the merits of maintaining the Ashford Park attendance boundary intact and at its present location. (Continued on Item 8).	3/8/2026 8:31 PM
289	I oppose the closure of Ashford Park Elementary because it is a vital neighborhood anchor. However, if the district determines that the current facility cannot be expanded to meet capacity needs, I am open to leveraging the John Lewis facility to make a campus setup. My support for this change is strictly contingent upon maintaining our Chamblee Cluster alignment, which the majority of our community identifies as their top priority.	3/8/2026 8:29 PM
290	Having large schools for yound children is a bad idea. Children young than teenagers learn best in smaller environments and not in mega schools, which should be reserved for 9th grade	3/8/2026 8:27 PM

	and above.	
291	Evandalwa very strong neighborhood support/ lots of new lids in neighborhood	3/8/2026 8:26 PM
292	Please upgrade Staffing to include additional assistant principles and two office staff members. Also paras for grades K and 1st. We also need in school suspension rooms for ALL schools.	3/8/2026 8:25 PM
293	k Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/8/2026 8:23 PM
294	Good	3/8/2026 8:20 PM
295	Horrible idea	3/8/2026 8:20 PM
296	I do not want Evansdale Elementary closed down	3/8/2026 8:18 PM
297	Do not close/consolidate Oak Grove Elementary School. It is a National School of Excellence and one of the finest schools in DeKalb County.	3/8/2026 8:18 PM
298	I am a parent of a student at Sagamore Hills. The current proposal would only affect our elementary school with the possible closure of Oak Grove Elementary and expansion of Sagamore. Sagamore is already a school with trailers, I don't see how a standard K-5 model could work for our area since we don't have room to absorb a school as it stands. It would be very frustrating to see the PE field or playground area be taken over with rental trailers to house both schools.	3/8/2026 8:18 PM
299	Very concerned about the potential closure of Ashford Park when the school serves over 800 children. Where would they all go? If they get picked up and moved to John Lewis, can all the staff go with them? Can John Lewis be zoned to Chamblee middle and high? Top priority is staying in the Chamblee cluster, followed closely by keeping the community together.	3/8/2026 8:17 PM
300	I really don't want my school to be closed. I love OGE and all my amazing teachers and friends. I am learning and growing so much at this school. I want to stay at this school until fifth grade.	3/8/2026 8:17 PM
301	Seems resonible so far.	3/8/2026 8:17 PM

302	I am confused as to why Ashford Park, a school that has been built by its community and has incredible, supportive and very engaged teachers, parents and students would be closed to address schools with low enrollment in areas nowhere near our community. We moved into our neighborhood so our kids could go to Ashford Park - this is a school that attracts students and families and is a huge part of the community. No surrounding schools have low enrollment to handle all of Ashford Park so if you close our school and move all students to surrounding schools, you will not solve a problem, you will create a bigger one. It's as though there has literally been no real thought about this or the negative impact it will have on an entire community that has done so much to build an incredible school.	3/8/2026 8:15 PM
303	Evansdale is a boon to the local community. The French immersion program is an amazing opportunity.	3/8/2026 8:14 PM
304	Oak Grove is not underutilized. The area is growing and the school is a high performing school.	3/8/2026 8:12 PM
305	Dear Members of the DeKalb County School Board, I am writing to express strong opposition to any proposal to close Evansdale Elementary School or remove Evansdale from the Lakeside High School community as part of the district's school consolidation and redistricting process. Evansdale is a vital institution within the Lakeside High School cluster, and closing it would overlook several important factors related to facilities, community investment, and future enrollment growth. First, Evansdale is well positioned physically to support long-term use and expansion. The school sits on approximately 10.1 acres, a lot size that is larger than many neighboring schools and provides ample room for future growth. The campus is unique in that it includes a large, separate play field, two playgrounds, and multiple parking areas. Because of this layout, additions could be constructed at the back of the school without sacrificing play space or parking. In other words, the site has the capacity to accommodate modernization and expansion rather than closure. The school is also well situated to manage transportation and traffic flow. Evansdale occupies two sides of a large neighborhood block, allowing for safer and more flexible traffic patterns for buses and carpool lines. This physical advantage would be difficult and costly to replicate elsewhere. Additionally, enrollment projections indicate that Evansdale's student population is expected to increase to over 600 students by 2030. This projected growth suggests that closing the school now could create capacity problems in the near future and force the district to reopen or rebuild facilities later at much greater expense. Another critical factor is Evansdale's unique role in the Lakeside cluster's French language program. Evansdale's French program is supported by a strong network of neighborhood parents, teachers, and community volunteers who provide valuable resources and assistance for students. Moving the program away from Evansdale would disrupt this vital community infrastructure that has taken years to build. The French language pathway connecting Evansdale Elementary, Henderson Middle School, and Lakeside High School has deep roots in the community. Teachers in this program have developed long-standing relationships with students and families, and older students often mentor younger ones within the same cluster. Maintaining this continuity is essential to preserving the strength and success of the program. Finally, enrollment projections themselves should be carefully examined. Forecasting future student populations is inherently uncertain, and current models may underestimate the number of children who will attend Evansdale. In many communities, projections fail to fully account for apartment developments, immigrant families, and newly arriving households who may not appear in traditional forecasting models. These populations often bring additional students into neighborhood schools over time, which can make projected enrollment numbers significantly lower than the reality that unfolds. Evansdale Elementary had this issue the last time Dekalb redistricted as 120 more students than estimated showed up for the school year because the student estimates had significantly underestimated our area and large amount of families with children continuous moving into our area. Closing a school based on projections that may undercount future students could create unintended consequences for the district, including overcrowding in neighboring schools and the loss of an established community hub. Evansdale Elementary has the land capacity, community support, and projected growth to remain a strong and sustainable school within the Lakeside cluster. Rather than closing it, the district should consider renovating and expanding the facility so it can continue to serve current and future families. Thank you for your time and for considering the long-term impact of this decision on students, families, and the broader community. Sincerely, Matt Murphy Please keep Evansdale Elementary intact and a key member of the Lakeside High School community.	3/8/2026 8:12 PM
306	This process needs to be completely suspended until there is a full time Superintendent to be accountable for the process. Anything that was started under Dr. Horton and pertaining to similar circumstances as his previous roles in Chicago should be paused, considered by the next appointed Superintendent and voted on by the constituents of the County.	3/8/2026 8:11 PM

307	I've looked through the SAP website and the current scenario looks good. I support it especially if it removes trailers from our schools.	3/8/2026 8:09 PM
308	Why are we closing schools? Why would smaller class sizes not be the goal	3/8/2026 8:08 PM
309	I do not understand why Ashford Park would be closed. It has double the amount of students it was made for yet still successful with the most supportive parents/teachers/community despite the extreme overcrowding & old building in need of repair. Where would these students go? Why are we in the middle of a $23 million renovation. I agree the lines need to be redrawn to reduce the amount of students as well as the building repaired & up to code. However I do not think closing it makes sense.	3/8/2026 8:08 PM
310	Unclear why dekalb wants to close oak grove elementary, a 10/10 school with enrollment over 90%. This is one of the gems in the Dekalb school system as it is one of the highest performing schools consistently. Scattering these students will disrupt their academic performance and the county's overall metrics. The oak grove neighborhood is also highly desirable and drives a significant amount of tax revenue for the county. Oak grove closure will negatively impact desirability and lead to less revenue collected. Community members have expressed concerns that closing this top tier school will lead to relocation to other areas with better schools or shift to private schools. Oak grove elementary also benefits from an unusually high level of community involvement. The oak grove foundation, a nonprofit at the school, raises money to fund innovative programs and experiences not paid for by the county. Closure will also negatively impact the community at large as the school serves as an anchor to the tight knit environment that has been vital to the school's success.	3/8/2026 8:06 PM
311	Having a community elementary in the neighborhood was a huge reason for buying my home. I love that we are able to walk to the school. The staff knows all the kids. They even know the parents. They are hands on. Cramming more kids into one school won't help the kids to "be seen." The kids need to feel like they are individuals who are cared for. Midvale is such a special school. My son is thriving due to the care and attention he has received at school.	3/8/2026 8:04 PM
312	Clarkston High School is good but the building is too old .There are no proper Air condition and water facilities in the classrooms.	3/8/2026 8:02 PM
313	I support Scenario 1 with all its closures and consolidations as they are outlined throughout the county. I know this is very hard for everyone to digest, but it does what DCSD told us on the SAP committee it needed to do (which I often worried if DCSD would follow through on - so thank you for being true to your word). I strongly believe that DCSD needs to create operational efficiency and stronger fiscal responsibility in order to create better outcomes for our students no matter where you live in Dekalb County. Additionally, I know many communities are very angry and vocal right now (as are many in my community), but I want to strongly encourage DCSD to NOT make one-off agreements with these communities, that include keeping their school open, if it chips away at the integrity of the overall goals and purpose of what must be accomplished. Because if you make an exception for one school, we will hold you accountable to make exceptions for all schools - which negates this entire process. These communities will get through these short-term struggles. It would be a tremendous disappointment, and most likely leave DCSD in further trouble in the long-term, to not make these necessary changes now.	3/8/2026 8:02 PM
314	Do what you have to. DeKalb has one of the highest school taxes around and our ratings are low. I expect our taxes to reduce after this. My biggest concern is vacant school buildings attracting unwanted crowds to our communities. Tear them down or give them to the cities.	3/8/2026 8:00 PM
315	I'm concerned about creating "mega" schools where kids tend to fall through the cracks, have lower graduation rates, and become just a number. There are many more benefits to small community schools.	3/8/2026 7:59 PM
316	Dunwoody Elementary has most of the apartments which means movement happens a lot. They need to be sprinkled to everyone giving everyone the movement and not just one school.	3/8/2026 7:55 PM
317	Evansdale offers a French language program that is unique within the Lakeside cluster and connects with continued language opportunities at Henderson Middle School and Lakeside High School. Maintaining Evansdale would preserve this successful academic pathway and the strong community support behind it. Closing Evansdale would divide the surrounding neighborhood and potentially move families to different clusters, which would disrupt an established community that has long supported the school and that took a long time to develop. Once disrupted, it would be extremely difficult to recreate. The Evansdale campus	3/8/2026 7:55 PM

	sits on a 10+ acre site that is larger than many neighboring elementary schools and has space for additions, making it well suited to support increased enrollment while maintaining adequate play and parking space. Renovating Evansdale would allow DCSD to improve facilities, increase capacity within the Lakeside cluster, and maintain stability for students and families.	
318	I think the consolidations will be a good idea as long as the schools do not become too crowded. 30 + students in a classroom is a lot for a teacher. I think that while some schools close, they should be upgraded. For example, there should be an adult restroom for teachers on at least every hallway, so they do not have to walk so far and only have access to one adult restroom in the whole school. Door ways should lock electronically. Classrooms can be renovated to have the same furniture.	3/8/2026 7:54 PM
319	I think the scenarios will disrupt strong school communities and in the end would not provide a strong educational environment in the critical early years of education. Smaller learning environments are beneficial for students in these early years.	3/8/2026 7:54 PM
320	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/8/2026 7:52 PM
321	Keep oak grove elementary school open	3/8/2026 7:52 PM
322	Evansdale is the perfect size as is	3/8/2026 7:51 PM
323	Must consolidate to be good stewards of taxpayers money which funds the schools	3/8/2026 7:51 PM
324	Worst survey ever. Are you really going to sift through these open ends? But of course my feedback is going to be negative because if our neighborhood school is consolidated (evansdale) it will wreck our neighborhood property value. I will sell, move to Brookhaven, and dekalb's tax revenue from our neighborhood will plummet from the exodus.	3/8/2026 7:51 PM
325	Consolidations are a poor choice and contrary to recommended early learning best practices.	3/8/2026 7:50 PM
326	I believe it may be a good idea as long as the students impacted by their school closure are the number one priority. One concern is that moving students to other schools, does it mean that the students/teacher ratio gets higher? Also, those schools that are getting students from school closures, are they going to be fitted to welcome those students? Thinking about renovations, facilities upgrades.	3/8/2026 7:50 PM

327	I think elementary schools should be smaller neighborhood schools. I understand that it is more expensive to operate but you have savings on larger middle and high school. We moved to DeKalb based on the smaller neighborhood schools. The plans presented do not show how to alleviate stress on Dunwoody High School. Our children attended Vanderlyn Elementary and am shocked it is on the list. It is a diverse, academically strong, and inclusive community. Preserving stable elementary environments while solving high school challenges aligns with district priorities. I would welcome collaboration between district leaders and both school communities to explore campus-level solutions that address high school capacity while preserving the Vanderlyn community.	3/8/2026 7:49 PM
328	Per usual, this proposal appears to favor North DeKalb while underserving South DeKalb. Most of the closures and conversions are concentrated in the South, while the proposed expansions primarily benefit schools in the North. This pattern raises serious concerns about equity. The scholars and educators in South DeKalb deserve the same level of investment, opportunity, and commitment as students in wealthier and predominantly white communities. They should not be asked to bear the burden of closures, disruptions, and constant restructuring while other areas receive growth and expansion. South DeKalb students are not disposable. They deserve thriving neighborhood schools, strong academic programs, and facilities that reflect a genuine belief in their potential—not plans that shut down their schools and shuffle them elsewhere.	3/8/2026 7:47 PM
329	Evansdale is the perfect size for prek-5	3/8/2026 7:46 PM
330	It's difficult to separate the facilities decisions from boundaries decisions. I have 2 children at Ashford Park Elementary, and we specifically moved to the Drew Valley neighborhood because it is zoned for Ashford Park, Chamblee Middle and Chamblee High. Although the current APES facility is dated, I would urge the committee to re-visit the decision to close APES and make a sincere effort to explore options that keep the facility as a neighborhood school, including updating and expanding the APES campus.	3/8/2026 7:46 PM
331	I strongly believe small school environments are so much better for kids and I think neighborhood elementary schools really bring neighborhoods and communities together, but I also was devastated when Briarlake's declining enrollment lost us our points for STEM and other resources according to the QBE. I wish we could mobilize to get the legislature to finally update the QBE instead. However, I know these are decisions we can't keep kicking down the road. I really am concerned about equity and making sure that in pursuing it we don't create further division and resentment.	3/8/2026 7:45 PM
332	The loss of Evansdale would be crippling to the neighborhood. Young families move here to be close to Evansdale.	3/8/2026 7:41 PM
333	Support scenario 1	3/8/2026 7:39 PM
334	I am not happy about the potential school closures - specifically OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY	3/8/2026 7:39 PM
335	Please do not close Oak Grove Elementary	3/8/2026 7:31 PM
336	Nothing about these plans are trustworthy. Eliminating elementary schools (especially staples in the community) will have an unfair and negative impact on property value and community. Having schools near neighborhoods allow parents with limited transportation or resources to access their local schools and these changes will limit partipation. How can parents reach students in emergency situations? I teach in an elementary school with a population of over 900. Larger elementary schools have MANY disadvantages including crowding in certain areas and mobility issues. This ESPECIALLY impacts younger students and students with disabilities such as limited mobility, sensory sensitivites, autism, and ADHD. There are safety and supervision concerns that come with larger elementary schools. High schools such as Towers and Cedar Grove with RICH histories and a strong alumni population have also become pillars of their communities. Closing these schools will also unfairly impact property value. Due to the HIGH sense of pride these schools, transferring students to neighboring rival school can have negative school community and social emotional impacts. The school transportation issue is impacted by poor working conditions for bus drivers (pay, limited subs, lack of support with supervision) and BOUNDARY issues. There are schools that could possibly need NO BUS SERVICES or very limited services if boundaries are reconsidered. There is VALUE in families being in close proximity to their zoned schools. CULTURE and CLIMATE are very important to DeKalb County (one of the oldest in Georgia) as a whole in a way that outside contractors may not be able to evaluate. There are SO many other ways to save money in DeKalb including minimizing the use of OUTSIDE contractors. Also, putting more $ and	3/8/2026 7:31 PM

	manpower into BUILDING MAINTENANCE can preserve the life of edifices in DeKalb and minimize the cost of renovations.	
337	I disagree with the data that is presented. Oak grove elementary has been steadily increasing their enrollment and has a school choice waitlist of 100 students. The north Druid corridor continues to grow. Closing a school which continuously meets/exceeds academic targets seems counter productive. The small size school, close knit community, and teachers who feel appreciated and valued contribute to the success of our students and growth of our community.	3/8/2026 7:27 PM
338	Consolidating schools sounds like a wonderful idea. Especially when there are newer buildings that can be used and old out of date buildings can be closed.	3/8/2026 7:26 PM
339	Are you considering traffic flow patterns? Time and disruption for the receiving schools preparing for receiving students. There seem to be a lot of issues here that are not addressed.	3/8/2026 7:25 PM
340	It is unfortunate enrollment is down. It is also unfortunate that DCSD has not presented a budget for cost of administration, consultants, contractors, and logistic planning nor budget planning and management for program costs. When budgets need to be reduced, first an internal audit should be published. Budgetary line items such as reducing FTEs, contracts, and limitation of travel touring would be beneficial to students, families, and communities. Have you asked if clusters and communities are unhappy with limited resources? Have neighborhood expansions and planned city improvements been taken into account? What about cost to bring back buildings when expansions are not timely and too costly? What happens when the state reduces dollar per child due to the economic downturn and equity to other areas in the state? Who is truly benefiting and who will truly suffer? Less is always more. More focus on fundamentals and student success rather than more in programs/extra curriculars. The conflict of interest must also be addressed with the consultant group and board members. This current process can be seen as tainted due to corruption and legacy of the prior superintendent. It would be best to cut ties and store trust with communities.	3/8/2026 7:24 PM
341	I trust these initial scenarios are good recommendations, because I don’t know enough about these schools. I wonder though about what I have heard about overcrowding at Druid Hills HS where we are districted. I wondered if lines would be redrawn in some areas currently on boundary lines to shift things around once these major changes are made.	3/8/2026 7:24 PM
342	Terrible idea. These are some of the best community schools in the county.	3/8/2026 7:23 PM
343	I'm concerned because HPM is the owner's rep, and their track record inside the city of Atlanta schools isn't GREAT. Is Dekalb, right now, empowered to be better for the next 25 years? I "think" so...	3/8/2026 7:22 PM
344	The scenarios are terrible. Nobody understands them. You probably don't actually care about feedback, you are just pretending to care.	3/8/2026 7:22 PM
345	The consolidation is necessary if enrollment is declining and there are excess seats in the classrooms. Financially, it makes sense for the county and it creates a more diverse classroom for the students.	3/8/2026 7:20 PM
346	I do not agree with them. I understand maybe having to close some schools, however, it seems like to put so many schools together in one building is a recipe for disaster. Where will the teachers go? There is already overcrowding in some schools. to have 25 students per class does not seem like it is too little. But My fear is that we will have up to 34 in an elementary school and with the way that you do nothing about the behaviors of these students, in elementary, that will be even more stressful for the teacher.	3/8/2026 7:19 PM
347	This process is disingenuous. You ask for feedback but either you are not actually interested or you are not capable because nobody who wants to really have community input would do this this way. This is a terrible survey because the scenarios are fiction. You provided no information why you picked these schools, what data you used, and how the supposed cost savings relate to the cost of the plan.	3/8/2026 7:16 PM
348	I believe in neighbor schools, where a child is a person rather than a number. Teachers and administrators know the student and their family. In large schools this is lost, our children need and are entitled to this sense of community!	3/8/2026 7:13 PM
349	Unsure	3/8/2026 7:07 PM
350	NA	3/8/2026 7:05 PM

351	Please do not close the smaller schools. Neighborhood schools provide so much more than efficiency.	3/8/2026 7:05 PM
352	I don't love that so many small schools are closing. Thankfully neither of my children's schools are currently on the chopping block, but I feel like smaller schools are important to neighborhoods and communities. I am a little concerned about how the expansions will work. Why can't you just reduce class size (thereby reducing the amount of "missing" seats), which everyone knows is better for learning anyway? What guarantee do we have that class sizes won't get even bigger when you're consolidating a bunch of elementary schools into just a few other schools? I don't want my children's class sizes to be any bigger, and I don't want the school to become overwhelming in size. I like that every administrator and specials teacher knows my kids by name. How is that going to be possible if they're managing 900 kids? What will this massive reconfiguration do to provide better educational opportunities and outcomes?	3/8/2026 7:05 PM
353	Some of these don't seem to make much sense. Oak Grove ES is extremely valued by the community. The teachers/staff, parents, and community work very hard to stay in alignment and provide the students with an incredible elementary school experience. It will be a huge hit to everyone that has been a part of Oak Grove in any way. While OGE is an old building, it still functions.	3/8/2026 7:01 PM
354	Evansdale needs to be renovated and expanded. it has plenty of room for expansion. Enrollment is slated to increase to over 600 by 2030.	3/8/2026 6:59 PM
355	Oak Grove ES should not be closed for numerous reasons, including the following: It does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) All the research I found says that the ideal size for elementary schools is a maximum of 350-400 students. Smaller schools are better for the safety, academic performance, and social and emotional well being of elementary age children. In fact, any stated benefits to a big school don't apply until high school or maybe middle school. Stated benefits are more AP classes, more electives, better sports programs, etc. The residential pipeline around Oak Grove, Sagamore, and Briarlake is only growing. Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest)	3/8/2026 6:53 PM
356	Consolidation of facilities appears to be a decision based on financial considerations and not quality of education.	3/8/2026 6:52 PM
357	- Very concerned about closing Henderson Mill Elementary (located on a neutral road and relocating those and other students to Hawthorne Elementary which is in the middle of a neighborhood. The neighborhood will suffer significantly with increased traffic and bus activity. - Henderson Mill Elementary is not in a neighborhood. Moving students to Henderson Mill would not have negative impacts on a neighborhood and property values.	3/8/2026 6:49 PM
358	Chesnut Elementary school will get an overflow of students from closing nearby elementary schools. But it is old and already uses trailers to accomodate students. Modernization, repairs and expansion are imperative in Chesnut Elementary.	3/8/2026 6:47 PM
359	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to	3/8/2026 6:45 PM

	increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top t ier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	
360	Closing a school like Oak Grove Elementary, which is above utilization, continues to grow, and is a beacon of success from an education stand point is short sighted at best and devasting from an economic and academic perspective. The decision to close a school of this caliber is not steeped in the orginally stated goal set forth by this consulting firm that has a low understanding of the region.	3/8/2026 6:44 PM
361	I am vehemently opposed to it. While I understand evolving enrollments and the geographic distribution of students necessitate some changes, this proposal unnecessarily obliterates the small, community school feeling that is so welcome and needed in Dekalb County.	3/8/2026 6:42 PM
362	Larger schools have proven to be less effective in giving students the education they need. Midvale Elementary school also has an IB program that makes it very valuable for the community and should be kept off consolidations. Keeping students in local programs vs creating mega schools should be a priority.	3/8/2026 6:39 PM
363	Consider community involvement for any closures and any obstacles to attending local schools.	3/8/2026 6:38 PM
364	Larger schools create worse learning conditions for students in elementary school. It makes no sense to close so many schools and spend a ton of money building onto other schools. It makes more sense to close a smaller number of schools and redistrict along with using school choice to fill the empty seats. It's less disruptive to students, cheaper, and keeping schools smaller build more community for the kids. Close the schools that have low enrollment and don't meet the 450 seat requirement to get federal funding.	3/8/2026 6:38 PM
365	There could be great benefit if all the facilities are given equal attention in all areas after a consolidation is enacted.	3/8/2026 6:38 PM
366	To be honest, this is a horrendous plan. As illustrated, these consolidations look to close south DeKalb poor performing schools to north DeKalb higher performing schools . If you want to see a larger loss of students in the district these scenarios will most definitely accomplish that goal.	3/8/2026 6:35 PM
367	Our community school, Oak Grove Elementary, should not be on the potential closure list. We have wait lists for multiple grades each year. Families regularly relocate to our district. The closure of Oak Grove would have a detrimental effect on our area.	3/8/2026 6:33 PM
368	Oak Grove Elementary is a critical part of our community and should remain open. The school provides a stable, high-quality learning environment that supports both academic growth and the social development of our children. Closing it would disrupt established teacher relationships, peer networks, and support systems that are essential for young students' success. Oak Grove also serves as a central community hub for families in this area. Many families intentionally moved into this neighborhood because of the school. Closing it would undermine neighborhood stability and reduce confidence in long-term school planning within DeKalb County. Oak Grove Elementary is a strong, established school with a dedicated staff	3/8/2026 6:32 PM

	and engaged families. Preserving neighborhood schools like Oak Grove strengthens both the district and the broader community.	
369	Oak Grove Elementary is the heart of the community, and it would be devastating to lose it.	3/8/2026 6:30 PM
370	Evansdale has always been a school of excellence and graduates have been well prepared for further education. The housing market is brisk in this area due to the excellence of Evansdale	3/8/2026 6:29 PM
371	I'm disheartened that the closures are impacting a particular demographic and economic communities. There is a concern with the decline in enrollment; however, there are schools with similar enrollment concerns, but they're not listed to be dismantle, displaced, and disregarded. The initial plan and decision of specific schools/communities is quite loud and overt. I'm hopeful a more equitable plan can be developed and considered.	3/8/2026 6:29 PM
372	The consolidation plan has some schools closing unnecessarily. Schools that are at 500 should stay open and schools that are at least at 430 should have time to get their numbers up to 450 (which is the magic funding number.) We understand that some schools are well below 450, but closing 27 schools seems unnecessary and a huge change. Districts across the country aren't closing this many schools at a time. This plan is hasty. It was initiated by a superintendent we no longer have. The timeline needs to be adjusted and Dekalb must listen to its constituents and regain trust through transparency. We have questions. Has there even been a cost analysis? What if these decisions drive more people from dekalb schools or worse out of dekalb? The county isn't built for mega schools.	3/8/2026 6:21 PM
373	This all makes sense to me. I just hope that the schools that are absorbing the kids from the closing schools are in good condition and can support the increases enrollment.	3/8/2026 6:17 PM
374	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/8/2026 6:16 PM
375	Oak Grove is highly used. Great feeder to school to a thriving high school!!	3/8/2026 6:15 PM
376	Evansdale needs to be renovated and expanded. - Evansdale's lot size is bigger than neighboring schools recommended by the expansion. (10.1 acres). - Evansdale is unique in that it has a large separate play field, two playgrounds, and multiple parking lots. - The site can accommodate additions in the back of the school. It is situated to accommodate	3/8/2026 6:15 PM

	additional/increased traffic as it occupies two sides of a large neighborhood block. - Evansdale's enrollment is projected to increase by over 600 by 2030.	
377	Each student, each community must be considered to have the same value and rights	3/8/2026 6:10 PM
378	There are too many being considered at once. If we have to consolidate, starting with a couple schools that are the most under-capacity seems like it makes more sense. We can look at data and see what went well or what did not go well before closing more schools.	3/8/2026 6:09 PM
379	Evansdale is the elementary school we are zoned for. I personally am ok with potentially closing it but I would want the current zone to remain together and stay in the Lakeside high school zone.	3/8/2026 6:09 PM
380	Evansville has been a strong school. Closing it is short-sighted. However, if there are no other options and Evansdale needs to be merged with another school, it is imperative to keep Evansdale in the Henderson Middle and Lakeside cluster.	3/8/2026 6:05 PM
381	The Evansdale community is very strong and close knit. Some parents went to Evandale themselves and are now sending their kids there. Evansdale is on 10 acres, with plenty of room for expansion/renovations. Closing Evansdale would damage what our community has built over the last 60 years. Our community needs Evansdale so we can continue to thrive! We are also being led by an interim superintendent and a board, most of which are cycling off in mere months. We need to table this discussion until our new leadership is in place and we can make the best decision for district going forward.	3/8/2026 6:05 PM
382	It's a shame that schools are currently not able to receive funding for their existing levels of attendance. Small schools and especially smaller class sizes are very important factors in the thriving development of children. Bills like SB233 need to be revisited so that public school funding can be upheld and the quality and quantity of public education options remains strong.	3/8/2026 6:05 PM
383	Our area continues to steadily grow with young preschool children moving in!	3/8/2026 6:04 PM
384	This without a doubt hurts neighboring communities and home values. Will force people to sell and change the fabric of the community.	3/8/2026 6:00 PM
385	Oak Grove Elementary is not underutilized, it is currently overcrowded. If capacity is an issue, the district should consider adjusting attendance boundaries rather than closing or relocating the school. Oak Grove Elementary is essential to the Lakeside/Oak Grove community, and closing or moving it would significantly impact local families. It is also worth noting that the Lakeside/Oak Grove area generates roughly 1.7–2× the district’s average property tax base per student, reflecting the strong support our community provides to the district. For these reasons, I strongly urge the district to keep Oak Grove Elementary open.	3/8/2026 6:00 PM
386	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on SAP Round 1, Scenario 1. I am submitting this as a current DCSD parent and long-time engaged leader at the school and district level. I want to be upfront about where I am coming from: I believe the district faces real, structural challenges around facility utilization and budget efficiency, and I am genuinely committed to being part of finding solutions that work at the district level, not just for our school. What I hope to offer here is feedback grounded in the district's own stated criteria, accurate data, and a sincere interest in helping the SAP team build stronger, more defensible scenarios in Round 2. I also want to be direct about something that distinguishes our community's posture. The Ashford Park Elementary School community is not coming to this process with a reflexive demand to leave our school alone. That approach has been tried by other communities in past redistricting efforts and tends to produce outcomes that satisfy no one. Instead, our community has engaged seriously with the data and is coming to the table ready to work. At this juncture, focused solely on buildings, our primary ask is grounded in the district's own criteria: Ashford Park Elementary does not meet the conditions for closure. It should be removed from the closure list in Round 2 and replaced with scenarios that address what APES actually needs, which is expansion, not elimination. I. What Scenario 1 Gets Right I want to start with what I believe the scenario does well, because these elements should be preserved and built upon in Round 2. - No split feeders: Maintaining clean cluster alignment, where elementary schools feed into a single middle and high school, is the right structural approach. It builds cohesive communities, supports stable student transitions, and makes parent engagement more meaningful and sustainable. This should remain a foundational design principle in all future scenarios. - Moving toward right-sized facilities: Consolidating toward standard facility targets of approximately 900 students for elementary, 1,200 for middle, and 1,600 for high school, and exploring grade-band configurations where they make	3/8/2026 5:58 PM

geographic sense, reflects sound long-range planning. We support this direction. II. APES Does Not Meet the Criteria for Closure DCSD has communicated five key factors used to identify facilities for potential closure: proximity of schools to where students live, proximity of schools to one another, building adequacy and capacity, recent facility investments, and a cascading use approach that prioritizes the district's strongest buildings. When evaluated against these criteria honestly and specifically, Ashford Park Elementary does not belong on the closure list. I want to address each factor directly. A. Utilization: APES is the most overcrowded school in the district, not an underutilized one. Schools being considered for closure are typically underutilized, with a median utilization around 65%. APES operates at 173% utilization, with 829 students enrolled in a building designed for 480. It is the most overcrowded elementary school in the district and the only school in the Chamblee Cluster that is both severely overcrowded and experiencing sustained enrollment growth. Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is projected to reach approximately 835-888 students, continuing a pattern of year-over-year growth that has held consistently since students returned following COVID-19. This school does not have an empty seat problem. It has a capacity crisis that is getting worse, not better. The district's 2030 enrollment projection of approximately 700 students for APES is not consistent with any observable trend at this school and has not been accompanied by the supporting methodology that would allow our community to evaluate it. Projecting a decline of this magnitude over four years at a school that has grown year-over-year since COVID requires a clear and transparent explanation. We are asking the SAP team to share the data and assumptions behind that number. Until that information is provided and can be independently evaluated, it should not serve as a basis for a closure decision. B. Proximity and cascading use: There is no nearby school capable of absorbing APES students. The cascading use approach assumes that students from a closed school can be absorbed by nearby facilities with available capacity. That condition does not exist here. John Lewis Elementary, the only elementary school within close proximity at 1.1 miles away, currently enrolls 817 students in a 984-seat building. At a 90% utilization target, that leaves approximately 69 available seats. That is not a meaningful receiving option for a school community of 829 students. All other surrounding elementary schools are more than three miles away, creating significant transportation burdens for families and undermining the district's own stated goal of placing schools close to where students live. The cascading logic that may work in other parts of the district does not apply in this part of Brookhaven and Chamblee. C. Building adequacy and recent investment: The renovation underway will substantially improve APES adequacy scores. APES is currently undergoing a $26 million renovation to bring its electrical and HVAC systems up to code in a building approximately 75 years old. This work is scheduled for completion in August 2027. Once finished, the facility score for APES will improve substantially, moving the building well beyond the threshold associated with schools being considered for closure. Closing a school mid-renovation, after the district has committed and is actively spending $26 million of public funds on that building, would represent a significant and difficult-to-justify waste of district resources. This is directly at odds with the fiscal responsibility that this process is meant to demonstrate. It is also worth noting that this renovation does not add incremental capacity. The building will be improved but not enlarged. That fact is itself the clearest possible argument for what should come next: a serious investment in expanding APES, not closing it. III. The Right Solution for APES Is Expansion Ashford Park Elementary is not a school with a demand problem. It is a school with a supply problem. The building cannot accommodate the community it serves, and every observable trend indicates that gap will continue to grow. DCSD has stated clearly that Phase 1 of the SAP is focused on buildings. We are responding on that basis: the APES building should remain open, and it should be expanded to meet the real and growing demand in one of the district's densest residential corridors. If the building's current capacity of 480 students is the constraint driving concern, that is a solvable problem that calls for investment, not closure. APES sits in a central, high-density location that is meaningfully better positioned to serve the surrounding community than facilities that sit up against I-285 or at the edge of geographic boundaries. The right question for Round 2 is not whether to close APES, but how to build the capacity this community actually needs at the location where students already live. The idea of closing a school, already at your ideal volume, to require students to travel further goes against all stated goals. We are not focused on boundary changes, rezoning, or relocation scenarios at this stage. Those conversations may be appropriate as more information becomes available in future phases, but they are premature while the fundamental question of this building's future remains unresolved. What our community is asking for now is a Round 2 scenario in which APES is removed from the closure list and expansion is evaluated seriously, with a broader plan to right-size this facility. IV. Our Community’s Priorities Underlying everything are two priorities that will carry through every phase of this process: maintaining the full APES community's trajectory within the Chamblee Cluster, feeding to Chamblee Middle

	and Chamblee High School, and keeping our attendance zone together as a unified community. The Chamblee Cluster represents a high-performing academic environment that our students depend on. Any scenario affecting APES must also ensure continuity of academic standards and services, aligning students to schools and programs that can meet them where they are. Whatever comes next in this process, those commitments are not negotiable. V. What Would Make Round 2 More Productive To engage as constructively as possible in Round 2, our community is asking for the following: - Remove APES from the closure list in Round 2 and include scenarios that address its capacity through expansion or rebuild. - Publish the methodology and supporting data behind the district's 2030 enrollment projection of 700 students for APES, which contradicts observed year-over-year growth trends. - Provide a school-by-school closure rationale with supporting data for all 27 schools proposed for closure in Scenario 1. - Include a transparent cost estimate for scenario buildings and expansions before community feedback is solicited. This must include how it is feasible to consider closures fully dependent upon major construction expenses and how those expenses can, even at the highest level, have a timeline that aligns with available E-SPLOST funding. - Explain the sequence of the February 9 funding pull from Stoneview, Rock Chapel, and Kingsley relative to their appearance on the Scenario 1 closure list. This sequence raises serious questions about whether closure decisions were made before community input was ever solicited. If decisions have already been made for any phase of SAP, then be transparent about them now - do not continue to erode the already crumbling trust of the community in DCSD. - Clarify whether theme schools included in Scenario 1 are intended to transition to neighborhood schools, and why buildings such as DAA, Kittredge, Wadsworth, and Nancy Creek are excluded from the scenario. VI. Closing Ashford Park Elementary is a thriving, high-performing school community in the middle of a major district investment. It is over-enrolled, growing, and deeply rooted in the Chamblee Cluster. By every criterion the district has stated it is using to identify schools for closure, APES does not qualify. Closing it would not solve a capacity problem. It would create one, displacing a school community that the data shows is only growing. We are not here to simply protect the status quo. We are here because we believe the right solution exists and we want to help build it alongside the district. We are ready to be creative, and we are ready to work. What we are asking is that the SAP team bring us into that process with the transparency and genuine partnership this moment requires. I appreciate the work this team is doing and look forward to continued collaboration in Round 2.	
387	I think the consolidations are great for business but there are bound to be fights between rival schools that are now in one building. Where will all staff be placed?	3/8/2026 5:56 PM
388	I understand that DCSD has too many open seats and therefore too many facilities (many of which are in poor condition due to age). I also believe that DCSD has not always made the best decisions in the past which causes the community to lose faith in their decision making abilities that claim to best serve the students (ex. The decision to hire and extend the contract of the last superintendent, as well as the decision to purchase a building for office space near Northlake mall when those funds could have been better spent elsewhere). I also believe that there is a lot of bloat in the central office that should be addressed along with potential closures of schools. I also have concerns about the proposed expansion projects at elementary schools where those school properties do not have room for lateral expansion, and how creating a much larger elementary school would not only impact the students directly but also traffic patterns in the areas immediately around those schools.	3/8/2026 5:56 PM
389	I grew up in Dekalb County Schools and was part of the lakeside/ Druid hills/ shamrock merger which was disastrous and ended up forcing several of us to lose valuable years of our education to chaos and poor planning. I think suggesting to shut down high performing is unwise, shows a lack of insight into the needs of all people, and confirms for me that DCSB is not interested in what is best for students. If schools need improvement, focus on making improvements. Don’t shut down currently well performing schools that are at capacity.	3/8/2026 5:54 PM
390	Hopefully this would address some overcrowding at Lakeside high school.	3/8/2026 5:51 PM
391	My child attends APES. Given that it is an affected school, I obviously have concerns. I believe that APES really is a gem of a school, given how it is located in the middle of Ashford Park neighborhood. Many families walk their kids to/from school and for others it is typically a short driving distance. Unfortunately, the enrollment has exceeded the school's capacity to where students are learning in portables/trailers outside of the school. This really is not acceptable given the tax dollars that this school district contributes to DCSD. The kids that attend this school deserve better and the school has, unfortunately, been operating at this capacity for longer than is acceptable. The school and neighborhood really deserves a major	3/8/2026 5:51 PM

	addition to the school. Unfortunately, I've seen major additions or new schools built in the surrounding area while this school has been mostly ignored, as fare as facilities go.	
392	I Do not want to see elimination of neighborhood elementary schools . They create a solid community for families and students. Placing 6th grade with high school is a bad idea. Maturity between 6 and 12 grade is very different. 6 grade girls and boys being exposed to 11 and 12 grade boys and girls could create real problems	3/8/2026 5:48 PM
393	With all due respect to the process, I feel this questioning is flawed. As a parent, I am unqualified to comment as to the building conditions and adequacy and have to defer to you all. The rationale you provided for the high schools seems reasonable but again, I am not in a position to determine adequacy of one school over the other. I don't understand the proposed closure of Ashford and Oak Grove schools as no clear justification was provided and they both seem like successful schools and with strong parent support. So it would be better to start with programs and determine which ones work, which schools which they work best at and how best to expand or improve. As for proposed initiative, as mentioned before, the high school closure seems intact.	3/8/2026 5:44 PM
394	Ashford Park ES is a distinct, vibrant school community that should not be fractured into parts and divided among other ES schools in Brookhaven. It is a neighborhood school in a safe area (not on major roads which is not ideal for a school with young children). The only reason APES should close is for a complete rebuild that will be in line with "new model" elementary schools with seats for 900. Given the population growth in the area, DCSD should be working more closely city of Brookhaven about their residential projects to see how many family dwellings will be available in the next 10 years...not using faulty data with sweeping assumptions that are leading to misleading projections.	3/8/2026 5:39 PM
395	Sounds like a very bad idea. Do not close OGE. The OGE model is working.	3/8/2026 5:36 PM
396	Let’s start with the facts, starting with a look at the header of the SAP page - “ Empty seats quietly drain resources that could otherwise support more opportunities for students.” Oak Grove Elementary is projected to be at 96% capacity in the 26-27 school year. WHY is this school on the list? It is model example for Dekalb, so you have it listed to CLOSE? This is not a “well-informed, considerate decisions based on the data and input from the community.” Please Dekalb, take a look at the facts, data, and input. If you did, it is crystal clear that OGE is a growing, thriving school. It has one of the TOP special needs programs, serving the kids that truly need it. Oak Grove Elementary is a school you should be highlighting, not closing. I have sat in the meetings, listened to board members, looked at the resources - this just doesn’t make sense.	3/8/2026 5:30 PM
397	The area selection seems targeted	3/8/2026 5:28 PM
398	Firmly against closure of Mclendon Elementary school	3/8/2026 5:24 PM
399	I disagree with the consolidations and would like to see Oak Grove Elementary maintained as is.	3/8/2026 5:24 PM
400	Please don’t close oak grove elementary	3/8/2026 5:22 PM
401	I appreciate the intention of wanting to use funds efficiently and appropriately. While I agree with most of the ideas presented, I found myself questioning why "Low Cost" needs to be part of the triangle. I applaud efficient and responsible use of funds, but I don't think we should have "Low Cost" be a core tenet of something so vital as education. When I am looking for an excellent healthcare experience, I don't search for the lowest-cost provider. When I want an exceptional experience in general, very rarely does that also end up being the lowest-cost scenario. Why then, are we basing this extremely important and impactful decision on what is "low-cost"? I think that is deeply flawed and if we are beginning with that as our foundation, I don't see how we can expect results approaching anything above average.	3/8/2026 5:21 PM
402	The SAP program appears to have the potential to be very effective. However, there are a few concerns that I believe could create challenges. The primary issue involves combining multiple grade levels into one group. It doesn’t seem practical or beneficial to mix older children with younger children, as their developmental needs and learning levels can differ significantly.	3/8/2026 5:20 PM
403	If consolidation takes place, there will be too many students that have to stay after school to have teachers help them. Too long for bussing. Too many parents who wont be able to meet other parents.	3/8/2026 5:20 PM

404	I'm scared. I want what is best for the overall district but I'm scared what's best for the overall district may not be best for my family.	3/8/2026 5:19 PM
405	i believe consolidation in areas where it makes sense with under 50% enrollment. However my biggest concern before any decisions are made is that DCSD conducts its own self examination of misuse of taxpayer funds and competencies that just aren't working and use that money for facilities.	3/8/2026 5:17 PM
406	I am strongly opposed to the closure of Ashford Park Elementary school. We moved to Ashford park neighborhood specifically so that our children could attend the elementary school and Chamblee Middle/High. It's a strong elementary school with strong neighborhood involvement. I am in support of re-zoning APE so that it's right-sized to the appropriate student body size, but don't want the school to close.	3/8/2026 5:15 PM
407	Ashford Park Elementary School is a thriving neighborhood school and the community is the heart of the school's success. I believe it of utmost importance to keep the community together and within the same cluster for middle and high school as well. We need more information in order to have more robust feedback. In the initial proposal, only closure of the building was discussed. What is the plan for these students? A real discussion and feedback cannot be given until we are given the whole picture, a detailed timeline and more transparency. If this specific information is not available by next year or if the community is divided, we will likely consider private schools in the area.	3/8/2026 5:14 PM
408	We recently purchased our home in Oak Grove elementary. A huge decision making factor for us was the elementary school. It is why we chose to move where we did and would be devastated if our kids weren't able to take advantage of it.	3/8/2026 5:13 PM
409	3 elementary schools sharing one middle school building for example: loses sense of community that children of this age need. Many children need to be bussed in and hard for younger students. Longer days. May save money but there is a lot to lose.	3/8/2026 5:13 PM
410	Has the initial scenario used the most current enrollment data? What kind of modeling is being used to project further growth in the areas served by the school? Why would you take top performing schools and break them up? Instead we should be looking to fully utilize top performers and model them.	3/8/2026 5:12 PM
411	I do not agree with closing Ashford Park Elementary or breaking up the current Chamblee cluster	3/8/2026 5:11 PM
412	Lifelong community member. I believe you need to focus on a cluster approach —like Atlanta Public Schools did - you should keep existing clusters, which have their own identities and programs, and then analyze how to consolidate or restructure within each CLUSTER. Evansdale Elementary needs to be expanded, because its footprint will work for the Lakeside cluster. It has 10 acres and can be expanded.	3/8/2026 5:10 PM
413	Providing access to quality education and programs is a big priority	3/8/2026 5:10 PM
414	Evansdale Elementary is a jewel in the Dekalb School System and a rockbed for the local community. Most of the neighborhood specifically moved here for the Evansdale elementary school for their children. If you send our schools somewhere else, it will not only affect property values but degrade our close knit community while closing one of the top schools in the county. DO NOT CLOSE EVANSDALE. Also, more families are moving back into the neighborhood and Evansdale will be growing in size.	3/8/2026 5:09 PM
415	As a parent, I appreciate the community aspect of smaller schools. However, most of these smaller schools are old and in need of rebuilding. If small schools are closed in favor of larger facilities, how will the district ensure lower student/teacher ratios that are condusive to meeting the needs of all students and how will the district ensure the safety of so many students in such a large building?	3/8/2026 5:08 PM
416	It's not right to consolidate schools that are mostly on south end of dekalb. These schools have been underserved for YEARS and closing/consolidating is the "easy" way out and a way to not address the actual issues that exist in these communities	3/8/2026 5:05 PM
417	I think these changes will hurt our students.	3/8/2026 5:00 PM
418	Our children attended Oak Grove Elementary, and it is an amazing school - teachers, stem, programs, leaders - the students that attended OGE are thriving and in the top academic track at Lakeside. Eliminating this school would be removing a shining star for DeKalb. If there is an	3/8/2026 5:00 PM

	opportunity to redraw lines to redistribute more students to OGE, it would be well-received by parents. People want this kids to attend OGE. When a school is excelling, closing it just doesn't make sense.	
419	Closing Ashford Park and splitting the children up into other schools is not an option that should be considered.	3/8/2026 4:57 PM
420	I understand the data and reasoning backing the closures and know its a tough decision. We are districted for a school that could likely close (Kingsley) and are concerned about the disruptiveness. We of course love the school and neighborhood and would love to keep our kids there. We have a current 1st grader and will have a kindergartner fall 2027.	3/8/2026 4:56 PM
421	Leave Lithonia High School as is. Each Summer a New flux of people move here from other places, especially since we have New Apartments built in our Lithonia Neighborhood. As soon as you attempt to close, the need will rise again. This area is usually low-income based and needs to remain its own community of students, and not merge with any other high school. Don't need gangs in Miller Grove, more fights from angry LHS students not wanting to be at another High School, causing unwanted tension. Lithonia High is its own jungle, that just finally calmed down significantly.	3/8/2026 4:56 PM
422	I do not want to see Ashford Park closed. I understand smaller schools are more expensive to run, but believe that they benefit the students. I think that closing high performing schools is not in our students best interest.	3/8/2026 4:55 PM
423	I understand having facility plans as an option, but to throw out closing schools (ashford park) without a well thought plan is careless and indicative of leadership not actually caring about the impacts to the affected communities.	3/8/2026 4:54 PM
424	Seems pretty drastic, yet understandable. It would be nice if the county could come up with a plan to boost the economies of the families and neighborhoods near these schools, which would also attract newer families with children to help fill the empty seats.	3/8/2026 4:53 PM
425	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years.	3/8/2026 4:53 PM
426	Shut it down. It's horrible school	3/8/2026 4:50 PM
427	I think it is a disservice to Dekalb County and the hardworking taxpayers that choose to live and work here. We specifically moved to Brookhaven/Chamblee so our children could go to Ashford Park Elementary and are devastated to find out it might be closing.	3/8/2026 4:42 PM
428	Do not close our elementary school. We need a neighborhood school	3/8/2026 4:39 PM
429	I notice that the potential capacity expansion projects are only in the northern segment of the county. The map screams continued inequality.	3/8/2026 4:39 PM
430	I am shocked that the district allowed this to go out when the underlying data is incorrect. Let's take Oak Grove. Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Our school has been given 3 new positions to serve the 40 additional students we will have next year. This is just 3 students of the 450 QBE (minus the 40 pre-K) and we have all our specials and activities. Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 1 year. Even if you closed Oak Grove and expanded Sagamore and Briarlake to 600 each, it would not hold all the students in all 3. I have found a number of schools with a similar pattern to Oak Grove, including the school that Dr. Hogan mentioned in the retreat. It is growing, with high-quality schools, but HPM's data show it is losing 17% of its students within 2 years. That is insanity. We were told that there were all these meetings about how to create scenarios, but it is quite clear they basically looked at acreage. Oak Grove is one of the highest-quality schools in the district, and we have the largest percentage of students with disabilities of any general elementary school. Not looking at that as part of a scenario is disheartening.	3/8/2026 4:37 PM

431	Although Oak Grive is not at full capacity, neither Briarlake or Sagamore Hills are either and could not absorb the number of children from Oak Grove. This will cause much more traffic congestion driving and busing the children further. The Oak Grove community is such a tight knit community built around this school. People move to this neighborhood for this high performing school.	3/8/2026 4:35 PM
432	Oak Grove Elementary is mostly at capacity with waiting lists. Trying to distribute theses students elsewhere would disrupt the enrollment in all area elementary schools. This would lead to overcrowding and over capacity schools without the infrastructure and staff to have the superior schools that DeKalb county is accustomed to.	3/8/2026 4:34 PM
433	I think consolidating at this time is a step in the wrong direction for North Dekalb. Young families are living in and moving to the Chamblee/Brookhaven area for close proximity to Atlanta, Buckhead, and Alpharetta for work. This scenario will take away motivation for young families to live in these areas.	3/8/2026 4:33 PM
434	Oak Grove Elementary is the best school ever.	3/8/2026 4:25 PM
435	Oak Grove Elementary is the greatest school in the nation	3/8/2026 4:25 PM
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437	Four of the 10 top-performing elementary schools are on the list for closure. Rather than closing schools that are peak performers and disrupting vibrant school communities, the district should focus on creating a better learning environment for children currently in low-performing schools. I also question how much savings will accrue when taking into account expensive additions and renovations to other schools--and whether the district has considered cutting back on administrators while maintaining support for small, local schools.	3/8/2026 4:25 PM
438	Oak grove elementary is the best school that has ever existed.	3/8/2026 4:24 PM
439	Strongly against closing Oak Grove Elementary. If area schools must close, there are compelling reasons why it should be a number of others, not the least of which is test performance.	3/8/2026 4:23 PM
440	The lack of a proposed or recommended plan for those communities affected by the potential closures is discouraging. I understand the need to assess the portfolio of facilities first, but why begin suggesting closures without a clear path forward?	3/8/2026 4:22 PM
441	The DCSD goal is 88% utilization. Oak Grove is already at 89% of utilization, 447 students out of a capacity of 504 students. It is projected to have 487 students for the 2026-207 school year, which is 96% of capacity. If Oak Grove closes, students would be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake. Together, these schools cannot absorb the 447 students at Oak Grove. In addition, the redevelopment of North Dekalb Mall into Lula Hills will add a significant number of students the nearby schools, which would make them unable to absorb other students. Oak Grove is one of the highest performing school in the review group. It has 94.2% content mastery and 95.3% readiness.	3/8/2026 4:21 PM
442	Oak Grove is not underutilized. The area is growing. Also, it’s a high performing school.	3/8/2026 4:20 PM
443	Concern about closing neighborhood elementary schools, especially HMES	3/8/2026 4:19 PM
444	Do not want Avondale Estates taken out of Druid Hills cluster	3/8/2026 4:16 PM
445	Dear Members of the Dekalb County School Board, I am writing as a parent at Ashford Park Elementary School to express my strong concern regarding any potential plans to close the school or redistribute to other schools within the district. Ashford Park Elementary is more than a school building; it is the heart of a deeply connected community and a vital part of our neighborhood’s identity and stability. Our elementary school represents a close-knit community where students, teachers and families have built strong relationships that support both academic success and emotional development. Many of the children who attend the school live within the surrounding neighborhoods and share similar community ties. This closeness allows friendships, parent involvement and support systems to flourish, creating an environment where students feel safe, supported and motivated to learn. The students at Ashford Park Elementary are thriving academically. The school has built a strong academic culture supported by dedicated teachers, involved parents, and motivated students. Disrupting a successful environment by redistributing students across multiple schools’ risks undermining the progress and stability that families and educators have worked hard to create. Our school also benefits from exceptionally strong parent involvement. Families volunteer their time,	3/8/2026 4:16 PM

	support school programs, and work closely with educators to ensure student success. This partnership between families and educators is one of the most valuable strengths of our school community. Fragmenting the student body across different schools will inevitably weaken this network of support. In addition, decisions made at the elementary level have long-term implications for middle school and high school progression within Dekalb County. Children who begin school together often continue through the district's feeder patterns, building relationships and stability that support their educational journey. Breaking apart this cohort now may create unnecessary disruption for students and families for years to come. Many families have also made significant financial commitments by purchasing homes in neighborhoods specifically connected to this school community. Stability in school zoning is an important factor in neighborhood planning and property values throughout Dekalb County. Changes that close schools or redistribute students can create uncertainty for homeowners and for families who chose to invest in these communities because of the schools. We understand that the district must make difficult decisions to serve all students across Dekalb County, but we respectfully ask the Board to consider the impact that closing or redistributing Ashford Park Elementary School will impact the students, families and neighborhoods. Ashford Park Elementary is a thriving community school that supports strong academics, engaged families, and long-term student success. Preserving the integrity of this school community would serve the best interests of both students and the surrounding neighborhood. Thank you for your time, and your continued service to the students of Dekalb County. We appreciate your consideration and listening to the voices of families who care deeply about the future of our Public Schools. Sincerely, Whitney Ridgeway (Charlotte's Mom-Current 1st Grader) Ashford Park Elementary School	
446	Too many elementary schools are closing. Neighborhood schools are important, especially in younger grade levels.	3/8/2026 4:15 PM
447	Disproportionately proposed closings are in South Dekalb	3/8/2026 4:14 PM
448	As a former Title I ESOL educator I fully appreciate the inequities in existence in DeKalb County. I fully recognize the overcrowding present in the north end of the county and the under enrollment in the south end. I'm very aware of the optics of high performing and relatively wealthy neighborhoods opposing consolidation with schools and clusters that perform lower on tests and have lower income levels. I believe with all of my heart that many of the most brilliant students and best teachers are in "underperforming" Title I schools. AND I believe that DCDS needs to operate within the realities of the broken system we find ourselves in. SAP is not going to "fix" schools being funded by property taxes, it is not going to "fix" standardized testing or schools being judged by their scores. Families with the privilege of choice will continue to choose high achieving, well performing schools and consolidating or rezoning these families to schools and clusters they perceive as under performing will only serve to create an exodus of families (and money and test scores) from the county- exacerbating and spreading the very problem you're attempting to solve in South DeKalb to North DeKalb. I have serious concerns about the lack of transparency in how these scenarios were generated. The current scenarios contradict SAP member feedback, disregard what is already working in communities, ate are short sighted. Furthermore, they provide no clearly communicated goals or plan on how much money they even save the district. In feedback sessions we were provided contradictory information as to whether consolidating buildings would mean buildings being closed or repurposed or any facts or figures suggesting what the savings of these actions might equal or how they might be spent. The suggestion that Ashford Park Elementary close, with ZERO answers and frighteningly little consideration of where its current 850+ enrollees would land is alarming and neglectful. As a collective of teachers, parents, students and neighbors the Ashford Park Community has worked hard to create the community that currently exists and *keep* families in our neighborhood public schools. Certainly the school, its attendance zone and the Chamblee cluster have not always looked as they do today, but rather have been shaped by years of hard work and choices by its community members. It feels both insulting and punishing to threaten breaking up our community and feeder system after such investment in our local public school system. Ashford Park is already near enrollment of nearly 900 (the stated target enrollment for elementary schools post-SAP) and has a strong and thriving community. We have the opportunity to be a model of what community looks like with a larger population- if we're kept in tact! While I can appreciate the cost of empty seats in our district, consolidation of buildings as a solution feels like asking students, teachers, and community members to pay the price for DCSD's poor choices to date. These stakeholders should be the last in line for any necessary disruptive changes, and I would expect county administration and board members to step up first. Instead we are facing scenarios with huge student populations, significant increases to student commute times,	3/8/2026 4:14 PM

	impactful disruptions to students' charted educational paths and the dissolution of communities while the Board settles into its new $6.5 million dollar administrative offices.	
449	Disproportionately purposed are reflected in South Dekalb County	3/8/2026 4:13 PM
450	Está bueno	3/8/2026 4:12 PM
451	Less students in class will have a huge impact on students learning. Teachers will have better control over the class and students will be able to learn without interruption of other students if the classes were over crowded.	3/8/2026 4:10 PM
452	I worry if you close elementary schools and move kids to farther schools and make the student to teacher ratio increase at those schools, you will see families leave the Dekalb county public schools.	3/8/2026 4:08 PM
453	Evansdale is not just a neighborhood school; it is a high-performing, district-wide academic asset. Closing this school would not only dismantle an internationally recognized program but would actively drive families out of DCSD. • Proximity Drives Engagement: A primary reason for Evansdale's robust parent involvement is its accessibility. Many families walk or drive just a few minutes to the campus. If students are moved to a more distant location, the deep volunteer culture and financial support of the Evansdale PTO—which currently funds vital enrichment and STEM resources—will be lost. • Failure of Larger Models: As a family zoned for Pleasantdale, we intentionally opted into Evansdale's lottery for its intimate community feel. Large, new facilities like Pleasantdale often lack this essential connection. • Leadership and Trust: We were deeply disappointed by how leadership handled the closure of the Spanish immersion program at Pleasantdale. Evansdale, by contrast, has maintained excellent communication and stability, which is why families stay in the system. • Global Recognition: Evansdale holds the LabelFrancÉducation from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs—a rare distinction in the U.S. This French immersion program is a "choice" draw for the entire district. • The K–12 Pipeline: This is not a standalone program. It is a hard-won pathway (Evansdale → Henderson → Lakeside) that parents and teachers built over decades. Closing Evansdale breaks this entire pipeline. • Proven Growth: As a Georgia Title I Reward School, Evansdale is a leader in academic growth. It successfully combines language immersion with high-level STEM, including national robotics and tech fair recognition. Retention vs. Displacement I personally know at least seven families in the Pleasantdale zone who choose instead to attend "community-feel" schools like Midvale, Oak Grove, or Evansdale. Closing these successful, smaller hubs will not force families into larger consolidated schools; it will push them to leave the DeKalb system entirely. Evansdale represents exactly what DCSD should strive for: high academic growth, specialized global programs, and intense community investment. The district should preserve and replicate this model, not dismantle it.	3/8/2026 4:07 PM
454	Oak grove is not underutilized. It is located in a growing, prosperous area with substantially younger families, hence likely to remain in high demand. And the students perform at a high level	3/8/2026 4:06 PM
455	Will the consolidations mean there will not be overpopulated schools? fair populations? How will you make sure that resources will be available to meet academics student needs , especially those schools who may be combining with schools who are not high risk schools? Will the schools be rezoned? How will the commutes for teachers, students, and parents be impacted ,as it relates to the consolidations, pending where they will be rezoned (hope I am stating this correctly)	3/8/2026 4:06 PM
456	Do not close our beautiful community school	3/8/2026 4:04 PM
457	We would be devastated if Oak Grove Elementary school closed. There are several interior-performing schools nearby that should be considered for closure before Oak Grove.	3/8/2026 4:02 PM
458	Using plans from someone under fraud investigation is a terrible idea. Also, you cannot close both evansdale and Henderson mill without huge backlash. If you close one you may find more support	3/8/2026 4:02 PM
459	n/a	3/8/2026 3:59 PM
460	Keep Brockett Elementary Open	3/8/2026 3:56 PM
461	Dekalb County has had its recent share of challenges in maintaining a stable Board of Education. If fact, millions of dollars have been "lost" due to bad decisions of prior superintendents. It seems shameful to me that Dekalb would be moving forward with any type	3/8/2026 3:56 PM

	of consolidation without having any kind of stability in place. We don't even have a superintendant. And how much are we still paying for past hiring mistakes? A consolidation plan needs to be led by a board that is a TEAM and has a leader with integrity. When we have that in place you will see declining numbers rebound because people will actually have faith in the district. Making decisions about consolidations without having built a board people can trust will just create chaos. You want children to have equal offerings across the county and yet as a board we can stop hiring criminals. To take away neighborhood schools that create commuinty and civic pride and ask us to "trust" that the board has difficult decisions to make about facilities is just ludicrous to me at this time based on Dekalb County's BOE track record.	
462	I do not want McClendon to close	3/8/2026 3:52 PM
463	Do not split our community and keep us within the Chamblee Middle and High School cluster. Ashford Park Elementary is what it is because of many years of tight community bonds. Our school environment will suffer if we are split. Moreover, we are one of the top schools in the district performance-wise. Parents will only stay in the system if we stay within a high performance cluster. Shame of Dekalb for not expanding Ashford Park earlier, and resorting to closing/repurposing the school. We are ok moving to a different building, as long as we stay together.	3/8/2026 3:52 PM
464	Students in South dekalb are already sitting with a ration of 1:22 or more making it more difficult on the staff and students closing schools and combining them further stressing students and staff is ridiculous. The curriculum needs to be upgraded and not so heavily focused on the MAP test scores. Especially for students who are 5&6 sitting at a computer testing. Students should be actively learning with their hands and brains not rotting in front of a screen. There is a time and a place for technology but it is being heavily used as of today.	3/8/2026 3:51 PM
465	My impression is that it is looking at current usage and not forecasted usage. Oak Grove is expected to have an increase in student enrollment starting next year.	3/8/2026 3:49 PM
466	Ashford park elementary should had been expanded years ago. Shame on the county for not doing it for so long and now proposing a closure. The top priority for us is to stay within a higher performance cluster (Chamblee middle and high), even if it means the Ashford Park school community moves to a different building. We want the community to stay together, with all three neighborhoods.	3/8/2026 3:45 PM
467	Suggesting closure of schools like oak grove elementary that have rising attendance and a school choice wait list just to require additions to another nearby school to be able to make enough space seems short sighted at best. The other schools that would need to absorb these kids don’t even themselves have space which suggests overcrowding and larger classrooms which hurts the long term prospects of the children that are affected.	3/8/2026 3:42 PM
468	DCSD, I am writing as a member of the Ashford Park community regarding the ongoing discussions surrounding potential school rezoning. Our neighborhood understands the complexity involved in these decisions and appreciates the district’s commitment to balancing enrollment, resources, and student outcomes across the system. Ashford Park has long been a deeply connected and engaged community. Families here have built strong relationships through neighborhood schools, shared activities, and consistent community involvement. Maintaining that cohesion is important not only for students and parents, but also for the broader stability of the community. As the district evaluates options, we respectfully ask that consideration be given to an approach that preserves the integrity of the Ashford Park neighborhood by keeping the community together while potentially relocating it as a unified group to a new school if necessary. Maintaining neighborhood continuity would allow families to remain connected while still supporting the district’s broader enrollment and capacity goals. Neighborhood schools play an important role beyond academics. They help create strong community ties, encourage parent engagement, and foster long-term investment in local schools. When communities remain intact, these relationships often translate into higher levels of volunteerism, fundraising support, and collaboration that benefit the entire school ecosystem. Additionally, rezoning decisions can have broader impacts on local demographics, housing stability, and long-term financial investment in a community. Families often choose neighborhoods based on school alignment, and maintaining clear, consistent community assignments helps support neighborhood stability and long-term planning for both residents and the district. Our goal is not to resist change but to advocate for a solution that balances district needs with community continuity. Keeping Ashford Park together—whether at its current school or as a unified neighborhood reassigned to a new school—would help preserve the strong community fabric that supports students both inside and outside the classroom. Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued work on behalf of our students and	3/8/2026 3:37 PM

	schools. We appreciate the opportunity to share our perspective and look forward to remaining engaged in the process. Sincerely, Chris Ridgeway ridgecm@gmail.com	
469	What I love most about Briarlake is the size. Having a population of around 350 allows us to create an incredible Community that is quite Impactful on our whole family. I invited all of the kindergarten moms over to my house in the fall to start community building for my younger son. When I walk in the building I know all the staff and a lot of the students. Everyone knows my children and they feel known and seen. I just don't know how we could build community or do school wide events that mean so much to my children like a fall festival or talent show with 900 kids in a school. I also love the property- all the trees and space for The kids to run. The garden where they learn so many valuable hands on science lessons. I assume there would be little open space with a new, large school. We lost a lot of families during Covid to private schools that could afford it and I feel like public schools are just recently getting their groove back and trust in the community as a great option again, but I fear during the transition families that can choose private will and then we will have an even further division of haves and have nots and the families that carry the schools and volunteer might leave and I worrry what will happen to the public schools. I love love our school and I know all my friends feel the same about their schools in our area- but the one thing we all love is the size and how small they are. I am worried this will destroy so much good.	3/8/2026 3:37 PM
470	The rationale of why DeKalb is looking at student reassignment was well explain. What was lacking from the presentation is details regarding the impacts to any potential school expansions. Class sizes are already large AND understaffed; the impact of adding additional students to the classroom will only make matters worse, and detract from the learning.	3/8/2026 3:31 PM
471	I am completely opposed to this change. We have an interim superintendent, a past superintendent being investigated for fraud, and a member of the board who did not disclose her previous involvement with the fired gentleman. Perhaps the BOE needs to get their house in order before completely destroying and upending the lives of thousands. Our neighborhood schools are the reason people move to our area. I know of many families that have 3 generations that are/have attended the same schools.	3/8/2026 3:31 PM
472	I agree with the consolidation method	3/8/2026 3:29 PM
473	Consolidation makes sense, sadly. But I would also encourage looking into 4 day school weeks to help with financial issues that have raised from superintendents and mental health of students and staff.	3/8/2026 3:28 PM
474	The current facility scenario, which leans toward consolidation or closure, is fundamentally flawed because it prioritizes short-term administrative efficiency over the long-term health of the Brookhaven community. Ashford Park Elementary is far more than a building; it is a proven "success hub" where academic excellence and deep-rooted neighborhood ties intersect. Forcing a consolidation risks creating impersonal "mega-schools" that dilute the student-teacher connection and strip the community of its identity. Furthermore, the logistical fallout—including increased commute times and the loss of a walkable school environment—places an unnecessary burden on families who moved to this area specifically for its localized educational quality. Rather than managing a decline through closure, the district should pivot toward a "build-up" strategy. Adding a second floor is the most strategic solution for a land-locked site, allowing the school to increase its capacity and modernize its facilities without sacrificing precious playground or green space. This vertical expansion transforms the school into a 21st-century learning environment, providing room for specialized labs and collaborative workspaces that meet modern standards. It is a move from a scarcity mindset to an investment mindset, recognizing that enrollment naturally follows high-quality programs. Ultimately, investing in a second floor signals a commitment to the neighborhood's growth and stability. Closing a successful school essentially punishes the very excellence the district should be trying to replicate. By choosing to expand upward, the district protects property values, maintains the school's status as a community anchor, and ensures that Ashford Park remains a cornerstone of educational success for the next generation of Brookhaven families.	3/8/2026 3:28 PM
475	I understand the need to consolidate buildings and there is no easy way of making everyone happy. However I'm upset that the years previous when a company was called to access scenarios and decided to build multiple new facilities int eh south that are not being used is unfortunate. We missed the boat on that and now people are paying the price, hope were not falling into the same situation with these decisions now.	3/8/2026 3:23 PM
476	I think it'll be good to merge some schools so staff can be better allocated. Although, I would like to see Columbia ES stay open as they have pre-k-5th grade ID programs. So, my friends	3/8/2026 3:22 PM

	child can stay there the whole time and be familiar with the teachers.	
477	The basic argument for closing schools is to reduce the cost per student. If one looks at the declining enrollment figures beginning at 2017, it is clear that there was a precipitious drop in enrollment at about the same time as the pandemic. However, that enrollment has not recovered. Those students didn't disappear. Before closing schools, making impossible to recapture those missing students, the reason(s) they have not returned should be identified and eliminated. The cost per student is derived by dividing the entire district budget by the population. However, the 2026 Budget Book shows that only 60% of that budget goes to the schools. So, the cost per student is only 60% of the amount shown. When business declines, most businesses attempt to reduce cost in all areas, including management. The budget book actually shows school administration and central services increasing for 2026. If the goal is truly to put students first, perhaps it's time to spread the pain a little wider. The enrollment trend before and after that large drop is about the same and very small.	3/8/2026 3:19 PM
478	I would also like to take a look at central/administrative overhead and changes that might be able to be made.	3/8/2026 3:19 PM
479	Elementary age kids should not be lumped in together.	3/8/2026 3:17 PM
480	Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/8/2026 3:15 PM
481	I expect there a non-teaching staff consolidation greater than the school consolidation.	3/8/2026 3:14 PM
482	It is deplorable to close Cedar Grove HS. If seats are empty make it more attractive so more parents will enroll their children. I would like to know why so much money was put into other schools (McNair) that don’t have the numbers Cedar Grove has. If it closes I will definitely be pulling my kids out of the district.	3/8/2026 3:13 PM
483	Closing the Ashford Park school is something we don’t agree with.	3/8/2026 3:08 PM
484	While Ashford Park Elementary School has been an amazing place for my daughter to attend school, I understand that it is old and overcrowded - hence the need to close the school. The community there is unmatched and that is what I do not want to lose. That is why we bought a home in this school zone. We wanted to be a part of an amazing group of people who support and love our school community so much. I want nothing more than to keep our community together, no matter what building that lands us in, and to continue with that same community in the Chamblee cluster.	3/8/2026 3:08 PM
485	We are all confused at your choices of schools to close. Why are you trying to consolidate Tucker area schools to Livsey when Livsey already has many trailers and no land to expand? Midvale has room to expand and is already an IB school that feeds into other IB schools. The way which this was presented feels very poorly thought out. It’s scary to hear that your school is going to be closed with no plans for where our children will go.	3/8/2026 3:08 PM
486	unfortunately it's needed	3/8/2026 3:07 PM
487	I have mixed feelings regarding this. On one hand, I support the goal of providing students with better technology and more specialized teachers. On the other hand, I am concerned that closing schools will force students and parents to travel further by bus or car. Longer commuting times can be a significant burden on families and may impact student engagement.	3/8/2026 3:06 PM
488	I understand the need to consolidate and while bold, these decisions make sense in the long-term. My family's biggest concern is keeping the Ashford Park and Drew Valley Community together and ensuring we remain in the Chamblee Middle and Chamblee High cluster.	3/8/2026 3:04 PM
489	I feel as though some of the schools should close based on their enrollment, up keep of the building, and performance.k through	3/8/2026 3:02 PM
490	Concerned	3/8/2026 3:00 PM
491	I have significant concerns about the proposed consolidation scenarios, particularly as they relate to high-performing and well-utilized schools like Oak Grove Elementary. School consolidation may appear to offer efficiencies on paper, but it often produces unintended consequences that negatively affect both student outcomes and surrounding communities. Larger consolidated elementary schools—often approaching or exceeding 900 students—can diminish the close-knit learning environments that are especially important for young children. Elementary students benefit from stable relationships with teachers, administrators, and peers,	3/8/2026 2:57 PM

	and those connections are easier to build and sustain in appropriately scaled neighborhood schools. Oak Grove Elementary is a strong example of a school that is already working well. My daughter is currently in first grade there and has experienced tremendous academic growth during her first year. The school's leadership, instructional support, and strong community culture helped her transition successfully and thrive academically. Experiences like this illustrate why successful schools should be preserved and supported rather than disrupted. As a professional working in public education, I recognize that districts must regularly evaluate enrollment trends, facility utilization, and long-term financial sustainability. However, consolidation should be used carefully and strategically, focusing first on areas with sustained and significant underutilization. In communities like the Lakeside cluster, where schools are performing well and continue to serve engaged families, consolidation risks weakening the very conditions that contribute to student success. Instead of consolidating successful neighborhood schools, the district would be better served by studying what makes schools like Oak Grove effective and using those insights to strengthen other schools across DeKalb County. For these reasons, I encourage the district to reconsider consolidation scenarios affecting Oak Grove and similar schools and instead pursue a more targeted, data-driven approach that preserves high-performing neighborhood schools.	
492	Evansdale has 10.1 acres and has a large lot, two playgrounds, and outdoor areas. Evansdale can accommodate traffic and its enrollment is projected to increase.	3/8/2026 2:50 PM
493	Cedar Grove High School should not be closed. Our community needs this school. We have more students in our area than NcNair. Our property tax contributions should be used to fund our area & not used to relocate our children.	3/8/2026 2:48 PM
494	Numbers driven without other consequences	3/8/2026 2:47 PM
495	I believe the closing of the majority of Tucker elementary schools is short sighted given the over increase in young families moving to Tucker. I also believe reducing classroom size should be addressed before consolidations are done (to ensure there is adequate classroom space for students in 22-23 person classes.	3/8/2026 2:47 PM
496	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/8/2026 2:46 PM
497	I strongly oppose the closure of Oak Grove elementary. Oak Grove is one of the best	3/8/2026 2:46 PM

	elementary schools in the district. It is central to the sense of community in this area. A significant share of students walk to school each day, which will be impossible if the school closes, driving up transportation costs, reducing exercise and good habits for the students (and their parents) and damaging a core aspect of community here. Utilization of Oak Grove is well above the district average. Moreover, neighboring elementary schools lack the capacity to absorb Oak Grove students, which would require expensive and disruptive expansion projects. In addition, it is likely that more of the neighborhood will turn over in the coming years, as people nearing retirement (and whose children are grown) look to move out and are replaced by younger families with school-age children. These factors are likely to have an increasing effect on Oak Grove's enrollment in the coming years.	
498	High schools should be improved not closed. Build additions to middle schools.	3/8/2026 2:45 PM
499	Oak grove is not underutilized, the area is growing High performance school	3/8/2026 2:45 PM
500	It feels incredibly short sighted to close a well loved school just due to size of the facility grounds. Breaking up our school community will be detrimental for all of us.	3/8/2026 2:45 PM
501	not for it	3/8/2026 2:45 PM
502	• At 10.1 acres, Evansdale's lot size is bigger than neighboring schools recommended for expansion. • Evansdale has a large, separate play field, two playgrounds, and multiple parking lots. Our site can accommodate additions in the back of the school and still have ample play and parking space. • Evansdale is uniquely situated to accommodate increased traffic, as it takes up two sides of a large neighborhood block. • Evansdale's enrollment is projected to increase to over 600 by 2030.	3/8/2026 2:44 PM
503	The initial scenario is incomplete. Families are herded like cattle into thinking that they are making a choice but in the end, we are pushed to the slaughter. It would be wise to pump the brakes considering we currently do not have a permanent Superintendent, the SAP was created by a felon Super and is continuing with Ms. Smith who came with Horton, and there is a lack of buy-in and trust from the community. These scenarios presented do not align with Sauce's 3 C's - Clarity (absolutely none!), Consistency (nope!), and Coherence (definitely no). The more serious issue with DCSD is lack of trust. Is SAP about enrollment, programs, or money?	3/8/2026 2:43 PM
504	Agree Huntley Hills should expand but needs new facilities.	3/8/2026 2:41 PM
505	I strongly oppose the initial facilities scenario. It seems the scenario was proposed more or less unilaterally by the consulting firm the county has hired. While the firm professes to be working in consultation with a parent committee, the committee's role is merely advisory, and the consultants appear to have proposed a radical and aggressive approach that bears no resemblance to anything the committee had discussed or been contemplating. Most troubling of all, the consulting firm seems to be making all decisions purely on the basis of arbitrary enrollment quotas and physical building criteria keyed to those quotas. In particular, the criterion of "educational adequacy" appears to have nothing at all to do with educational adequacy. I do not understand how or why Oak Grove has been targeted for closure. The consultants appear to have used inaccurate data for some of their historical enrollment figures. It is not clear how they concocted their extrapolation of future enrollment even given their historical figures. Taking their dubious methodology at face value, it seems there are other schools that would have fallen within their crosshairs before OGE based on the data the consultants have shared. Summarily closing OGE would risk squandering the institutional knowledge and community culture that the school has developed over decades. I fear the consultants are myopically focused on bean-counting criteria that may be important but are merely means to an end. The purpose of our public school district is to educate our children. The consultants' model seems designed in a way that completely fails to account for that purpose. If these consultants decide to sacrifice Oak Grove on the altar of supposed economic efficiency, I fear my children and many others will be made immeasurably the poorer for this unforced error.	3/8/2026 2:40 PM
506	We moved to our neighborhood specifically for our 3 children to attend Oak Grove Elementary School. Having a small community-based school has been transformative not only for my children's education, but for us to develop connections, friends, neighbors and a COMMUNITY that we didn't have as we are from out of state. People actively seek to move into the Oak Grove area because of the amazing reputation of our school and our community. I can't speak to other neighborhoods/elementary schools because we have only lived in this area, however I can not imagine how it would be possible to have anything like this community if our children	3/8/2026 2:40 PM

	were combined with other schools into one giant school. You lose the personality of a school that way, you lose the pride of going to your community school that our children feel, and you lose the community and sense of belonging. We felt this when my older daughter went to Henderson Middle School - with a school that large it is IMPOSSIBLE to have a sense of community. Closures of these elementary schools, especially Oak Grove, will drive many families to private schools (for those that can afford it) or outside our our neighborhoods to other school districts, and enrollment will decline further.	
507	This is a vital part of this community. It’s a center of excellence.	3/8/2026 2:38 PM
508	We have bigger lot than neighboring schools, growing population	3/8/2026 2:35 PM
509	Oak Grove ES should not be closed for numerous reasons, including the following: It does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district’s goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) All the research I found says that the ideal size for elementary schools is a maximum of 350-400 students. Smaller schools are better for the safety, academic performance, and social and emotional well being of elementary age children. In fact, any stated benefits to a big school don't apply until high school or maybe middle school. Stated benefits are more AP classes, more electives, better sports programs, etc. The residential pipeline around Oak Grove, Sagamore, and Briarlake is only growing. Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest)	3/8/2026 2:31 PM
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511	I do not support the proposed consolidation scenario as it relates to Evansdale Elementary. While I understand the district’s need to address aging facilities and improve efficiency, closing	3/8/2026 2:30 PM

	Evansdale would create more harm than benefit for students, families, and the broader Lakeside cluster. Evansdale is one of the few schools in the area with a campus large enough to support meaningful renovation and expansion. Its acreage, multiple play areas, and traffic-friendly layout make it far better suited for modernization than many of the schools recommended to remain open. Enrollment projections also show that Evansdale will continue to grow, which further supports investing in the existing site rather than eliminating it. Additionally, Evansdale's French program is a unique and long-standing asset within the Lakeside cluster. The program thrives because of deep community involvement, cross-school collaboration, and continuity from elementary through high school. Relocating or disrupting this program would weaken a successful model that has taken years to build. Finally, dividing the neighborhood across multiple clusters would undermine community cohesion and create unnecessary instability for families. A facilities plan should strengthen communities, not fracture them. For these reasons, I strongly encourage the district to prioritize renovating and expanding Evansdale rather than closing it, and to maintain the neighborhood's alignment within the Lakeside cluster.	
512	Absolutely not	3/8/2026 2:27 PM
513	Though some consolidation may be needed, does not seem right to close 4 of our immediate area elementary schools. School enrollment may be decreased partly due to immigration activities going on currently.	3/8/2026 2:27 PM
514	The preliminary scendario seems to make sense, leaving 3 elementary schools in Dunwoody (one for each area of Dunwoody). Chesnut has the most land to work with, in terms of expansion and is a great school in the top 5% of Title 1 schools. It is very overcrowded and in desperate need of more space. Dunwoody also needs space and I'm wondering if the closing is Vanderlyn could open up more expansion opportunities for DHS? Please, please however do not break up the Dunwoody cluster. Chesnut is next door to Peachtree Middle School and our neighborhood walks to both.	3/8/2026 2:27 PM
515	I have not seen an explanation as to why enrollment is down. The population in Atlanta has been growing and while not everyone has kids I would think the total number of kids are increasing. Where are the going if enrollment is down. If you can show me that there are less kids in Atlanta then fine consolidation should be considered but if they are going to private schools then overcrowding schools is only going to cause enrollment to drop further. I'm not understanding the root cause analysis done for this problem or the actual fiscal projections anticipated by consolidating and it would be great to have transparency with actual numbers	3/8/2026 2:26 PM
516	The suggested closings and reconfigurations looks at strict numbers of students and not what the communities need. OGE is one of top performing schools on the county and is recommended to close. That would bring down the ratings in the entire county. Also, the numbers used do not seem to be accurate with the growth currently seen my opening of CHOA and construction developments in several areas, the proposed future enrollments do not seem to reflective of this.	3/8/2026 2:24 PM
517	It is important to maintain our community cohesiveness. The Ashford Park and Drew Valley Neighborhoods should remain united and continue to feed into Chamble Middle and Chamblee High schools even if the Ashford Park Elementary School gets closed.	3/8/2026 2:22 PM
518	I am strongly against the proposal to close Oak Grove Elementary school. I am a mom of a kindergartener at Oak Grove Elementary. We moved from San Francisco to Atlanta for work last summer and bought our house because we wanted to send our kids to Oak Grove Elementary. When we were doing research for schools before moving, OGE stood out with its highest score in the great Atlanta area in all aspects (OGE has a score of 8 on GreatSchool while Briarlake has a 7), a reasonable teacher to student ratio, and a diverse student population. The past year that we spent at OGE has been amazing with all the teachers, curriculum, facilities, and programs, and we look forward to sending our 3-yr-old there once he's old enough. It would be an extreme shame to close down such an outstanding school. And to be honest we will move to another county if OGE gets closed.	3/8/2026 2:22 PM
519	The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made.	3/8/2026 2:20 PM
520	The stated goal for the district is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization. It is projected to be at 96% by 2026-2027. The enrollment at Oak Grove has increased for four years in a row. At this rate, Oak Grove should reach or	3/8/2026 2:19 PM

	exceed full capacity within the next 2 to 3 years. With the redevelopment around North DeKalb, Mall and corporate Square there could conservatively be 55–145 additional elementary students over the next few years. There is also much development around the Emery area, which shows that there is not a structural decline. Oak Grove is also considered one of the highest performing schools in this review group. To close Oak Grove, when it is exceeding utilization targets and demonstrates sustained growth plus ranking in the top tier of academics does not directly address the district wide utilization gap.	
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522	I support district growth, but I strongly oppose moving our neighborhood out of the Dunwoody cluster. Peachtree Industrial is a major safety hazard for children and is not a walkable boundary. Our family chose this community because of the Dunwoody schools and the stability of the current feeder pattern. Please find solutions that allow the district to grow while keeping established neighborhoods in their existing clusters.	3/8/2026 2:18 PM
523	There is no clear justification for closing Oak Grove ES, a high-performing, heavily utilized school. Closing high-performing schools would negatively impact the school system over the long term: it would incentivize parents to enroll their children in private schools, thus exacerbating the underutilization problem.	3/8/2026 2:18 PM
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525	I'd like to see research/data on the impact of larger classroom sizes as well as larger school populations. I'd like to see how the district is calculating in the non numerical cost of this. This includes but is not limited to: how does larger classroom sizes impact learning, how does larger school sizes impact sense of belonging and safety (which trickles down to learning). Without a full understanding of the ripple effect of consolidating schools then how can DCSD RESPONSIBLY move forward with SAP?	3/8/2026 2:16 PM
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527	Oak Grove is not underutilized. The area is growing and it is a high performing school.	3/8/2026 2:12 PM
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529	In agreement on combining low attendance schools but seems its only affecting South Dekalb. Needs to include the whole district.	3/8/2026 2:06 PM
530	Consolidating by closing Evansdale Elementary, Henderson Mill middle and Lakeside High	3/8/2026 2:06 PM

	schools creates huge problems for all neighborhood students around these two schools. There are a lot of families that live here because of good school district. These schools should in fact be renovated or expanded.	
531	Porque razón quieren hacer esto	3/8/2026 2:04 PM
532	Evansdale needs to be renovated and expanded	3/8/2026 2:00 PM
533	Close lowest performing schools first and offer vouchers	3/8/2026 1:59 PM
534	It would be a tremendous loss to our community to close this neighborhood school. It is high-performing, well attended and actively sought after (both in terms of buying in the dictrict and for school choice). I think the current proposal is incomplete, unclear and seems poorly informed and poorly understood (including by the school board and the SAP committee themselves). Reassignment (to where? Who knows?) will almost surely be harmful to our children.	3/8/2026 1:58 PM
535	Oak grove is a great school. Our kids love it there— there is a great community and losing this school would be a determinant to our family and community. Our school has plenty of involvement and enrollment and activity.	3/8/2026 1:57 PM
536	I am a former Evansdale Elementary student and I would hate to see it shut down. It is an amazing school that provides a strong education for many students and should continue to for many years.	3/8/2026 1:57 PM
537	Consolidation makes sense as long as student teacher ratios can be optimized for best learning environments cost reduction and efficiency are important, howevershould not be the top .priority	3/8/2026 1:57 PM
538	Concerned about the closure of Midvale elementary	3/8/2026 1:56 PM
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540	Please leave oak grove open	3/8/2026 1:55 PM
541	The proposed consolidation including Oak Grove raises concerns. Current enrollment trends show Oak Grove is growing and already near the district utilization target. Closing a near	3/8/2026 1:54 PM

	capacity, high performing school would remove needed capacity and shift students to neighboring schools that are already highly utilized. This could also limit student choice options for families within the cluster. Updated projections that include growth in the Clifton Corridor should be considered before consolidation decisions are made.	
542	I think more people will continue to move to DeKalb and our schools. Maintaining the possibility for growth and nimbleness will be important. Having strong neighborhood public schools is part of why people live in our community vs Fulton county.	3/8/2026 1:51 PM
543	Consolation of schools will have to be carefully planned. As middle schoolers shouldn't be with HS students. This will definitely cause overcrowding and lack of resources for both grade levels	3/8/2026 1:42 PM
544	Closing Ashford Park makes zero sense as the area is already busting at the seams. Without providing context of where all of those children would go, just created mass chaos. Beyond that, my overwhelming feedback is to keep Ashford Park in the Chamblee cluster. Ashford Park, Montgomery, and Huntley HIlls together is a tight knit community. All of our kids play recreational sports together at Murphey Candler, Cowart YMCA, and ACYA. The 3 neighborhoods together send most of our kids to the same preschools. The kids all go to the same summer camps in the community. It would break apart a strong community.	3/8/2026 1:38 PM
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546	I do not think all of these community schools should be closed. They are very important to the community. Smaller schools are better for children and families. I'm concerned about not being able to walk to school, which is one reason we bought the house we did.	3/8/2026 1:30 PM
547	I think it is beter not to consolidate. Students benefit from smaller classes.	3/8/2026 1:30 PM
548	I don't think its good to close any schools. I think it would be better for ALL Dekalb county schools to have the same rating in order to not close any schools. The reason why many parents don't send their kids to low rated schools is because they want the best school for the kids to learn. There are many parents in dekalb that send their children to Gwinnett schools because they have the BEST ratings. I believe that Dekalb schools should focus on getting the schools the best education by getting. Schools like Stone Mountain, Decatur, Brooke	3/8/2026 1:29 PM

	Haven, and lithona have the lowest rating and I think that all schools should all equally get the same amount of attention in order to get more students and more resources.	
549	I'm worried about the traffic situation at Montgomery and how we will deal with morning carpool with even more students attending.	3/8/2026 1:28 PM
550	Oak Grove Elementary has great facilties.	3/8/2026 1:27 PM
551	Oak Grove Elementary is functioning at capacity based on the data parent have seen with a robust waiting list. The community is strong and vibrant with an active parent organization volunteering extensive hours. We already have a prior elementary school consolidation (2225 Heritage) with a building that has been only occasionally utilized over at least the past 20 years. If the decision to include Oak Grove was due to the aged infrastructure then the report should clearly state disinclination for a new building.	3/8/2026 1:27 PM
552	Im very sad that Mclendon elementary is on this list because I really value that it is a small school that cares about its kids and gives them a real sense of community. I think its important especially now to show kids that they're important and more than a dollar sign on a spreadsheet.	3/8/2026 1:26 PM
553	I hope the fact that Doraville United will be going to Chamblee Middle and then High doesn't mean the district end up eliminating the magnet program from Chamblee. This very successful program is one of the best programs DCSD has to offer, and it delivers results every year. KIttredge, and then Chamblee middle and high, are top performers. Facilities and teachers are already built for these students' success. Magnet programs are elevating this district's performance and appeal among public education options in metro Atlanta. Maintaining strong academic pathways for motivated students should remain part of the district's long-term vision, regardless of how facilities and boundaries evolve.	3/8/2026 1:25 PM
554	The facilities scenarios do not make sense to me based upon the provided data. High schools that were overcrowded 25 years ago are still overcrowded today, and appear projected to remain overcrowded with the offered scenario. Bringing the county wide average down looks good in summary tables, but the cost of the scenario is truly born by those students attending overcrowded facilities. The generational decline in the Dekalb student population is an opportunity to correct the decades of overcrowding at those facilities. I cannot support a plan that does not address that overcrowding. An alternative resource allocation that saves on facility count and addresses overcrowding is possible, but it has not been presented yet.	3/8/2026 1:25 PM
555	I completely understand the initial facilities scenario and I currently don't oppose these scenarios.	3/8/2026 1:22 PM
556	Incomplete. Buildings are a small part of the picture. What happens to the student body, clusters, districting, etc does seem a bigger concern and there is little shared on this.	3/8/2026 1:19 PM
557	I think there is danger and short-sightedness in targeting neighborhood schools. Many need renovation and expansion not closure (evansdale, oak grove , Lakeside). By eliminating smaller schools, I promise you that dekalb will continue to lose its tax base as families choose other districts to move to and those here send their kids to private schools. That is part of what is going currently. The waste and fraud and poor management in Dekalb county school system as led directly to the current issues. Save the smaller, well supported neighborhood schools and spend your large budget more wisely!	3/8/2026 1:19 PM
558	During the intimal scenarios, Evansdale is projected to close. However, Evansdale sits on 10.1 acres with multiple parking lots, playgrounds, and uniquely situated to accommodate increased traffic. Additionally, unlike many other schools nearby, Evansdale is projected to increase to over 600 by 2030.	3/8/2026 1:19 PM
559	At first glance it seems as though it will have a big impact on community feel and engagement. Making smaller, neighborhood elementary schools into much larger schools from a larger area will be a challenge to preserve the strong community ties the smaller neighborhood schools bring.	3/8/2026 1:18 PM
560	The initial scenario represents a bold attempt to address the mismatch between the number of facilities and the number of students that the District serves. While painful, it is clear that a significant number of facilities must either be repurposed to non-teaching spaces or closed.	3/8/2026 1:17 PM
561	Oak Grove Elementary is the crown jewel of Dekalb Schools and has been for many decades. People move to the district specifically to attend even when they plan to exit for private high	3/8/2026 1:15 PM

	school. Oak Grove is also a draw for special education and they were the first in Dekalb to embrace special education inclusion.	
562	I understand that some schools could benefit from being consolidated if they are severely under occupied and run down but Oak Grove is incredibly loved and they get a lot of support from parents and surrounding businesses.	3/8/2026 1:13 PM
563	I agree with the logic of closing facilities to reduce operating costs. However, some thought needs to given ro which schools close in order to not lose some of District's programs. For example, Midvale is an IB school. That program/pathway does not move to another school if it's closed. I think the District is right to have robust programs at the top of the triangle. I would agree that it is a higher priority than school size and costs. Do not effectively kill this IB program in Tucker by closing Midvale. Why should the Druid Hills cluster have two IB schools? Addtionally, Midvale is a neighborhood school in an established neighborhood. It would be detrimental to the neighborhood of that space functioned as anything else other than a school. Office space would be the worst.	3/8/2026 1:12 PM
564	It is hard to understand impact without indication of where students will end up and how that would be handled. The facilities themselves aren't S important as where will the affected students move, how will they be moved, what will districting look like and how changes would affect middle school and high school assignments.	3/8/2026 1:10 PM
565	I understand that there are more seats than children attending, but the answer to that is not to close schools that are thriving. Ashford Park Elementary is a booming school community, please don't close one of the few schools that is doing well	3/8/2026 1:09 PM
566	In past years, downward enrollment projections have been used to deny rebuilds and additions to schools. The projections were wrong and schools were left in extremely poor conditions. Why not determine and address causes for low enrollment and mismanagement of district funds to maximize money in DCSD instead of consolidating schools? Also, not enough specific info about what will be done with empty schools and what will determine what is done with them.	3/8/2026 1:09 PM
567	The consolidations look good and make sense.	3/8/2026 1:08 PM
568	- Evansdale's lot is bigger and provides more potential expansion space than neighboring schools for whom expansion has been recommended - Evansdale already has two playgrounds, a separate play field, and multiple parking lots. The space behind the school could accommodate additions while retaining ample room for play and parking. - Evansdale's enrollment is projected to increase to over 600 students by 2030	3/8/2026 1:07 PM
569	Evansdale should not be closed. It's on a large piece of property, has 2 playgrounds, has ample room to grow and its enrollment is projected to increase.	3/8/2026 1:05 PM
570	I hope the fact that Doraville United will be going to Chamblee Middle and then High doesn't mean the district end up eliminating a county-wide, cross-district magnet program from Chamblee. These very successful program is one of the best programs DCSD has to offer, and it delivers results every year. KIttredge, and the Chamblee middle and high, are top performers. Facilities and teachers are already built for these students' success. Magnet programs are elevating this district's performance and appeal among public education options in metro Atlanta. Maintaining strong academic pathways for motivated students should remain part of the district's long-term vision, regardless of how facilities and boundaries evolve.	3/8/2026 1:04 PM
571	I am supportive of keeping our current communities together in a common attendance zone. I do think closing some older facilities is a good idea as long as the communities stay together, the programming, funding and teacher to student ratio supports the needs of the students, and the facilities are not over capacity. I am also open to different grade banding or split feeders if that helps with any of the capacity and programming issues.	3/8/2026 1:00 PM
572	Oakgrove ES is one of the highest Performing ES in the state. To increase enrollment, consider renovating the school to take it out of the 1950s when it was built. Then perhaps less parents would be encouraged to send their kids to Globe or a private school.	3/8/2026 12:56 PM
573	As a high achiever magnet program parent, the last thing I want is undue tensions between magnet families and attendance zone area families. I think the magnet program should be expanded, using a closed or unused elementary building close to Dunwoody/Chamblee, another 4-6 building in the Lakeside/Tucker area and Wadsworth. Then, extensively renovate Henderson Middle's buildings and fields to be the High Achiever Magnet 7-12 for all three 4-6	3/8/2026 12:56 PM

	HA Magnet schools. This way there are no competing interests between attendance zone students and magnet students. If an area becomes overcrowded, the magnet program will be unaffected, as it is based on a lottery with set seats available. Henderson Middle is a former High School with a large football/soccer field and baseball field. It does require extensive renovations to become a world class magnet 7-12, but it is on property already owned by Dekalb in an easily accessible and central location for all three 4-6 magnet schools. Henderson Middle is currently underutilized and will become even more underutilized if Pleasantdale leaves the cluster. In this area, many families bypass Henderson Middle and choose to send their children to GLOBE or private schools for middle school, and then back to Lakeside for High School. The former Heritage/Globe site can be a junior high 7-8 for the Lakeside cluster in the absence of Henderson Middle.	
574	Our school, Oak Grove Elementary, is one of the star schools of the county. You need to consider factors other than real estate when making your plan. There are hundreds of students on the waiting list to come here. The community embrace of our school is tight. Don't break up a wonderful asset like Oak Grove Elementary for the sake of geography.	3/8/2026 12:53 PM
575	I think it is terrible to close so many schools including mine because schools are like a community.	3/8/2026 12:49 PM
576	I would prefer small schools that we pay more for than large schools for less. Reason is small environments promote better learning for kids.	3/8/2026 12:48 PM
577	I am opposed to the plan that would, in essence, eliminate our neighborhood schools.	3/8/2026 12:46 PM
578	I think school closures will cause an unfair increase to class sizes at the schools that remain open.	3/8/2026 12:46 PM
579	I would prefer not to shut down and/or split up staff from a well rated and highly regarded school. Would keep intact Oak Grove and any other that meets those criteria. Area schools give children an introduction to community.	3/8/2026 12:44 PM
580	Oak Grove ES is at 88% utilization which is what the district says it wants. Enrollment at OGES has increased the past four years. As an itinerant teacher serving students with special needs, it is a challenge to find space at OGES. Where will these students be served? The closest schools, Briarlake and Sagamore Hills can't absorb Oak Grove students.	3/8/2026 12:43 PM
581	The consolidation seems like a good idea, when it comes to not having to spread funds thin. But, how will consolidation affect students in other living further away and bus travel times?	3/8/2026 12:37 PM
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583	Evansdale Elem has the acreage to expand and unlike some other schools in the county has a growing enrollment.	3/8/2026 12:34 PM
584	We believe that the smaller school sizes are critical to achieving enhanced performance of students. The maps provided are extremely difficult to read even with a magnifying glass. one of the items mentioned is that commuting times will be decreased, but I don't see that is likely in the plan that is currently possible to visualize. The school clusters seem to be massive, and the current buildings in the area of Oak Grove Elementary have all been neglected for far too long. There needs to be a major investment in the buildings in this area to make this attractive. Right now, the Oak Grove Elementary school building is old, but it offers a small environment with excellent teachers where students can excel. If you move students to a different school with much larger enrollment, but the facilities are still out of date, I don't see how that could possibly be successful.	3/8/2026 12:30 PM
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586	Will not be able to withstand consolidation. Already needs major renovation.	3/8/2026 12:29 PM
587	I disagree with Oak Grove Elementary on the possible closure list. Our community is an active and involved partner in Dekalb County education.	3/8/2026 12:24 PM
588	I don't understand the reason why three of the top performing elementary schools in the district are slated for closing. Oak Grove, Ashford Park and Vanderlyn are some of the best performing elementary schools. You should be figuring out ways to copy what they are doing and increase enrollment in the better schools, not shuttering them. Feels like DCSD wants to punish schools and neighborhoods that have performed well.	3/8/2026 12:24 PM
589	I feel that it is taking a big step in the right direction	3/8/2026 12:16 PM
590	Evansdale's lot size is larger than the other schools recommended for family.	3/8/2026 12:13 PM

591	Please keep Oak Grove Elementary	3/8/2026 12:10 PM
592	I don’t support Kinsley and Vanderlin being closed. Dunwoody is a growing area and by closing 2 schools there will be overcrowding.	3/8/2026 12:05 PM
593	The schools slated for expansion and the schools slated for closure make no sense. Evansdale’s property is 10.1 acres, bigger than neighboring schools that SAP has determined should be expanded. Evansdale also has a great space for expansion: a large separate play field, a playground in front and a playground in back. There is easily enough room for a needed building expansion in the back without losing out on important play space and parking spaces. Evansdale also has the highest forecasted utilization in the Lakeside cluster. Why make parents travel further to a school whose immediate attendance area is going down when Evansdale’s own attendance is projected to increase? SAP data projects attendance of Evansdale at 600 by 2030: the “magic number” for efficiency as stated by HPM. Evansdale is also not on a main road, so it doesn’t clog up traffic. It can also accommodate plenty of cars in its parking lots along with street parking, as Evansdale takes up two sides of a neighborhood block. Many of these schools need updating. This plan is a harsh and unnecessary reaction to DCSD’s failure to maintain its schools throughout the years. DCSD should be maintaining and renovating schools throughout the years, not all at once. Each cluster has at least one DCSD-owned empty school that kids could move into while a school is being renovated.	3/8/2026 12:00 PM
594	It is a huge mistake to propose closing Evansdale elementary. This is a strong performing school despite being a Title 1 school. This is due in large part to its location in the community and its French Immersion program. The French teachers at Evansdale and Henderson have build a strong French Immersion program here and have strong ties to this community. This is a very tight-knit community because of this program and location in the neighborhood, where a large proportion of kids walk to school. Evansdale is a perfect location for an elementary school, and it would make sense to expand Evansdale rather than close it. Evansdale has a much bigger lot size than other schools recommended for expansion, and has a large play field, 2 playgrounds, and multiple parking lots. Its location within the neighborhood also means it could handle increased traffic during pickup and drop off. Also, Evansdale enrollment is projected to increase to over 600 by 2030. It makes much more sense to keep Evansdale as an elementary school. Closing this school would destroy an excellent Title 1 school with a thriving French immersion program	3/8/2026 11:58 AM
595	No consolidation should be allowed under any circumstances	3/8/2026 11:57 AM
596	I just hope that when consolidating schools the demographics and cultural needs of the community are taken into consideration. We have plenty of historical examples of conflicts that arise due to changing boundaries. This should not be ignored, even when we are trying to preserve funding and account for future needs within the district.	3/8/2026 11:57 AM
597	The closing of Oak Grove Elementary would depreciate home prices in the surrounding neighborhood which would lower real estate taxes and significantly impact tax revenues for Dekalb County	3/8/2026 11:55 AM
598	I think it is too aggressive for the timeline and student shortage presented. I believe the current consolidation plan will have significant negative impacts on graduation rates and therefore crime in Dekalb communities. I believe those impacts negatively outweigh any positive impact the community will receive from increased funding, programming and improved facility maintenance. The negative impacts to traffic are also not being accurately depicted. The impacts to road traffic are being depicted as a net positive which is impossible when shifting from small, neighborhood schools to large, spread out clusters of fewer schools. Walkability will be reduced dramatically with this proposal.	3/8/2026 11:53 AM
599	Closing schools is a tough choice to make, but it is a financial reality of the current DCSD enrollment and financial situation. Our schools are not full, and they are not optimized for size to efficiently use our county resources. It is important that we pull the band aid off and reduce the number of buildings in the county we are maintaining and distribute students efficiently to their local schools. I understand everyone loves their local school, but we must make this change to survive financially over the next decades. The specific changes to schools don't matter as much to me as the actual consolidations and fiscal savings need to really happen so that our district can be healthy financially.	3/8/2026 11:51 AM
600	Don’t close oak grove elementary	3/8/2026 11:46 AM
601	I do not like the possibility of my sons’ school closing and separating them from their	3/8/2026 11:45 AM

	community they've been a part of their whole life	
602	I think it's a great idea to consolidate and make schools more efficient following a model like Gwinnett. We need to free up funding to allow more hiring of teachers and reduce class sizes. Too much money is wasted on jobs in the district that do not trickle down to actually supporting students and teachers in the classroom.	3/8/2026 11:44 AM
603	Love that the district is looking at ways to align capacity to enrollment and figuring out ways to best use the money that's available.	3/8/2026 11:40 AM
604	Evansdale needs to be renovated, expanded, and maintained as a neighborhood school!	3/8/2026 11:37 AM
605	I think there would be less impact on the communities if elementary schools that were located in neighborhoods were closed first. Like Hawthorne elementary. To close a forward facing elementary school like Henderson Mill ES gives a bad look to DCSS and I believe it will deter more families away from public school.	3/8/2026 11:35 AM
606	Please be mindful of ALL the situations that these changes may bring to the neighborhood and the students	3/8/2026 11:34 AM
607	Consolidations are necessary, however, the initial outline appears to be closing higher performing / attended schools - such as Oakgrove ES vs Briarcliff ES	3/8/2026 11:31 AM
608	Don't want consolidation	3/8/2026 11:30 AM
609	I have no concerns but wondering where will students in the Cedar Grove cluster go since the schools may close. Will any of those students be reassigned to McNair High?	3/8/2026 11:30 AM
610	I do not think it is a wise plan. I think it will negatively impact the learning experience of many students. It will also negatively impact the quality of life for many DeKalb families - fewer schools means more hours and miles commuting and more traffic congestion. If low enrollment is the issue, perhaps DCSD could focus on improving issues that are driving families away from public schools - making sure that students have access to necessary services (including recess), that class sizes are small enough for effective instruction, that schools are clean and well maintained, and that teachers and staff are supported.	3/8/2026 11:30 AM
611	Bad for the neighborhood and bad for the schools, we have a great school with tons of parent participation, if you close our schools parents will seek private or charter schools in my opinion	3/8/2026 11:29 AM
612	The district needs to do whatever is most fiscally responsible, regardless of what closures or consolidations that entails.	3/8/2026 11:28 AM
613	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). My street in the Oak Grove district has seen the construction of 8 new homes in the past several years, all of which were purchased by families with several young children. There is additional land available for construction so more new homes will be coming. Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additonal elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion •	3/8/2026 11:28 AM

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614	This appears to be more about money than kids. Closing schools will cause kids to have longer times on buses and parent delays traveling farther to get their kids. Bigger schools may save money and be more efficient but there is a loss of community for parents, children and the community at large.	3/8/2026 11:26 AM
615	First off, I know this scenario looks at everything county wide. I do not think a one size fits all approach is best in this case. Different clusters have different needs to help make everyone as successful as possible. As a parent in the Dunwoody cluster, I am writing to strongly oppose the current proposal to consolidate to three Elementary schools. While I support fiscal efficiency, the plan to consolidate into 'mega-schools' by closing two of our five elementary schools is strategically flawed and educationally detrimental. I propose a four-school model that keeps Kingsley open for the following reasons: 1. Infrastructure Reality vs. Closing Narrative: The district's 2025 Educational Adequacy Report explicitly classifies Kingsley as an 'Elementary Model 1' facility with a 600+ seat capacity and a high adequacy score of 75.0%. The data you are presenting to the community shows a significantly lower capacity which is completely incorrect. While the district may currently cite a lower 'programmatic' enrollment, your own 2025 data confirms the building has the physical shell to accommodate a significant portion of the overcapacity within the cluster. Furthermore, the September 2025 Quarterly Status Report confirms that design drawings for our HVAC system are 100% complete. It is fiscally irresponsible to abandon an engineered, high-adequacy building to fund 'mega-school' construction elsewhere that will cost triple the amount. 2. The Failure of 'Mega-Schools' for Early Learners: Consolidating into only three very large schools ignores research showing that elementary students thrive in personalized environments (400–500 students). Smaller environments are vital for the social-emotional development of young children. Larger schools lead to student alienation and lower parental engagement. This is particularly damaging for high-minority and English Language Learner (ELL) populations, who greatly benefit from the high visibility and teacher-to-student ratios found in mid-sized schools. In a 700+ student facility, these foundational learners are statistically more likely to be overlooked. 3. Intentional Equity through Boundary Reform: The 'declining enrollment' cited is an artificial result of boundaries that haven't been adjusted to reflect modern demographics. Multiple other schools in our cluster are currently operating well above capacity, while Kingsley has 600+ seat potential. Instead of closing a high-functioning school, the district must implement boundary reform to balance affluent and less-affluent zones. This is the only way to ensure every child in the cluster has a fair and equal chance to succeed in a right-sized, diverse environment. Conclusion: I urge the board to adopt a four-school model for the Dunwoody cluster. Reinvest in the May 2026 HVAC project, utilize Kingsley's larger seat capacity through boundary reform, and protect the small-school environments that are proven to support all students.	3/8/2026 11:23 AM
616	I am deeply unhappy with the idea of Vanderlyn closing. My husband and I bought our home with the intent of sending our kids there, and losing that would really cause us to rethink where we want our kids to grow up. These small elementary schools are crucial for maintaining strong, safe, supportive communities. We will lose that if our kids are redirected to a mega school.	3/8/2026 11:21 AM
617	I believe that Oak Grove should not be on the list because it is a vibrant and active school that is embedded in the community and important to the area.	3/8/2026 11:20 AM
618	Just, no. This seems to have no consideration of socioeconomic factors (housing costs) and will disproportionately and negatively affect lower income families.	3/8/2026 11:20 AM
619	Closing Oak Grove Elementary would have a devastating impact on our neighborhood. We have been a blue ribbon school since I moved here 20 years ago. Maintaining a local school is critical for our neighborhood to thrive.	3/8/2026 11:18 AM
620	My initial reaction is that Towers and Columbia High Schools are known rivals and have gang activity that would make learning a issue for students because of past experiences in the neighborhoods.	3/8/2026 11:16 AM

621	Closing Evansdale will lower property values.	3/8/2026 11:14 AM
622	Please do not close our local school OGE that is walking distance from our home	3/8/2026 11:10 AM
623	OGE is already at 88% utilization and projected 487 students in 2026-27. So it does not underutilized.	3/8/2026 11:09 AM
624	I believe consolidating certain schools can be a positive step, provided that job security for faculty and staff is guaranteed. Looking at the bigger picture, a more fluid and flexible operational model—even after consolidation—can help mitigate deep-seated institutional issues and foster a more democratic atmosphere. This transition should not be limited to 'hardware' changes (the physical buildings). Unless this is used as an opportunity to upgrade the 'software'—restructuring the school to be more democratic and centered around the students and the entire community (including teachers)—the change will be incomplete.	3/8/2026 11:08 AM
625	Kelly Lake is such a pillar in the Kelly Lake Community. I do not believe it should be considered on the consolidation list. The things the faculty and staff do with the kids there are phenomenal and with the area expanding, I do not believe it will be beneficial to students or parents to consolidate. That school has been keeping the area safe and sound for years and hopefully years to come.	3/8/2026 11:04 AM
626	The scenarios are confusing because they look like some areas would leave students without instructional facilities, and the commute is still longer with the current bus driver shortage.	3/8/2026 10:57 AM
627	Consolidation decisions should carefully consider the impact on younger elementary students. Schools with very large enrollments (1,000+ students) may create challenges with supervision, transportation, and maintaining a strong sense of school community. Elementary students often benefit from smaller, neighborhood-based environments where staff can build strong relationships with families and students. If consolidations occur, it will be important to ensure that facilities, staffing, and support systems can maintain a safe and supportive learning environment for students.I understand the district’s concern about having significantly more building capacity than current enrollment and the desire to concentrate resources so that students have access to stronger programs and opportunities. At the same time, consolidating a large number of schools—particularly elementary schools—could create very large campuses that may be difficult for younger students. Schools with enrollments approaching or exceeding 1,000 students may present challenges related to supervision, transportation, and maintaining a strong sense of school community. Elementary students often benefit from smaller environments where staff can build strong relationships with students and families. As future proposals are developed, it may be helpful to carefully consider how school size impacts the learning environment for younger students.	3/8/2026 10:55 AM
628	I believe that neighborhood schools within smaller communito provide the best environment for learning.	3/8/2026 10:54 AM
629	Oak Grove elementary school	3/8/2026 10:53 AM
630	I would like to recommend keeping and expanding the Evansdale Elementary School. My children are grown and gone but I realize the impact to the community for the school to close. The property at Evansdale is 10.1 acres. It is substantially larger than many others and offers easy room for expansion. The traffic pattern would accommodate an increase as it takes up two sides of a large neighborhood block. The school has ample parking and multiple playgrounds. The surrounding neighborhood is projected to have an increase in the number of children in the coming years.	3/8/2026 10:50 AM
631	Overcrowding of schools decreases opportunities for learning and growth. It also opens up more safety concerns.	3/8/2026 10:41 AM
632	Closing an elementary school, Oak Grove ES, with high parent and community support, including volunteer and financial support, apparently because it is borderline too small is a hard pill to swallow, especially not having any idea to where the community would be transferred or how it might be split up. PreK-Elementary age kids are also least well equipped to prosper in larger schools where they may feel lost or intimidated.	3/8/2026 10:39 AM
633	I support the Brookhaven community’s strong support of the public school system now and for many, many years to come therefore, I support the following position… keeping our trajectory in the Chamblee MS and HS cluster, and the pathway of closing the Ashford Park Elementary School facility as a neighborhood school, and shifting the Ashford Park Elementary attendance	3/8/2026 10:35 AM

	zone to the current John Lewis Elementary facility, and preserve our (current attendance zone) Chamblee Cluster.	
634	High school enrollment should be reviewed separately before considering the closure or consolidation of any high school. In a large district like DeKalb County School District (DCSD), maintaining at least a 15% enrollment buffer below capacity is important to accommodate future growth, since building new schools cannot happen quickly if student numbers increase. Currently, many high schools are already facing classroom shortages, with classes holding 30–35 students, indicating that space is already stretched. Merging one high school with another could further increase class sizes and overcrowding, creating additional challenges for both students and teachers. Therefore, careful consideration of enrollment and classroom capacity is essential before making consolidation decisions.	3/8/2026 10:35 AM
635	My children are at Montgomery ES, a school slotted for expansion. As multiple classes and activities are already in trailers, I wonder what would happen for student learning while construction is happening. For those parents re-locating to a new school, I'm sure distance to the new school will be of concern. Buses are a huge consideration for us. Would not want to have to be at bus stop any earlier for elementary-- its already very early.	3/8/2026 10:33 AM
636	As a parent of kids that attend Ashford Park, ineoukd support the closure of this school and shifting the population to John Lewis Elementary ONLY as long as the change preserves the school cluster currently in place, feeding to Chamblee MS and HS. We have been in Brookhaven for 12 years, bought a house here, built a house, and have built community, including through the parent association at Ashford park. We live here and contribute in meaningful ways to the community and public schools and do not want to see that community dismantled.	3/8/2026 10:30 AM
637	I understand the need for consolidation and evaluating the decision with economics in mind. However, top performing schools should not be eliminated. I fear performance of DCSD students as a whole will drop if top performing schools like Oak Grove Elementary are closed. Instead, figure out what makes this school special and try to implement that at other schools. As an aside, my family would not have moved to DeKalb County from Gwinnett County if Oak Grove Elementary did not exist. Keep high performing schools in operation.	3/8/2026 10:30 AM
638	I was upset that the selected schools to be consolidated well affect my home school zone.	3/8/2026 10:27 AM
639	Initially, my reaction is it's a LOT. I understand that keeping schools open when enrollment falls below a certain level is not sustainable, but without fully understanding why enrollment is falling, I don't think you can make long-term decisions. I also think there is a LOT that the district needs to do to audit itself on the county-wide level. There is mistrust over the use of funds and some of the staff brought with Horton. If you're not consolidating and saving funds and correcting those problems first, we cannot trust that you're making sound decisions for the schools. Why would the administration need more office space and more staff if enrollment is falling and the district is shrinking. Also, to suggest closing schools that are in the process of being renovated seems like a huge waste of funds as well. Somewhere along the way, the processes didn't speak to each other, and there needs to be more integration in the processes --- like IB curriculum!	3/8/2026 10:23 AM
640	Dear SAP Committee Members, While I understand the District faces real operational challenges, I urge the Committee to weigh the full community impact of this decision — and to ensure that any outcome preserves what matters most to our families: a connected community and access to a high-quality, college-preparatory educational pathway. Our School, Our Community Ashford Park Elementary is more than a building — it is the foundation of our neighborhood's educational community. Families have chosen to live in this area, in part, because of the school community it anchors. The relationships formed among students, families, and teachers at Ashford Park are not easily replicated and represent years of investment by everyone involved. Closure and redistricting could scatter our children across schools outside our neighborhood, disrupting friendships, family routines, and the sense of shared community that is central to a healthy school environment. We ask the Committee to recognize that community cohesion is in and of itself an educational asset. The Chamblee Cluster Pathway Is Critical to Our Children's Futures Ashford Park is currently assigned to the Chamblee cluster, which feeds into Chamblee Middle School and Chamblee Charter High School. This pathway offers: • A rigorous, high-performing academic environment with strong test scores and graduation outcomes • Access to Advanced Placement (AP) courses that prepare students for college and competitive university admissions • A consistent, well-established pipeline from elementary through high school that families can plan around with confidence We are deeply concerned that redistricting could move us out of this cluster, the	3/8/2026 10:19 AM

	academic path that we planned our lives around, and move the community across multiple groups. This is not a matter of preference — it is a matter of educational equity. Families who have planned for a Chamblee-cluster path could face an involuntary reduction in the opportunities available to their children through no fault of their own. Acknowledging the District's Concerns We recognize that the District has cited legitimate operational concerns: Ashford Park is a small school, it is over capacity, and its building is older and less efficient. We do not dismiss these factors. However, we ask the Committee to consider that these are infrastructure challenges — ones that may have infrastructure solutions — rather than reasons to dismantle a thriving academic community. Before finalizing any closure recommendation, we urge the Committee to explore alternatives, including: • Renovating or replacing the Ashford Park facility on its current site, preserving the community and cluster assignment • Constructing a new, appropriately sized school building within the Ashford Park attendance zone • Merging Ashford Park with an adjacent school while maintaining the Chamblee cluster assignment for all affected students • Any redistricting that keeps the Ashford Park community together and preserves their Chamblee cluster pathway Our Specific Requests to the Committee If the Committee proceeds with any changes affecting Ashford Park Elementary, we respectfully request the following: • Preserve community cohesion. Keep Ashford Park students together, rather than fragmenting them across multiple schools. • Guarantee the Chamblee cluster assignment. Any redistricted Ashford Park students must retain their guaranteed pathway to Chamblee Middle School and Chamblee Charter High School. • Ensure AP and Program access. Any receiving school must offer comparable academic rigor and special programs that are available in the current Chamblee cluster pathway. • Provide full transparency. Share proposed redistricting maps and cluster assignments before any decision is finalized, with sufficient time for community input. • Explore building solutions first. Exhaust options to address the physical facility before concluding that closure is the only path forward. We understand that the District must balance many competing priorities across DeKalb County, and we respect the difficulty of that work. Our community is not asking for special treatment — we are asking to not be made worse off by a process intended to improve the system overall. The building can be replaced. The community, and the educational opportunities our children depend on, cannot be as easily restored once broken. We ask the Committee to give these concerns the weight they deserve as you deliberate. Thank you for your time and consideration.	
641	Oak Grove Elementary is not only a fantastic school, but a key part of the community. While small, consolidating it into another school would have a significant negative community impact.	3/8/2026 10:18 AM
642	Keep Oak Grove Elementary. It is a central part of our community.	3/8/2026 10:17 AM
643	Against closing of Lakeside High feeder schools, especially Evansdale Elementary School. That school has been embedded in the community for over 50 years. It is a centrally located elementary school which should accept students from Midvale or Henderson Mill Elementary if those close. We need to stay in the Lakeside High district. We fear overcrowding under the current plan. We also would eliminate the ability for new families to move in to the area if our schools are forced to be at full capacity and in areas where children have a 20-30 minute commute. Keep our community whole.	3/8/2026 10:17 AM
644	It is unclear to me how a school that is identified for potential expansion is able to accommodate the expansion. For example, Laurel Ridge classes already feel large at about 24 students with one teacher in my children’s classes. Would an expansion make each class closer to 30 students or more? or would the building be physically modified to accommodate more classrooms per grade? I certainly appreciate the long term planning and SAP goals; I also want to better understand the specific impact on individual class sizes and how many students our teachers are asked to support in their respective rooms because it is much harder to support our students’ individual needs as the class size increases.	3/8/2026 10:17 AM
645	Consolidate grades is a good idea	3/8/2026 10:16 AM
646	n/a	3/8/2026 10:13 AM
647	I strongly oppose the proposed closure of Oak Elementary in the initial facilities scenario. • Oak Grove is not a school families attend by default; it is a primary driver for people moving into the area. Families specifically choose this community to access the school’s proven academic excellence and leadership, making it a cornerstone of local property values and stability. • Our school is the heartbeat of a uniquely engaged neighborhood. Through the PTA and Oak Grove Foundation, parents provide massive volunteer hours and financial support that significantly offsets district costs, creating a high-functioning partnership that should be	3/8/2026 10:12 AM

	modeled, not dismantled. • Unlike the underutilization challenges cited elsewhere, Oak Grove is nearly full, operating at ~85% capacity with a projected 96% by 2026. With a waitlist of over 200 students (including 100+ kindergarteners), the demand is sustained and growing. • Disrupting a high-performing, self-sustaining school contradicts the SAP's goal of improving academic quality. The district should prioritize addressing true underutilization while preserving successful, in-demand schools that have the overwhelming support of the families who moved here for them.	
648	We are greatly enjoying Oak Grove and the community there.	3/8/2026 10:11 AM
649	The facility scenario and SAP and HPM's proposal of it was supposed to be on simply whether the facility was to close or not. The SAP meetings have devolved into stating, now, what those facilities may be used for in the future. That is scope creep. It' also important to understand that the decisions being made carry a lot of weight to a family's personal plans around moving, signing up for open enrollment. For this reason, it's critical that SAP tells the community WHY a school is not on an expansion list, or WHY an ES is being converted into an MS. The district should, if anything, expand the open enrollment option for parents to allow them to have their kids attend the more convenient school, which may not be the school SAP decides to move that neighborhood. In the far NE, FountainBleau neighborhood, the three remaining schools (AES, DES, Chesnut), are all equally far away. There's also no discussion around the Magnet schools (Kitteridge) and their future. Communities should have enrichment schools like Kitteridge or Woodward within an acceptable driving distance to any part of the county. A school more than 30 minutes from communities (on a good day) is unacceptable; if schools like Kingsley are set to shutter, they need to consider converting those into magnet schools. The consultant HPM, needs to do a better job at conveying the WHYs to the communities. Answers to the FAQs change frequently and the consultant is doing a poor job demonstrating they are capable of handling the needs of a school district like this one. HPM reps stating something works because it was done well "for a rural school district in Iowa", if anything, decreases my confidence that they are considering the needs and educational demands of our district, which couldn't be any more different than their cited precedence.	3/8/2026 10:07 AM
650	The student to teacher ratio will be too high.	3/8/2026 10:05 AM
651	I like that LRES will stay open.	3/8/2026 10:04 AM
652	I understand you built Pleasantdale and need to fill it. And dismantling and closing schools in the neighborhoods closest to it is the only way.	3/8/2026 10:01 AM
653	Oak Grove elementary being on the draft list for possible closure is a mistake.	3/8/2026 9:55 AM
654	DCSD should continue not close schools. Neighborhood schools are critical to learning. Community is critical to learning. Closing schools simply because of population metrics is anti-education. In fact, outcomes get better with smaller classrooms. DCSD receives over 1B annually in tax paid revenue. If anything needs to be closed, it is administrative offices.	3/8/2026 9:55 AM
655	In my opinion the release of the consolidation plan has caused confusion and frustration.	3/8/2026 9:54 AM
656	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district’s goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake’s current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake’s enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory	3/8/2026 9:48 AM

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657	Terrible idea to close Evansdale. It’s one of the few high performing elementary schools and loosing it would be a terrible hit to our neighborhood and community.	3/8/2026 9:47 AM
658	Please don’t close Btockett Elementary School. Thank you.	3/8/2026 9:43 AM
659	Absolutely not. All a bunch of mess. Our younger kids should not have to be downsized out of their neighborhood schools or mixed in with teens. We shouldn't have to trade off anything on the triangle.	3/8/2026 9:43 AM
660	You can’t consider buildings without considering the school. Closing a school significantly over capacity (Ashford Park, 830 enrollment) is not the same need as what is happening in the southern aspect of the district. Would love to see an evaluation of why there is such a disparity between quality of education and school ratings across the district (Chamblee vs Cross Keys). APES building is for sure terrible- but in order the building to be repurposed it will have to be renovated. So close the school- still have to spend the money to fix the building. The lot is big enough to rebuild onsite while keeping the current building in use. APES is a pillar of the community. Save our school, please.	3/8/2026 9:42 AM
661	I just don’t agree with school closing down. And combine the school together	3/8/2026 9:41 AM
662	Oak Grove Elementary has been a fantastic school with a very active parent group and foundation. Elementary school-aged number of children ebb and flow in a neighborhood as demographics and movement patterns change. These are typically cyclic patterns, and therefore, a medium to long-term forecast is needed before making such an important decision. It takes a significant number of years to build a school at the quality level of Oak Grove Elementary. It would be a huge loss, not only to the community, but to the entire county, if it was closed.	3/8/2026 9:41 AM
663	Dear Members of the DeKalb County Board of Education, We were very surprised and deeply disappointed to learn Oak Grove Elementary (OGE) is listed for closure. Our child has attended OGE since pre-K, and our family has been very involved with the school community. We have also had children at Globe Academy and St. Martin’s Episcopal School, so we have had direct comparisons on what makes a strong school and culture. OGE continues to stand out. OGE has exceeded our expectations for a local elementary school. Teacher dedication and parent involvement are outstanding. Our child is thriving academically and socially in this environment; changing or closing the school will dilute the community engagement and erode the culture that supports students’ learning and well-being. Closing OGE would harm students, families, and the broader community. We respectfully ask the Board to reconsider this decision and explore alternatives such as adjusted redistricting, targeted budget reallocations, partnerships, or other cost-saving measures that preserve OGE. We also request an opportunity to meet with Board members or staff to discuss options and share community input. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, John Michael Doyle	3/8/2026 9:40 AM
664	I understand the need based on the country being under the capacity. What happens if we had a sudden influx of kids? Either from other counties or out of state?	3/8/2026 9:39 AM
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666	To uproot children from their school should seriously be reconsidered! Some students have little or no stability anywhere else in their lives. There have to be other answers!	3/8/2026 9:34 AM
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668	Consolidation does not serve the children and overloading classes will reduce the quality of the education. It will also reduce the home values in Oak Grove Elementary) and the idea of combining six through 12th grade is really unrealistic as far as the development of the children.	3/8/2026 9:32 AM
669	I'm against it. We should invest in renovating the schools, not closing them.	3/8/2026 9:30 AM

670	I don’t think Evansdale should close. We moved here because it is a good school.	3/8/2026 9:27 AM
671	We moved into this area because of Evansdale and the school district and have come to love the community that has come with the neighborhoods.	3/8/2026 8:58 AM
672	nice	3/8/2026 8:53 AM
673	I cannot make an informed decision. What you have released so far is 25% of a plan. If a school closes WHERE DO THE CHILDREN GO??Obviously no one wants their child's school to close. This round of feedback completely pointless. The implications could be good or bad depending on the details.	3/8/2026 8:48 AM
674	At present Oak Grove Elementary meets the district's utilization target at about 89% with a projection of about 96% next year. Since Covid enrollment is increasing.	3/8/2026 8:47 AM
675	Neighborhoods should stay together. Splitting up kids who live in the same neighborhood and have built bonds should not be split.	3/8/2026 8:45 AM
676	Unwell don’t want my kids school to be closed	3/8/2026 8:45 AM
677	Oak Grove is paramount to the neighborhood and community. The county should keep it open and invest funds in upgrading the facilities at all schools.	3/8/2026 8:42 AM
678	I do not like the idea of having so many students at one school, takes away from the community feel. Also to many students in one classroom would not be effective for the teachers or the students learning	3/8/2026 8:39 AM
679	I am concerned about the potential closing of Oak Grove Elementary	3/8/2026 8:39 AM
680	Areas where enrollment is low should be the focus of the financial efforts and studies. New facilities that would be conveniently located to families in the attendance zones of underutilized schools could be concentrated into one centralized location/facility. They do not need to be mega schools, they would just fill seats to a comfortable capacity while cutting down on the financial drain of multiple under-attended, overrun schools. To close schools in clusters that the county has already invested their resources in for building improvements would have a negative impact in numerous ways. 1. It would be a waste of funds that could be put towards educational improvements, program enhancements, and support for teachers which could in turn encourage teacher retainment. 2. In many areas such as Tucker, young families are moving into affordable neighborhoods and are invested in their community and the smaller neighborhood schools. 3. Smaller schools that see each individual child and their needs builds our children’s confidence and morale to enable them to succeed in higher education. A mega-school with thousands of children is a model where each child is just another seat in a building. My child walks into Midvale everyday and is greeted by name by everyone from the staff member in the carpool lane to the principal. In turn they know each staff member, develop relationships with adults through out the building, and are able to go to someone at any time, with any concern whether it be curriculum questions or emotional/social support.	3/8/2026 8:37 AM
681	The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made.	3/8/2026 8:30 AM
682	I worry about how the forecast of future enrollments was completed. Do we know what factors have been driving the declining enrollment? In understand the need to close under utilized schools but I worry about over extending existing schools as I feel our current school is at an ideal (although not maximum) enrollment. I don't think the goal is to reach maximum capacity of schools as that doesn't allow room for error in the forecasts.	3/8/2026 8:29 AM
683	I understand and support the need to address overcrowding at Dunwoody High School. I recognize that Vanderlyn’s proximity to the high school places our campus within a broader facilities planning conversation. I also recognize that the district has framed SAP around enrollment trends and utilization. Any proposal should clearly demonstrate how those metrics are being applied at the cluster level. The combined Vanderlyn and Dunwoody High School campus presents an opportunity to explore thoughtful, phased solutions that address secondary capacity while preserving elementary access. The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made. Vanderlyn is a diverse, academically strong, and	3/8/2026 8:28 AM

	inclusive community. Preserving stable elementary environments while solving high school challenges aligns with district priorities. I would welcome collaboration between district leaders and both school communities to explore campus-level solutions that address high school capacity while preserving the Vanderlyn community.	
684	I cannot give an opinion on this scenario without being able to 1) independently vet and analyze the anticipated construction costs vs administrative savings of this plan, which SAP has not provided, 2) evaluate the plan of where these students will go, which SAP has also not provided, and 3) evaluate how the District will reinvest any savings into improving student outcomes, which SAP has not provided. Without this information, I cannot form an opinion on this scenario. I understand the need for a consolidation plan of some sort, but this isn't something I can comment on or form an opinion on yet. I'd like to learn more about K-8 options in Area 1, but Chesnut and Peachtree right next door to each other doesn't lend itself to that as an option in our area. See below re: why differing grade bands throughout the district (including special programs) is an inequitable approach to public education.	3/8/2026 8:28 AM
685	It is irresponsible to close schools when the remaining schools operate with mobile classrooms. You dont have excess of seats, but you want to create one. Closing some of the best schools, such as oak grove, is a travesty. Keep neighborhood schools on the neighborhood.	3/8/2026 8:26 AM
686	This is extremely confusing to react to, especially considering that some of the school buildings that house magnet programs were completely left off the plan. That said, while I understand the need to close and consolidate some of the schools, it seems that there has been quite a bit of growth in the northern end of the district. This plan seems quite confusing given overcrowded schools such as Ashford Park are being recommend to close. Without building new facilities, where exactly are you planning to send the nearly 800 students while keeping to your promise of not breaking up communities? I also think it's odd that you are proposing to close schools, but will just leave them in place. Wouldn't it make more sense in some cases to sell the properties and use the funds to build new schools/facilities in areas where growth is happening versus putting money into keep existing buildings/land?	3/8/2026 8:25 AM
687	Do not close Evansdale Elementary. Has very strong neighborhood support and identity. Has room for expansion.	3/8/2026 8:24 AM
688	Evansdale elementary enrollment is expected to increase. It is a great school with unique language immersion opportunities.	3/8/2026 8:22 AM
689	I am deeply angered by the proposed plan to close Evansdale Elementary school. Both of my daughters attended Evansdale and it is the bedrock of our neighborhood. Several of my neighbors specifically moved to this area so their young children could attend Evansdale. Your plan to close Evansdale is deeply disruptive and would ruin all the hard work we have done to build & foster an environment where good teachers want to stay (due to adult volunteering, plentiful teacher appreciation programs, financial support for teacher improvement programs, & parent donations to school foundations). Your idea of consolidating schools has fundamental flaws, particularly for elementary students. Consolidation for efficiency is a concept that works for factories, not the education of young children. Young children need small, supportive communities where they are known widely and held accountable. Large schools allow kids to be lost (academically, emotionally) and make it harder for parents & volunteers to positively support the school (volunteer ship gets diluted when mixed with schools that have less parent involvement and a distant school would make it harder for parents to attend as frequently). Furthermore, Evansdale is a growing school. Why close it? Clearly, it is a model of what's working in your district. KEEP IT OPEN. Let them continue the good work they started.	3/8/2026 8:20 AM
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691	Vanderlyn should remain open. It is a high performing school and will be the only smaller elementary school in our area. That is very important to some children who need the smaller environment. People buy houses in that district to assist their children who need a smaller school	3/8/2026 8:06 AM
692	I do not want Oak Grove Elementary closed or repurposed. It’s community fixture, we’re excited to send our kids there, and one of the main reasons we moved to the area.	3/8/2026 8:00 AM
693	I think that school closures in the initial scenario make sense even though many families feel strongly about their local schools. Redistricting is never easy on families, but some schools must close. I do think that this plan will result in over-crowding at some schools that will be detrimental to everyone. DCSD has the infrastructure to have every student in an appropriately maintained school building and yet this plan continues to rely on portable classrooms in aging schools.	3/8/2026 7:49 AM
694	I do not think DCSD is capable of executing such a complex development program. I understand the reasons why, but paying a consultant $6M / year to study it and then executing it are two different things.	3/8/2026 7:42 AM
695	I understand the financial considerations and in general support the efforts to consolidate schools. With a terrible building, Kittredge’s building should have also been on the list for upgrades, expansion, or consolidation if that program is expanding or moving elsewhere.	3/8/2026 7:33 AM
696	Large schools treat students like cattle and not people. Yes older schools may need to be renovated or expanded, but children are thriving in smaller class sizes and unique programs.	3/8/2026 7:30 AM
697	It doesn’t make sense to me why high performing, over enrolled elementary schools are proposed to be closed. Closing a school like that does not mean those students will go to the other public school assigned to them - I think a lot of these students will go to private school and you’ll see families move where there are schools with an established success/higher rating. Schools like Ashford Park and Vanderlyn have strong communities, parent support/PTO, and engagement in day to day activities for students. If these families/kids go to another school these support networks wont be recreated, even after 10-20 years because these schools have decades of support layering upon each other. I attended over enrolled schools from 3-12 grades and I’ve seen over the past 30 years that the best scenario was to renovate those schools - yes, the cost seems like a barrier since there are newer facility schools in the district, but you cannot recreate a successful, thriving school with just a facility. It’s about teacher satisfaction, parent engagement, community involvement, etc which in my experience with another school district, just doesn’t translate over when a decision that is not community driven is taken. Lots of students walk to Ashford Park Elementary and the community was built around it - lots of families/students for play at the Ashford Park facility after school or hang out/meet up along Dresden and it’s a strong culture on inclusion. Again, I think you should target underenrolled, lower performing schools and if a school is doing well, to rethink including them on the list of closures because these schools may need a solution that is not cookie cutter closure.	3/8/2026 7:09 AM
698	Closing Evansdale to expand Livsey Elementary is ridiculous. Have site studies or traffic	3/8/2026 6:38 AM

	studies even been done yet? The traffic on Chamblee Tucker Rd is ridiculous already, and you want to add more? People already use the subdivisions as cut throughs. My daughter was already hit once. As with everything else about this process, you are putting the cart before the horse. You cannot answer any questions about new feeder systems or where the DLI program would go. Evansdale is projected to increase in student size, and you want to cram everyone into Livsey. You have given only one piece of the puzzle, and it is useless. I can't give an opinion one way or the other.	
699	The community is very against the closure of Vanderlyn. Families choose to move to Dunwoody specifically for Vanderlyn; if the Dunwoody elementary schools are consolidated into fewer mega-schools, these families will choose to live in other surrounding counties or areas. Over time, the Dunwoody community will suffer by from the closure. We understand the financial pressures of keeping smaller buildings running. However, we argue that distributing funds elsewhere, such as for the hiring of more parapros, will impact less Dunwoody students and residents than keeping Vanderlyn open. Less people benefit from parapros or other ancillary services than the amount of people benefit from having a top-notch neighborhood elementary school with the resultant high home values. Additionally, transitioning the Vanderlyn facilities to Dunwoody High School will be a shame; elementary kids benefit from smaller school sizes more than the high school students benefit from an extra intramural field or ancillary building. Please find other space solutions. Last, if you consolidate elementary schools and enlarge Chestnut, the traffic on North Peachtree will be even worse. Please find other cost-cutting solutions. You will have many angry community members if you close Vanderlyn, and property values and community engagement will suffer in the long-term. Personally, we will move if Vanderlyn is closed.	3/8/2026 4:55 AM
700	I understand on an economic level. However, I don't agree with thr consolidation on an elementary school level. Due to too many kids in one building.	3/8/2026 3:25 AM
701	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the initial facilities scenario that includes potential school consolidations due to low enrollment across the district. While I understand the need to address declining enrollment and the efficient use of district facilities, it is important that consolidation decisions carefully consider the impact on students, families, and school communities. First, student stability and continuity of learning should be a top priority. School closures and consolidations can be disruptive for students, particularly in early grades where relationships with teachers and peers play a critical role in academic and social development. If schools are consolidated, it will be important to provide transition supports that help students adjust to new environments. Second, the district should carefully evaluate capacity and class size at receiving schools. Consolidation should not lead to overcrowded classrooms or reduced access to instructional resources. Receiving schools must have adequate space, staffing, and materials to maintain high-quality learning environments. Another key consideration is the impact on families and transportation. Consolidating schools may increase travel time for students and create additional logistical challenges for families. Transportation plans should be reviewed to ensure students are not experiencing significantly longer bus rides, especially younger learners. Additionally, the district should consider the role schools play as community anchors. Many schools serve as important centers for neighborhood engagement and support. When schools close, communities can feel a significant loss. Transparent communication and community input should continue to guide decision-making throughout the process. Finally, it will be important to ensure equity across clusters and neighborhoods. Consolidation decisions should be guided by clear data, including enrollment trends, facility utilization, and long-term population projections, while also ensuring that certain communities are not disproportionately impacted. Overall, if consolidation becomes necessary, thoughtful planning, clear communication, and strong transition supports will be essential to minimize disruption and ensure that students continue to receive high-quality educational opportunities.	3/8/2026 1:18 AM
702	Truly crazy to make a decision without having a plan in place for the specifics on where students will end up should their school be closed	3/8/2026 1:11 AM
703	Evansdale's property size would accommodate expansion better than nearby schools which have been recommended for expansion. There are aspects of the property which lend themselves well to expansion—2 playgrounds, a separate playing field, and several parking lots —allowing room for additions while still having recreation and parking space. There is an expected increase in the student body size, reinforcing the need for expansion. Evansdale should be renovated and expanded.	3/8/2026 12:15 AM
704	Consolidations help use school buildings more efficiently, save resources, and allow facilities	3/7/2026 11:58 PM

	to support more activities and programs for students and staff.	
705	I believe that the PK-5 would be the most beneficial for students and staff as it would require less buses and larger cohorts for for enhanced programs. And more importantly its familiar.	3/7/2026 11:58 PM
706	I understand there are 20,000 empty chairs. My concern is over crowded students. This year my daughter started her year on trailers outside of school building. Then there was a change and her class was move inside the building which I am very happy about that because I was worry all the time about students safety. Like a shooting scenario the trailers would resists to bullets. Or a tornado. Also is an open area , anyone can attend kidnapping or skip school. I prefer students to always stay inside the building is always safer. Maybe attend moving students to more empty schools?? But let me tell you, Chesnut Elementary and Peachtree Middle have always been crowded and have trailers outside!! Please safety is TOP PRIORITY FOR US PARENTS!	3/7/2026 11:50 PM
707	Ashford Park has a significant amount of overcrowding. I think the logical thing to do is move students, however when you move students to different school the parent involvement will drop.	3/7/2026 11:36 PM
708	Makes sense for the enrollment projections	3/7/2026 11:28 PM
709	I have a lot of concerns about the Tucker cluster schools being proposed for consolidation. Primarily, Chamblee Tucker rd in front of Livsey Elementary recently underwent a road diet, which has made the area much safer for pedestrians. Adding capacity to the school would almost certainly mean re-widening the road here, which would not benefit nearby neighborhoods. Additionally, many families move to this area specifically for the smaller community schools, and pushing these families elsewhere will not help the district’s low enrollment problem.	3/7/2026 11:26 PM
710	I was surprised by the presentation and did not realize that many of our schools were below capacity. I am disappointed that there are not expansion plans slated for the Southern region of the county. Per the plan the majority of the expansions seemed to be planned for the northern arc and more congested areas.	3/7/2026 11:22 PM
711	I am shocked at the consideration of the school closures. This school as been around for a long time and is part of history and the community. As a matter of fact me and my siblings all went to Redan elementary.	3/7/2026 11:18 PM
712	More information about how the changes would be rolled out is very important to share as decisions are made. Some of these changes would be more palatable if implemented over years. Both of my children are in the Kittredge/Chamblee magnet program for high achievers. I am not sure if students from Doraville United or other elementary schools will displace the high achievers' magnet program from Chamblee, as facilities are being considered separately, but it is difficult to assess facilities and programs separately when they are so closely tied to one another. Only capacity is mentioned in the presentation, so where will the magnet and language immersion programs go? We know that many families zoned for Chamblee would stay at Chamblee if the magnet program left, which would cut a cohort in half and leave the program vulnerable. I hope there is an option to phase any huge changes in, maybe starting with a cohort beginning the program. Also, I hope traffic and school lot characteristics are being considered seriously. Evansdale has a huge lot and takes up a full block, with no busy streets surrounding it. This seems like the ideal location for expansion and yet it is on the chopping block, while at least one other school on a much busier street is slated for expansion and is in no better shape. As a community member, I am very concerned about this plan and the impact on traffic.	3/7/2026 11:13 PM
713	You can’t consider only the facilities without considering the affected programs.	3/7/2026 11:08 PM
714	As the parent of a child that will attend school in a few years, I am concerned with where my neighborhood will be placed.	3/7/2026 11:02 PM
715	I against consolidations because my children’s class sizes seem manageable at this time. If additional students are moved into their schools, class sizes will increase and cause a strain on the teachers and the learning process.	3/7/2026 10:56 PM
716	I do not want Oak Grove Elementary to be consolidated. I want it to continue to exist independently.	3/7/2026 10:56 PM
717	As a parent of two children who attended Oak Grove elementary, I consider Oak Grove the	3/7/2026 10:55 PM

	heart of our community. I would like to see the school continue to operate and extending the geography to reach capacity.	
718	I believe that more elementary schools could be consolidated	3/7/2026 10:55 PM
719	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026-27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2-3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion.	3/7/2026 10:53 PM
720	Under no circumstances do I believe Evansdale should Close. The reason my husband and I bought a house so Close to the elementary school was so that we could walk our kids to school and be part of a community. Schools do more than educate kids, they are the basic building block of all communities. The one advantage Dekalb schools has over other systems is their size. Elementary schools should not be large where kids can get lost in the numbers. If Dekalb must close a school, it should not be Evansdale. They have a diverse population that makes it special! Their lot size is large enough to build/expand to make room for More students while Still accommodating parking and accommodating an increased traffic pattern. How much money will actually be saved by closing schools after money is spent to enlarge schools, money is spent to maintain the upkeep of the closed buildings, and all the other costs associated with closing the schools (transportation, etc)? Please share this complete figure in the next round of discussions. The county went about this all wrong. They should have started cutting cost at the county level and gotten rid of any and all unnecessary personnel. It appears that Dekalb has many positions which were created under Horton that are unnecessary to student learning. As a matter of fact, with the added oversight Evansdale and other schools in our region actually had scores drop. Additionally, maybe there shouldn't be a county office. Perhaps those positions should have a home base in the schools so that they are not far removed from the daily going one of a schoolhouse. Additionally, the county should sell The building they bought for an administrative office while SAP was having meetings about school closures. I believe that property was purchased for 6.5 million.	3/7/2026 10:35 PM
721	I do like that measures are being considered to operate the school's most efficiently with our tax dollars. Each neighborhood though has its own community and should be taken into account as these decisions are considered. My neighborhood, Oak Grove, feels like a community and everyone strongly supports the school and the neighborhood.	3/7/2026 10:32 PM
722	Evansdale has a larger lot size than other schools slated for expansion (>10 acres). Evansdale's lot can accommodate additions in the back and still have plenty of parking space. Evansdale has a large field and multiple playgrounds and parking lots. Evansdale is uniquely situated to accommodate traffic due to taking up two sides of a neighborhood block. Evansdale enrollment is projected to increase by 2030	3/7/2026 10:28 PM
723	Evansdale elementary school	3/7/2026 10:26 PM
724	Heartbroken, I would be , since four of my children received education at Evansdale Elementary . My fifth child is currently attending Evansdale Elementary. So , my affinity with this school is justified , particularly when I consider the dedicated teachers who give their all to produce a useful generation.	3/7/2026 10:22 PM
725	Schools identified for closure and upgrades generally make sense. Shifting the county to larger schools is a good idea because it allows resources, PTAs, and other support systems to be more efficient. Small schools with small PTAs are tough. I am in favor of closing Ashford Park. The acreage is too small, and the portables at school are unsustainable. Uncertainty around assignment of students in the area has plagued redistricting processes and decision making for decades. I am in favor of expanding Huntley Hills and Montgomery to make them more efficient. However, evaluating building decisions without any information (even high level) about boundaries or programs is unwise. As identified early in the SAP process, all three (buildings, boundaries, and programs) are interdependent. The next round of scenarios needs to include some guidance on how to think about boundaries and programs.	3/7/2026 10:21 PM
726	The County is not fully considering all aspects when selecting schools for closure. Evansdale	3/7/2026 10:19 PM

	is an important cornerstone for our community. Many of the loved features of the community would fall apart without the community school as an anchor. Evansdale has a unique location that accomodates traffic and has a large lot of 10.1 acres.	
727	I support all of the consolidations and closures	3/7/2026 10:15 PM
728	Oak Grove is already at goal for enrollment and projected to trend toward 100% over the coming years with continued development in the area bringing more families into the neighborhood feeding Oak Grove as well as the surrounding neighborhoods feeding the schools that would be consolidated along with us. While consolidation may make sense in other areas due to declining enrollment, consolidating a school that is growing as well as performing as one of the best in the district is not a good idea.	3/7/2026 10:12 PM
729	I do not agree with school consolidations that result in closing schools. While consolidation is often viewed as a cost-saving solution, it can create significant challenges for students, families, and communities. Schools are more than just buildings; they serve as important spaces where students develop relationships, feel a sense of belonging, and receive consistent support. When schools close, students may lose that stability, which can negatively impact their academic and social development. In addition, consolidations often lead to larger class sizes and overcrowded learning environments, making it more difficult for teachers to provide individualized attention. Students may also face longer transportation times, which can increase fatigue and reduce time for learning and extracurricular activities. School closures can also weaken community connections. Neighborhood schools often serve as central gathering places, and their loss can affect community identity and engagement. For these reasons, districts should consider alternative solutions that support students while maintaining strong school communities.	3/7/2026 10:09 PM
730	We own a home in the McLendon district but my wife is a CSD teacher and our children attend her elementary school (K and 2nd). We watch as our neighbor move away as their families grow due to the small size of homes in the area, as well as reputation of the school. This leaves the school fed with students from only by a few surrounding apartment complexes. It would be nice to be able to have a community school like we get to witness at CSD Glennwood with wall and ride days, community circles, but I just don't think there are enough children in the area to justify it. I think the children that do currently go to McLendon will benefit more from being integrated with other SES students than they will be hurt by the added distance of changing schools.	3/7/2026 10:07 PM
731	I am 60 and grew up in DeKalb. Oak Grove Elementary has always been an anchor for this community and on of the star programs of the DCSS. Breaking it up would not only shut down a great school, but also take away a focal point of this community.	3/7/2026 10:04 PM
732	I don't think it makes complete sense and it would hurt people who don't have transportation to get to a school that's further away	3/7/2026 9:55 PM
733	To close a true neighborhood school that is walkable , serves the community and is highly functioning is sad to send the kids to a further away, to a bigger school (difficult at the age of 4-10 at a volume of middle/high school) - there is quality in a true neighborhood school that your 3rd party and strictly numbers misses (speaking about Ashford park)	3/7/2026 9:52 PM
734	If the purpose of the SAP is to deal with the issue of under-utilization, Oak Grove Elementary School doesn't fit the bill. It is already at 89% utilization and given the popularity of the neighborhood and school, that will continue to grow. Oak Grove's closure would put more pressure on Briarlake and Sagamore Hills to take in these 400+ students and there are not enough seats at either school to accommodate all of them. Plus, the neighborhoods and areas around each of these elementary schools are growing substantially and will account for more organic growth within these schools in the coming years. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools on the list of potential closures--in Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) and in Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest). Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/7/2026 9:50 PM
735	Consolidation and closure is worse for students and families than current	3/7/2026 9:42 PM
736	none	3/7/2026 9:37 PM
737	I'm very concerned about the concept of 6th graders in a school with 12th graders. It is also problematic to close so many neighborhood schools and lose the connections and community	3/7/2026 9:35 PM

	they foster. In the North DeKalb area, closing schools like Oak Grove will serve to push more families out of county schools into private schools.	
738	Kelley Lake has an amazing staff and serves the community in a great way. Both Cedar Grove Middle and High has great history and serves a community that is rich in culture.	3/7/2026 9:30 PM
739	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary. It is a very popular school in our community and preferred by many families.	3/7/2026 9:23 PM
740	absolutely necessary. make the hard decisions to close facilities thar are outdated and underused and sell the properties. do not sit on the closed properties as seems to be the case with so many school districts.	3/7/2026 9:23 PM
741	It makes sense to me logically.	3/7/2026 9:20 PM
742	Evansdale is an important school for our community that provides stability and support for students and families. Closing this school would disrupt the community.	3/7/2026 9:20 PM
743	Traffic is unbearable. We need small neighborhood schools where kids can safely walk to school. No more chauffeuring kids all over town to attend this magnet or that charter school. It's insane.	3/7/2026 9:13 PM
744	I agree strongly with consolidation of facilities to save overhead costs - especially very underutilized facilities. Saving those operating costs can divert those funds into more worthwhile things like better technology in remaining open schools and improving the older facilities that remain open. DeKalb has a LOT of old buildings that are honestly very "dumpy" compared to much newer school construction in Gwinnett, Cobb, Forsyth etc. The disparity is comical but sad too. This is clearly part of why our attendance is going way down in DeKalb schools - people are moving to counties with nicer newer larger schools with more opportunities (more class offerings, nicer athletic facilities, newer technology in the buildings). Should we instead of asking - how do we save costs be asking how to we get people to want to send their kids to Dekalb county schools? This should be a very important question SAP is asking itself along with the others. Now, that said - one of the elementary schools in scenario 1 slated to close is Oak Grove elementary. Not only is it not underutilized, it usually has a waiting list. It's a small community school where lifelong friends are made, both parents and their students. Lots of people walk to school and people love this school- they are moving to our County TO go to this school instead of moving away for others or choosing private. This has been true for as long as I can remember. For At least 20 years this school has had a great reputation and great teachers. It would be a big mistake to close it.	3/7/2026 9:10 PM
745	Terrible idea to close our consolidate schools	3/7/2026 9:09 PM
746	Closing Ashford Park is a poor decision particularly given a $25M "investment" there now. I've heard similar things are happening at other schools- hundreds of millions in taxpayer waste. No justification has been provided for this. Keeping the Ashford Park (Ashford Park/Drew Valley neighborhoods) together is important. More important is keeping them in Chamblee cluster alignment going forward. If that means moving the community to John Lewis (with those on the opposite side of Peachtree shifting to Montgomery) and moving John Lewis into Chamblee, that would be the best solution for continuity.	3/7/2026 9:07 PM
747	I support solutions for high school overcrowding and strong long-range planning across the cluster. The combined campus seems like it could allow for phased or creative solutions, so I would like to better understand why closure is being considered at this stage. Seeing complete modeling on reassignment, receiving school enrollment and capacity, transportation, and feeder impacts would be helpful before decisions are finalized. I would also like to understand the specific definitions of low operating costs, small school, and robust programming.	3/7/2026 9:07 PM
748	Vanderlyn operates at full capacity with excellent performance. Enrollment continues to go up here. How are these enrollment projections made?	3/7/2026 9:06 PM
749	We are not happy with the specter of closing these schools for many reasons, both personally as well as for our community.	3/7/2026 9:03 PM
750	We were told in one of the webinars that the County's consultant was compelled to use a broad brush approach applied to all schools consistently for the first scenario in order to avoid the appearance of bias towards any given school. In that same meeting, we were told that the data for outcomes is "all over the place" and that what works for one school may not work for another. So which is it? We've also been told that the stated justification for the proposed	3/7/2026 9:01 PM

	closures is underutilization. While that may be true on average across the district, it is not true for Oak Grove Elementary. In fact our school apparently meets the stated utilization goal and is projected to exceed that goal next year. We have experienced significant enrollment growth each year since the pandemic. Our district is also experiencing tremendous growth between the new hospitals and private developments. So why would you close a school that meets or exceeds your own stated metrics? If it is simply about capacity, then let us look at an expansion plan for OGE. The school has a current capacity of about 500. And based on my own analysis as a land planner with 25 years of municipal experience, it appears that the property could quite easily support an expansion of another 200 to 250 students. Let us explore that alternative before making any final decisions for closure. Closing OGE would be a huge mistake!	
751	Very much opposed. We need to maintain the small community schools with small classroom sizes to facilitate optimal learning environment , especially for the elementary students.	3/7/2026 8:53 PM
752	I think it is not right because the more the students , the bigger the classes. It is better how they are now. So they can learn better and the test scores can grow and the schools can reach a high level .	3/7/2026 8:52 PM
753	I would like to hear more but I think I'm generally for any proposal to streamline resources and improve serving our students.	3/7/2026 8:45 PM
754	I understand and support the need to address overcrowding at Dunwoody High School. I recognize that Vanderlyn's proximity to the high school places our campus within a broader facilities planning conversation. I also recognize that the district has framed SAP around enrollment trends and utilization. Any proposal should clearly demonstrate how those metrics are being applied at the cluster level. The combined Vanderlyn and Dunwoody High School campus presents an opportunity to explore thoughtful, phased solutions that address secondary capacity while preserving elementary access. The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made. Vanderlyn is a diverse, academically strong, and inclusive community. Preserving stable elementary environments while solving high school challenges aligns with district priorities. I would welcome collaboration between district leaders and both school communities to explore campus-level solutions that address high school capacity while preserving the Vanderlyn community.	3/7/2026 8:40 PM
755	Evansdale is the center of a very close knit community. It is walkable for my grandchildren. We help with childcare after school so this is an important issue for most of the families. Some renovations would be nice but please do not close this school. Every community member opposes the school closure.	3/7/2026 8:37 PM
756	Our three daughters attended Evansdale Elementary and had a wonderful experience there. The school is an anchor in our community. Our neighborhood is extensive and needs an elementary school to accommodate the many families who live here. It would be a huge hit to our community to close Evansdale. Two of our daughters participated in the French magnet program. One daughter went on to minor in French and spend a semester abroad in France due to her early exposure to the language. Many young families have moved to our neighborhood recently with the objective of having their kids at Evansdale when they are old enough - Evansdale is core to the fabric of our community and can't close! We hope that administrators are focused on the quality of the education that students are receiving - if our school system is top-notch, families will not be considering private schools which will boost public school enrollment.	3/7/2026 8:35 PM
757	We are very concerned about the possibility of Vanderlyn closing. The neighborhood thrives as the school is the heartbeat of the community. As evidenced by the old Shallowford school closure, the land just sits there vacant with no purpose. It is worrisome what will happen to the property if closed and the specifics are unknown!	3/7/2026 8:34 PM
758	Keep Oakgrove elementary	3/7/2026 8:34 PM
759	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization as it presently at 89% utilization.	3/7/2026 8:29 PM
760	Change is difficult, especially when it involves new and extra transitions of children. It is disorienting and can have a negative academic effect. The rollout of the changes, whatever they are, should be gradual, well-thought and communicated far in advance, and exceptions	3/7/2026 8:26 PM

	should be made in special circumstances to avoid disrupting more sensitive situations. There should be a system of options so people do not feel herded into the unknown.	
761	I enjoy my children being a part of a smaller school community and consolidation will take away from that. Not to mention a drop in test scores with uprooting children from a known environment. Hawthorne is a wonderfully small school where all of the teachers know my children well. In a larger environment, school becomes overwhelming and intimidating	3/7/2026 8:23 PM
762	It fiscally needs to happen but it creates gaps in neighborhoods.	3/7/2026 8:21 PM
763	Good	3/7/2026 8:20 PM
764	Keep Evansdale open, the community needs it - it was one of the main reasons we chose to live here	3/7/2026 8:20 PM
765	I understand the need in some places, but it doesn't make sense to lose Oak Grove Elementary. It is a key part of the community and a reason why people move to this area of DeKalb. The county should actually invest in this school versus ignoring it like it has for years.	3/7/2026 8:20 PM
766	Oak Grove does not align with the objective to close a school	3/7/2026 8:15 PM
767	Oak Grove Elementary does not align with the SAP's stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%, and Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/7/2026 8:01 PM
768	Ashford Park Elementary should not be closed. It is an excellent school that is over enrolled. The comment that it cannot be "expanded" does not make sense. Although the footprint of the school cannot be increased obviously another floor can be added on. I am completely against closing this high performing community school.	3/7/2026 8:01 PM
769	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130	3/7/2026 7:57 PM

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770	Not happy about it	3/7/2026 7:56 PM
771	We need to know where the Ashford Park kids are going in order to give feedback. The school is far over capacity and none of the surrounding schools have room for the number of children that will be displaced if it closes. Ashford Park is deeply integrated in the chamblee cluster and community and needs to remain there.	3/7/2026 7:56 PM
772	Excelente	3/7/2026 7:47 PM
773	As a neighborhood member of the Evansdale community and possibly an upcoming parent of the school we very much prefer for the school to remain open and for the facilities to be updated. Empty buildings and larger schools would not be our preference.	3/7/2026 7:42 PM
774	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years.	3/7/2026 7:41 PM
775	Evansdale has and remains a strong school for the community and has potential to expand	3/7/2026 7:36 PM
776	Evansdale elementary school is an important neighborhood school that provides stability and support for students and families .closing this school would disrupt the community and create unnecessary transition for young children. I encourage the district to explore other solutions before considering closing Evansdale Elementary	3/7/2026 7:34 PM
777	It seems that the consolidation scenario is designed around a 600 student quota for elementary schools. However, it is unclear to me how this 600 student number was arrived at. Additionally, I agree with the sentiment expressed by others that the initial scenario and SAP recommendations ignore the human element. The proposal is supposed to address some several issues but how those are addressed is not well expressed and, frankly, the current recommendations appear hasty. 1. School utilization forecast The SAP website says two reasons for the adjustment are: "Declining student enrollment and underutilized schools" and "Schools that are severely over- or under-capacity". My children's school, Oak Grove elementary, is not severely under- or over-capacity. According to the SAP data metrics website, it is currently at 88.7% utilization. And I believe that number will likely trend up over the coming years. The SAP data metrics website appears to forecast declining enrollment at Oak Grove elementary in the next few years. However, this contradicts my experiences and recent trends. I see many young families with elementary-aged, or younger, children moving into the area. In fact, for many families, Oak Grove played a part in their decision to move to the area. Additionally, the historical data on the same SAP data website shows that Oak Grove	3/7/2026 7:32 PM

	enrollment is currently trending upwards: 363 in 2022, 389 in 2023, 428 in 2024, and 447 in 2025. It appears recent historical data doesn't support the forecasted downturn in enrollment. I would appreciate it if more info was shared on the forecast model so we can understand what assumptions are built into it and assess their validity. 2. Commute Times The SAP proposal also says scenarios are designed to address "the need for more efficient transportation routes". I do not understand how consolidating elementary schools will make transportation more efficient. Morning and afternoon traffic at elementary schools is notoriously terrible. Less elementary schools means larger coverage areas per school and consequently longer commute times. Large enrollment numbers will mean more drivers congesting roads as they wait to drop-off and pick-up their children. Additionally, more buses will be needed to service larger schools and most schools have a limited number of bus drop-off spots. 3. Costs The SAP adjustments are driven by the need to "consolidate resources and strengthen programs " [taken from SAP website]. I understand the reasoning that less schools means more money can be invested in each school's upkeep. But the financial costs of expanding schools to accommodate more children seems high. How long will it take the county to pay off any debt it incurs for such construction? How does that compare with current operating costs for schools proposed for closure. 4. Don't fix it if it isn't broken Oak Grove elementary is consistently among the best in the Dekalb County. What sense is there in closing a model school that is nearing capacity?	
778	Don’t do it	3/7/2026 7:23 PM
779	I think the initial scenarios are smart. The Dunwoody cluster has a number of elementary schools that are clustered together. It makes sense to collapse those schools.	3/7/2026 7:23 PM
780	Don’t close Oak Grove Elementary	3/7/2026 7:20 PM
781	We are disappointed to see Ashford Park elementary listed for closure, but even more disappointed there has been no care taken to provide a plan for where these children go instead. Ashford Park elementary is the hub of the Brookhaven Fields and Drew Valley neighborhoods and is the entire reason we bought a house where we did. While a school building certainly doesn't make a school, a community does. We are extremely concerned about the possibilities of 1) splitting up the Ashford Park elementary community; and 2) that community being removed from the Chamblee cluster, where it has long invested.	3/7/2026 7:20 PM
782	Pienso que son muy buenas	3/7/2026 7:12 PM
783	This neighborhood fully supports these schools. Attendance is rising in our area.	3/7/2026 7:11 PM
784	I am opposed to the school consolidations. Evansdale elementary is poised to increase enrollment to over 600 students by 2030, at over 10 Acres its lot size is bigger than neighboring schools that are recommended for expansion, it has large play field, multiple parking lots, the grounds can accommodate additions in the back of the school.	3/7/2026 7:11 PM
785	The poor teacher-to-student ratio significantly compromises the quality of education. With too few educators available to provide adequate instruction and support, students are less likely to grasp the material effectively. In the long term, the United States may fall behind other well-developed countries if current challenges within the education system—such as teacher shortages and insufficient resources—are not addressed. If these issues continue, the U.S. education system risks lagging behind that of other developed nations, potentially affecting future competitiveness.	3/7/2026 7:10 PM
786	I don’t not want my children’s school to close. Dekalb should change some smaller schools into Early Learning Centers instead of closing. Why are the counties schools losing so many students to charter and homeschool. Why are so many children out selling waters.	3/7/2026 7:06 PM
787	These two schools are magnet schools in DeKalb county for CDC and CHOA employees….	3/7/2026 7:01 PM
788	It really doesn’t seem to make sense. The scenario is closing some great schools in Ashford Park and Oak Grove that have immense community and parent support. The kids from those schools have nowhere to as surrounding ones are already above capacity. Ashford park is receiving a big and expensive redo starting this summer. The building will be nice and new. I don’t get why you then close it.	3/7/2026 6:58 PM
789	I am opposed to the consolidation plan. Neighborhood schools need to stay open. Evansdale has a great school and grounds, can accommodate staff and students, with great playgrounds and parking, enrollment is growing and expected eclipse 600 by 2030. The school is set up in a great way.	3/7/2026 6:57 PM

790	Please keep Oak Grove Elementary in our neighborhood, it has served us well over many decades and is needed by many young families moving in to our neighborhood	3/7/2026 6:56 PM
791	It is important for the district to examine the viable condition(s) of existing structures and how those buildings can support the proposed facility models as we move forward.	3/7/2026 6:53 PM
792	I do not understand the benefit of converting Cedar Grove HS to a middle school, while closing Cedar Grove MS. CGMS is a newer building than CGHS.	3/7/2026 6:49 PM
793	Please do not close our neighborhood school Oak Grove Elementary that has been a vital part of our neighborhood for many decades. This school provides an excellent education for our kids and test scores prove this. Our neighborhood really values Oak Grove Elementary School.	3/7/2026 6:48 PM
794	Although we understand the issues caused by declining enrollment, we have been informed that Oak Grove Elementary is operating near capacity and has over 200 students on the waitlist, including more than 100 kindergarteners. Oak Grove is an amazing community of kids, parents, and teachers working together to create both a solid educational foundation for our children and an engaged neighborhood. We respectfully ask that Oak Grove ES be removed from the list of potential closures.	3/7/2026 6:47 PM
795	Avoid. Keep ogrove seperate. Its historic	3/7/2026 6:44 PM
796	Bad idea. More teachers per student is better	3/7/2026 6:36 PM
797	I'm very much against the consolidation. Our neighborhood elementary school is seeing increased enrollment, has great facilities to accommodate students and staff, great space for playgrounds, and already has great parking	3/7/2026 6:33 PM
798	The release of information regarding the SAP has been confusing and misleading at times. The process should take place slower with even more opportunities for feedback from the community.	3/7/2026 6:29 PM
799	Do not like it. Evansdale is within our neighborhood. It has a big footprint. It should be renovated.	3/7/2026 6:27 PM
800	I want to keep Evansdale open.	3/7/2026 6:26 PM
801	This school is essential for the children living in this community	3/7/2026 6:22 PM
802	We would really prefer to preserve Ashford Park as its own entity and elementary school in order to serve our 3 1/2 year-old daughter. We've heard such great things about the school so we are very upset about any kind of closing. Of course we also bought our home and pay the taxes we do eight years ago in hopes to be a attend attending Ashford Park	3/7/2026 6:21 PM
803	Oak Grove is a strong school and the heart of the community.	3/7/2026 6:19 PM
804	I do not want my child's school to close. Charter school are taking students from the district. Smaller schools should become early learning centers.	3/7/2026 6:19 PM
805	Due to closures it seems that Doraville United will feed into Chamblee which will overcrowd the school and provide less room for magnet students. I don't agree with moving the magnet program out of Chamblee.	3/7/2026 6:13 PM
806	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M	3/7/2026 6:12 PM

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807	I think it would be good	3/7/2026 6:11 PM
808	Targets the wrong schools for closing. The closings will necessitate massive construction projects that create noise and distraction for students and neighborhoods.	3/7/2026 6:07 PM
809	We do no want closure of Mclendon elementary	3/7/2026 6:05 PM
810	Looking at the student population and the usage data, it makes total sense to make changes that make DEKALB schools much more efficient and effective	3/7/2026 6:00 PM
811	Oak Grove is an excellent school and I have observed my grandson excelling at this location. Oak Grove is one of the highest performing schools in the group.	3/7/2026 5:59 PM
812	I do not believe that Evansdale should be on the closing list. There are several reasons I feel this way. The location of Evansdale within the neighborhood is ideal, it is on a main road (Evans), but not directly, so school doesn't affect normal traffic patterns and kids aren't exiting directly onto a busy street. In terms of the site itself, there are multiple parking lots, a field, and playgrounds already available, plus the overall lot size is bigger than others that are on the list for expansion, which would allow for building expansion if necessary. Additionally, the French program carries through Evansdale, Henderson MS, and into Lakeside. My daughter is in the Lakeside French program now. The French program with the teachers and students (between all 3 schools) is vital to the community and I believe should continue to exist and be a part of the Lakeside cluster. The families in the Evansdale neighborhood have been very involved in the life of each of the schools that we feed up through and strongly feel that we should remain at Evansdale and feed up into Henderson and Lakeside, rather than potentially moving to Tucker or Sequoyah clusters. In terms of plans for Livsey to be expanded, just a few years ago there were discussions that it should be closed as it was so small. It doesn't make sense to me that 4 other elementary schools in the area (Evansdale, Henderson ES, Oak Grove, and Midvale) would now close and somehow Livsey could accommodate a good portion of those students. Additionally, now that Chamblee Tucker is only 2 lanes, it would mean additional traffic which is already a challenge around the school and leading up to Tucker HS.	3/7/2026 5:55 PM
813	Vanderlyn was a tremendous elementary school for our youngest - excellent, challenging instruction from very invested teachers (just the right student/teacher ratio) I am very worried about combining elementary through 8th grade - the developmental differences are so profound that safety will be a concern… I am less worried about the number of transitions and would prefer K-3, 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12.	3/7/2026 5:50 PM
814	Estoy satisfecho de todo no tengo mas palabras que desir gracias	3/7/2026 5:41 PM
815	Oak Grove already meets the utilization goal	3/7/2026 5:40 PM
816	Do not close local elementary schools just to house students in maxed out classrooms. There is more than just cost at risk - teachers, students and staff will suffer. Making decisions about building without considering programs and boundaries is short sided.	3/7/2026 5:39 PM
817	I think it’s necessary to provide schools with more resources but am not convinced that consolidating facilities is the answer. Wouldn’t this increase class sizes? I would need a lot	3/7/2026 5:32 PM

	more detail into how resources would be fairly and equitably divided across facilities to support this scenario.	
818	Kingsley is very poor to this community. That is one school should keep open.	3/7/2026 5:28 PM
819	In the event of low enrollment rates at certain schools, the consolidation of 27 facilities may be necessary. This could entail transitioning some high schools to middle schools and vice versa. The ultimate goal, hopefully, of this consolidation is to concentrate resources on the students within the remaining schools.	3/7/2026 5:22 PM
820	While I appreciate the needs of the district to ensure that facility use is maximized, I'm not sure that creating mega elementary schools, particularly in land-locked neighborhoods like Hawthorne is the right play. Is DCSD working with the County and local municipalities to understand current and future residential construction? For example, the overcrowding seen at some schools could have been foreseen and addressed by understanding that many multi-family units were on the horizon. What happens if we close and consolidate facilities and more residential units are constructed, shifting the needle from under capacity to over capacity?	3/7/2026 5:19 PM
821	I think in the south end of Dekalb where enrollments are down, the consolidations to bigger more new schools makes sense. The north end closures with no guide makes it difficult to give feedback on initial scenarios.	3/7/2026 5:14 PM
822	Oak Grove Elementary should remain open. It is the strongest of the 3 surrounding it with parent involvement, a strong Foundation that raises over $100K annually to support the school. The school is the heartbeat of this neighborhood and should remain open.	3/7/2026 5:12 PM
823	Please don't close Oak Grove Elementary. We love the small school atmosphere and believe it provides better learning that a big consolidated school.	3/7/2026 5:10 PM
824	It is stupid to close Ashford Park, which is a high performing school. It is stupid to close Kingsley and Vanderlyn where the capacity in needed. It seems like you are proposing to close schools in the north just for political reasons.	3/7/2026 5:06 PM
825	I agree with the decision to consolidate schools to conserve resources due to the decline in enrollment.	3/7/2026 5:06 PM
826	The goal is 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89%. SAVE OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY.	3/7/2026 5:02 PM
827	More teachers are needed to provide high quality education for American students - fewer schools limits opportunities, is short-sighted, and a long term loss of money	3/7/2026 4:56 PM
828	There is confusion when it has been stated that buildings are in need of repair and so it's a funding issue, and yet your bullet point number one says it is a capacity issue. The inconsistency leads most people to believe that this poll does not offer any valid consideration and feedback and that the county has already made up their minds and decisions. Prove to us otherwise. Evansdale need remain open given its lot size, capacity, French track, and quality condition	3/7/2026 4:56 PM
829	Keep Evansdale open.	3/7/2026 4:55 PM
830	Oak Grove Elementary is chocked full of students and has been a neighborhood treasure for many, many years. it is also one of the highest rated schools in the county. If you want the county to continue growing, closing its highest rated elementary schools is not the way. School quality and student test scores are a primart motivator for folks wanting to move into the county.	3/7/2026 4:52 PM
831	I was a student of Brockett	3/7/2026 4:49 PM
832	Please don’t close oak grove elementary. It is a center of the community and has been a point of pride for this neighborhood.	3/7/2026 4:47 PM
833	Keep high schools 9-12 Consolidate elementary and middle pk-8	3/7/2026 4:46 PM
834	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district’s goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73%	3/7/2026 4:42 PM

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835	Basing a change this dramatic on financial issues alone is irresponsible and self-serving. These changes will have significant impact on the lives of children, families and communities. A comprehensive and transparent audit should be conducted of present state AND future impact of changes, and the results shared with the public before ANY sweeping changes should be made. A comprehensive and transparent audit of current state of Dekalb County school administrative staffing and costs, mishandling of funds, expenses, etc should also be completed and shared with the public. If these audits are not performed and shared, this effort should be stopped immediately. Now specific to Oak Grove Elementary: the data is clear that this school is not in decline but flourishing, is almost at capacity with over 200 on a waitlist. Highly engaged active community with exceptional parent volunteer rates. Oak Grove is NOT underutilized. To close this school would be devastating and fragment the community. Doing this in the name of "equity" is absurd. If data shows that some schools in different areas of the county need to be closed then that should be considered. But to close flourishing schools in the name of equity to keep things fair is ludicrous and unfair in and of itself. A hard and honest assessment of the administration should be taken now before any changes are made within the school system's physical infrastructures.	3/7/2026 4:40 PM
836	I moved to Drew Valley at the end of 2024 with the intention of having my family attend the local public schools, as I loved the strong sense of community and great schools. I believe in keeping our trajectory in the Chamblee MS and HS cluster, and the pathway of closing the Ashford Park Elementary School facility as a neighborhood school, and shifting the Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone to the current John Lewis Elementary facility, and preserve our (current attendance zone) Chamblee Cluster alignment.	3/7/2026 4:39 PM
837	I think the smaller model of neighborhood schools contribute greatly to the success of the school.	3/7/2026 4:33 PM
838	I do not like the consolidation plans as this would close Evansdale elementary and this school is vital to the fabric of the community	3/7/2026 4:24 PM
839	The teachers are great and they really care for our students. The staff is also very good. Overall, this school is great.	3/7/2026 4:24 PM
840	Evansdale is a prime candidate for expansion	3/7/2026 4:22 PM
841	The current consolidations are fine based on the data.	3/7/2026 4:22 PM
842	Don't close the school, expand, there are options such as portables	3/7/2026 4:21 PM
843	we would like to keep Ashford Park open. it's important to the communit	3/7/2026 4:21 PM

844	Careful consideration should be given . ie: what will the closed schools be use for and how will that impact that community	3/7/2026 4:19 PM
845	Please don't close Oak Grove. So many of us moved here for this school that is so important to the community.	3/7/2026 4:18 PM
846	Its a great school	3/7/2026 4:18 PM
847	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization. This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/7/2026 4:17 PM
848	I am against this plan for consolidations! My children went to Evansdale and it is what makes this community strong.	3/7/2026 4:16 PM
849	Please consider keeping Kingsley ES open and closing Chesnut instead. There is a lot of congestion already at Chesnut.	3/7/2026 4:15 PM
850	Just because it looks good on paper doesn't mean it's the correct solution. You are missing the big picture: schools with trailers can't accommodate more students. Busing students further increases costs and makes the school day too long for kids. Our neighborhood growth is outpacing what these incorrect numbers. Strong communities are going to be ripped apart, disguised as efficiency.	3/7/2026 4:15 PM
851	need more info before feedback	3/7/2026 4:11 PM
852	I moved to this area for the school cluster. The schools needs to be renovated. Not closed.	3/7/2026 4:05 PM
853	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary! It is not underutilized. It is a pillar of the community, providing accessible and walkable educational opportunities to students in the neighborhood. Please do NOT close OGE.	3/7/2026 4:02 PM
854	Please don't close our school.	3/7/2026 4:02 PM
855	Your scenario would almost certainly increase class size and decrease safe, walkable access to our beloved local school	3/7/2026 4:01 PM
856	Don't close Ashford park, remodel. Highest priority is staying in Chamblee cluster. If move, John Lewis is desired location. All Ashford park kids take over it	3/7/2026 3:56 PM

857	Results are questionable.	3/7/2026 3:54 PM
858	This project is too large to undertake as one big project. Based on the information provided, the concern should have been addressed before now. The decline in enrollment did not just happen. Seems like someone (staff and board members) has just woken up and now is trying to solve all the problems in one swoop. Also I have looked at some of the schools. Seems like the decisions to close certain schools may not be the best choices—for example. Livsey is a smaller school and has 8 trailer classrooms. The land at and around Livsey is not appropriate for expanding—and I cannot imagine how bad traffic would be to drop off/pick up students on a busy portion of Chamblee-Tucker Road. On the other hand, Evansdale is a larger school and has more land (10.1 acres) available for expansion. Traffic when dropping off/picking up students would be better than at Linsey. You probably think since I have children/relatives at Evansdale I am just saying this. My husband and I walked to Livesy and counted trailers, looked at land around it, looked for traffic patterns, etc. Expanding Livsey would be problematic and would not serve the community or its students well.	3/7/2026 3:53 PM
859	I oppose the closure of Evansdale Elementary	3/7/2026 3:50 PM
860	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The school district's goal is to increase utilization to about 88%; Oak Grove is already at 89% (447 students / 504 capacity). Enrollment has increased for 4 consecutive yrs. At the current rate, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity in 2-3 yrs. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed into Sagamore Hills or Briarlake. But these two schools do not have the capacity to absorb 447 Oak Grove students. Also, the area around Briarlake is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment. Please note, if enrollment models rely on pandemic-era data (2020-2022), the assumptions obtained from the model will be distorted. Projections should reflect the 2024-2026 recovery years. In addition, Oak Grove is one of the highest-performing schools in the review group. Closing this high-utilization, growing, and high-ranking school would not at all remedy the utilization gap.	3/7/2026 3:45 PM
861	I understand the need to consolidate with a shrinking student base but it feels like the solutions offered so far are not well thought through.	3/7/2026 3:33 PM
862	My primary concern is the the absence of information regarding potential impact to the Chamblee middle and high school magnet program. This program has been extremely beneficial to my student and I would hate for it to be eliminated with the increase of students from Doraville Elementary. The availability of this program has kept us in dekalb county rather than moving or going to private school. I know other parents who have made similar decisions.	3/7/2026 3:31 PM
863	Initial scenario were presented with no clear understanding of ending results of school closing. It is understood that changes need to happen but their no resolutions presented to help ease the blow of local school closing. Also I think it is very unfair and selfish that Dekalb employees are the last to know or last to find out major changes happening within the county. Employees receive information after it has already been release to the media. The direction Dekalb is moving in is very unfortunate and will soon lose many employees.	3/7/2026 3:30 PM
864	I think Oak Grove is an important part of our community that would be greatly missed if closed	3/7/2026 3:20 PM
865	I can see that value of consolidation, but concerned about class sizes and schools getting too big.	3/7/2026 3:20 PM
866	I am concerned about the closing of the Evansdale Elementary school. It is a wonderful neighborhood school with an amazing french immersion program. The closing of this school would have a negative impact on all the children that attend.	3/7/2026 3:19 PM
867	Oak Grove Elementary is a part of the local community and is a big draw for neighborhoods and real estate. And it continues to be very highly rated. Consolidating with Sagamore would be a bad decision, an opinion shared with both schools' families.	3/7/2026 3:15 PM
868	We moved to the area specifically because of the high quality education offered by Oak Grove ES and the extremely involved community that supports it. I'm shocked that closure of this school is being proposed as it represents a central hub around which our community is built. My belief is that OGE is one of the most valuable assets for this area and a jewel of the Dekalb school system. It's centrally located, represents a very high quality school environment, and anchors the community. Please do not close or repurpose it to save a couple dollars in the short term. Take into account the stability this school provides in the area. Closure will have an enormous, long term negative impact on the surrounding community.	3/7/2026 3:13 PM

	Closure is a destabilizing force that will ripple out to all families. I propose you maintain or expand the campus instead, building on its long history of inclusion, quality education, and community building.	
869	Leave Oak Grove & Lakeside alone	3/7/2026 3:11 PM
870	Keep the neighborhood schools. They mean do much to the communties	3/7/2026 3:06 PM
871	I understand the need for our public schools to be used efficiently. I am just writing to say that Oak Grove Elementary should be the LAST school you close, not one of the first. Oak Grove is the reason we moved to this neighborhood. It is the heart of our community.	3/7/2026 3:06 PM
872	Consolidating small community elementary schools such as Oak Grove Elementary would negatively impact children and families. Neighborhood schools allow families to walk to school, participate in school activities, and remain closely connected to their local community. Young children in Pre-K through Grade 5 are still developing neurologically and socially. They benefit most from smaller, family-oriented school environments where they are known personally by staff and feel a strong sense of belonging. A community-centered school model supports emotional security, learning readiness, and healthy development. Preserving smaller neighborhood elementary schools helps ensure children grow in environments where they feel seen, supported, and valued.	3/7/2026 3:05 PM
873	I'm concerned about school quality and preserving schools with academic excellence and parent/community support.	3/7/2026 3:03 PM
874	Please maintain the small community elementary schools.	3/7/2026 3:01 PM
875	Evansdale has and remains a strong school for the community and has potential to expand.	3/7/2026 2:57 PM
876	Muy bueno, pero el edificio necesita reparaciones	3/7/2026 2:52 PM
877	Terrible idea Keep Oak GROVE OPEN!!!	3/7/2026 2:50 PM
878	Evansdale has and remains a strong school for the community and has potential to expand.	3/7/2026 2:50 PM
879	Oak Grove and Henderson Mill do not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: •Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) •Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: •Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. •Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: •+50 students → ~83% utilization •+100 students → ~90% utilization •Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: •$1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus •~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) •$87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion •Ongoing Emory hospital expansion •$1.1B in FY24 research awards •$270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: •Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) •Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/7/2026 2:50 PM

880	Don’t close Oak Grove. It is the core of a caring educational community.	3/7/2026 2:48 PM
881	We would hate to see our small community schools, like Oak Grove Elementary, close their doors after decades of serving children and families. These are tight-knit schools with active, involved parents. Many in the community can walk to school. We already have large middle and high schools filled to capacity to the point they are using multiple trailers. This is where your focus should lie.	3/7/2026 2:45 PM
882	Please don’t get rid off school please find another option than closing. It will leave an eyesore in the community	3/7/2026 2:43 PM
883	I do not agree with having fewer elementary schools by making big super schools for elementary schools.	3/7/2026 2:40 PM
884	The consolidations seemed to be more on the south side of Dekalb County where a large diverse population is located whether it be Latino or Black.	3/7/2026 2:32 PM
885	I am writing this statement today not only as a concerned resident but as a proud alumna of Midvale Elementary—the very school where, at eight years old, I met my best friend. We grew up riding bikes through these streets, anchored by a school that knew our names and our families. Today, my life has come full circle: my best friend and I have both returned to this neighborhood to raise our young children in the same "village" that shaped us. However, I am deeply troubled by the district’s current "Student Assignment Project" proposal, which considers closing or merging up to 27 local schools, including Midvale. This proposal threatens to dismantle the heart of our community. The justification for these closures—low enrollment and "underutilization"—is a contradiction of our daily reality. This year alone, Midvale was forced to turn away at least two full Pre-K classes worth of students. While my daughter was fortunate enough to win one of the few lottery spots, dozens of our neighbors were left behind. You cannot claim a school is empty while simultaneously denying entry to the very children who could fill it and sustain our public system for the next decade. I completely reject the proposal of mass closure and merging of our neighborhood schools for the following reasons: * Neighborhood Schools are the "Connective Tissue": Small schools like Midvale allow for the walking and biking culture I enjoyed as a child and want for my daughter. Merging these into distant "mega-schools" destroys student independence and parental engagement. * Artificial Capacity Gaps: Turning away Pre-K students creates the very "low capacity" the district now uses to justify closures. Instead of closing schools, we should be expanding Pre-K access to fill them. * The Risk of "Slipping Through the Cracks": Larger, merged environments often lead to diminished individualized attention. Research shows that displaced students frequently face declines in achievement and engagement during the trauma of a school closure. * Community Stability: Our schools are the anchors of our property values and neighborhood safety. A vacant school building is a scar on a community, not a "fiscally efficient" solution. * Our children have the "test of their lives" ahead of them in this great big world. They deserve to start that journey with the security of a neighborhood school—not a lottery win or a long bus ride to a merged facility. Please choose to invest in our families by keeping our local schools open	3/7/2026 2:23 PM
886	It appears to be well thought.	3/7/2026 2:22 PM
887	Oak Grove Elementary serves the surrounding community in many ways. Residents of all ages share the vision for education of Dekalb County by supporting the school and it’s staff.	3/7/2026 2:20 PM
888	We are not in favor of consolidating the schools. Out community values small schools.	3/7/2026 2:18 PM
889	I feel like this will cause classrooms to be overcrowded and will cause students to not get the proper attention to their learning needs.	3/7/2026 2:16 PM
890	I don't disagree that schools should be reviewed, but DCSD is wrong to include schools that are well utilized and top performing on the closure list. My grandchildren attend Oak Grove elementary school. The school, teachers, and parents are incredible. You cannot pick up these kids and move them to another school without negatively impacting students and outcomes. I do not support a project of this size when I see several schools performing very well and with good utilization on this list. Oak Grove is a wonderful school that should be a model for other schools.	3/7/2026 2:05 PM
891	Henderson mill elem along with three other in the area that is too many changes in one geographic location	3/7/2026 2:00 PM
892	You are focusing on too many schools at once. Even if you decide not to weigh student	3/7/2026 1:57 PM

	outcomes (which is wrong in my opinion) Oak Grove should not close, and you should focus your efforts on areas that are severely under enrolled or over capacity. That is not the case with Lakeside cluster elementary schools. Oak Grove has one of the highest special ed student populations, and is still one of the top schools in the district. It will be almost at capacity next year. You will lose funding for special ed if you break up these students, as you need a critical mass to obtain this support.	
893	I would strongly object to the closure of Oak Grove Elementary School.	3/7/2026 1:52 PM
894	I understand and support the need to address overcrowding at Dunwoody High School. I recognize that Vanderlyn's proximity to the high school places our campus within a broader facilities planning conversation. I also recognize that the district has framed SAP around enrollment trends and utilization. Any proposal should clearly demonstrate how those metrics are being applied at the cluster level. The combined Vanderlyn and Dunwoody High School campus presents an opportunity to explore thoughtful, phased solutions that address secondary capacity while preserving elementary access. The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made. Vanderlyn is a diverse, academically strong, and inclusive community. Preserving stable elementary environments while solving high school challenges aligns with district priorities.	3/7/2026 1:52 PM
895	I respectfully urge the board to reconsider any proposal to close Evansdale Elementary and instead evaluate the opportunity to expand and invest in the school. First, Evansdale's projected growth should be an important factor in this decision. According to the SAP dashboards, Evansdale is one of the few elementary schools where enrollment and utilization are expected to increase. Closing a school that is projected to grow seems counterproductive when the district will likely need the capacity in the near future. Second, Evansdale serves one of the most diverse and high-performing student populations in the area. The school's demographics reflect a truly inclusive community: approximately 50.4% Hispanic/Latino, 22.2% White, 16.1% Black or African American, 7.3% Two or more races, 2.9% Asian or Asian/Pacific Islander, and a small percentage American Indian or Alaska Native. Evansdale demonstrates that a diverse school community can also be academically strong, and that is something worth preserving. Third, Evansdale's site offers a practical advantage that should not be overlooked: the lot size. While the facility score may be lower than some other schools in the Lakeside Cluster, the property itself is substantially larger than the sites at Sagamore Hills and Livsey, which are currently proposed for expansion. Because of this, Evansdale could realistically absorb portions of the Henderson Mill attendance zone and expand from its current 500-seat capacity to a 600+ seat school with a relatively modest building addition. This would provide additional capacity where growth is expected without the need for major site constraints. Location and traffic patterns are also important considerations. Evansdale's position along Evans Road offers better traffic flow potential than alternatives such as Livsey, which sits near the busy Chamblee-Tucker corridor. Expanding Evansdale would likely create fewer transportation challenges for families and staff. Additionally, Evansdale's proximity to Henderson Middle School provides a meaningful benefit for many families. For some students—particularly those from lower-income households—the ability to walk to both their elementary and middle school is an important accessibility factor that should not be lost through consolidation. For these reasons, I strongly encourage the district to consider expanding Evansdale rather than closing it. Investing in Evansdale would preserve a diverse, growing, and high-performing school community while making efficient use of an existing site that has room to grow. Finally, I would encourage the district to consider hosting cluster-specific meetings in the future. Many families would benefit from deeper engagement that focuses on the needs and dynamics of individual school communities. I also think that this plan is being rushed. Round 1 is ending weeks after communicating to the community that this plan existed. The entire process for the decision making is planned for less than a year. This process should be slowed down to ensure that the best plan is set forward. Thank you for your time and for considering the long-term impact of this decision on students, families, and the broader community.	3/7/2026 1:50 PM
896	Do not closet top performing schools like Oak Grove. It is well utilized and expected to be at almost full capacity next year. Focus on áreas and schools thay actually have empty seats.	3/7/2026 1:49 PM
897	The current SAP scenarios present enrollment and facility data, which is important baseline information. They omit critical analyses required for responsible closure decisions. Specifically, they're lacking: 1. Academic Performance Comparison - Which schools are succeeding academically despite lower enrollment? 2. Financial Sustainability Analysis - Which schools	3/7/2026 1:47 PM

	generate sufficient revenue to justify their operational costs? 3. Community Stability Assessment - Which closures will cause family attrition and accelerate enrollment loss? 4. Receiving School Capacity Review - Are consolidation targets actually better-performing and adequately equipped? Without these four analyses, we're unable to distinguish between the schools that should close (low performance, high cost, low community stability) and schools that should be retained (adequate performance, break-even finances, strong community roots). Please complete these data analyses before making irreversible decisions that may have costly consequences. The real costs of incomplete decisions can easily leave DeKalb with even worse financial, academic, and community outcomes. Precedents have been set in other school districts across the country; in Denver, Portland, and Jefferson County, all made closure decisions without complete data. As little as five years later, they had to reverse course or shift their strategies. Corvallis in Oregon paused closures when community requested academic data. We're asking DeKalb to learn from their experience. Once the data is complete, planning the consolidations as a tiered or phased schedule will allow us to pace our decisions appropriately and adjust accordingly. Transparency, complete information, and defensible decisions based on evidence is what will create buy-in from the communities as we work to stabilize enrollment.	
898	I don't know if this is the answer to disconnect communities within their neighborhoods. Children get to attend schools close to their homes especially at Toney Elementary. I believe we should try and save as many of the smaller schools so the children to stay close to home as well as teachers and staff do not loose their jobs.	3/7/2026 1:43 PM
899	Keep Brockrt elementary open	3/7/2026 1:36 PM
900	Approve of consolidating schools overall. Specific concern is the expansion of Livsey Elementary instead of expanding Midvale. The concern is due to the small land parcel and the high traffic main road that Livsey is located on. Midvale has a large field and less traffic and seems more appropriate to expand.	3/7/2026 1:31 PM
901	Please keep Brockett Elementary open. It is so needed for our kids.	3/7/2026 1:30 PM
902	Brockett	3/7/2026 1:28 PM
903	- Building feedback: Need to test for the following things and make any information public: indoor air quality; outdoor air quality; and model for changes to outdoor air quality at each facility with increased traffic and reasonably foreseeable temperature increases over the next 50-100 years. Also need to evaluate 100 year flood plains for each of the facilities under reasonably foreseeable climate scenarios (better yet, talk to the Massachusetts planners and use their flood planning years - I think they're at 300?). Test water quality in all buildings you are trying to keep open. Especially important due to the age of the buildings: do evaluation to determine the costs of remediating any of the property (hazardous materials, asbestos, lead paint, etc) and factor that into the costs. Georgia Environmental Protection Division should be able to help with the technical side; Georgia Environmental Finance Authority can help with funding. - Need to evaluate and make public both the facilities that have specialized equipment, and all buildings' ability to be renovated to incorporate specialized equipment (both for programs/accessibility) - Very building adjacent: need to run transportation models to see if the areas can handle the increased transportation, and discuss with local governments that will be impacted if they can make any needed changes in an adequate time frame. Further, to avoid increasing pollution due to longer commutes, factor in costs to replace any fossil fuel school busses with electric ones.	3/7/2026 1:23 PM
904	Chamblee cluster should stay as is. There are children maturing and are in a cohort that should be kept together.	3/7/2026 1:18 PM
905	The consolidations may not be a bad idea but should initially occur in the neighborhoods with low student attendance. I do not think that Middle Schoolers should ever be consolidated with High Schoolers.	3/7/2026 1:17 PM
906	Please do not close oak grove	3/7/2026 1:15 PM
907	Evansdale elementary is an integral part of our community and it cannot be closed.	3/7/2026 1:14 PM
908	I am totally opposed to closing Oak Grove Elementary School. It is an excellent school and a center for the Oak Grove Community and neighborhood.	3/7/2026 1:14 PM
909	Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization with a projected 96% utilization for next year. If it were to close, Sagamore and Briarlake schools would not be able to absorb all of Oak Grove's	3/7/2026 1:01 PM

	students. I believe Oak Grove should not close. Oak Grove Elementary has strong faculty retention, strong community support, and a strong PTA. It is a central community hub and promotes strong community cohesion. Housing in the Oak Grove neighborhoods has always been in high demand because of the excellence of its public schools. The demand for spots in this cluster is only going to increase with new developments such as Lulalu Hills and Corporate Square. There needs to be academically strong public schools in this cluster and Oak Grove has consistently provided this.	
910	Theas schools are good i want to them and i got treated good	3/7/2026 12:55 PM
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912	Small neighborhood schools are my preference.	3/7/2026 12:48 PM
913	I think 6 through 12 is a bad idea	3/7/2026 12:42 PM
914	Concerned that this would lead to over crowding. Affect the housing market. Faculty would loose their jobs.	3/7/2026 12:40 PM
915	I'm against closing down the schools.	3/7/2026 12:36 PM
916	Please do not close Evansdale! At 10.1 acres, Evansdale's lot is bigger than neighboring schools recommended for expansion. It has a large play field, 2 playgrounds, and multiple parking lots. It is uniquely situated to accommodate increased traffic, as it takes up 2 sides of the neighborhood block. Evansdale's enrollment is projected to increase to over 600 by 2030. The parent, teacher, and community volunteers provide the unique resources needed for our French immersion program. Moving the program would destroy this vital community. French teachers at Evansdale, Henderson, and Lakeside have put down strong roots in our community! Older students mentor the younger ones. It is imperative to keep this program at Evansdale and within the Lakeside cluster to keep the program strong. The French immersion program is one of the main reasons I kept my two boys at Evansdale instead of moving them to Kittredge/Chamblee. Evansdale was an amazing school for my two boys and we don't want to see it go anywhere!!!	3/7/2026 12:36 PM
917	Considering the amount of land it sits on Evansdale should be renovated and expanded.	3/7/2026 12:15 PM
918	I believe that some schools being constructed located will be terrible for parents and students	3/7/2026 12:08 PM
919	All of the elementary schools are on two lane roads and in small physical lots. I don't see how the plans ease traffic and help at all.	3/7/2026 11:59 AM
920	As a parent whose child attends Oak Grove Elementary School through the lottery program, I strongly encourage DeKalb County School District to carefully consider the impact of consolidating high-performing schools that families actively seek out. Oak Grove's strong reputation and engaged community are exactly the kinds of schools that keep families invested in public education. For families like ours who chose this school because of its academic standing and environment, consolidation could remove an important opportunity that helps retain students within DCSD rather than losing them to private or charter schools. I hope future scenarios prioritize preserving successful schools while addressing underutilized facilities elsewhere in the district.	3/7/2026 11:58 AM
921	I understand that DeKalb County School District must address underutilized facilities and align resources with current enrollment. However, consolidations should prioritize under-enrolled or underutilized campuses rather than closing stable, high-performing neighborhood schools. Schools like Oak Grove Elementary School play an important role in retaining families within the public school system. When strong neighborhood schools are closed or consolidated, families often choose private or charter options instead, which can accelerate enrollment decline across the district rather than solve the capacity problem. In addition, consolidating successful neighborhood elementary schools can significantly increase transportation times, traffic congestion, and class sizes while weakening long-established community connections. These schools function as important community anchors and support strong parent engagement, which directly benefits student outcomes. As DCSD considers consolidation scenarios, I encourage the district to prioritize strategies that maintain thriving neighborhood schools while addressing underutilized facilities through programmatic changes, magnet opportunities, or grade band restructuring where capacity is significantly underused. Protecting schools like Oak Grove Elementary School will help maintain public trust and support long-term enrollment stability for the district.	3/7/2026 11:54 AM

922	Please do NOT close our neighborhood Oak Grove Elementary School. My parents moved to this area because of this school. Oak Grove Elementary was the best of the schools I went to including Henderson Middle School and Lakeside High School. The school is vital to our neighborhood and kids education. Oak Grove Elementary is at 95% capacity and the test scores strongly indicate a very good school.	3/7/2026 11:49 AM
923	While I understand the district's need to address underutilized facilities, I urge careful consideration before consolidating schools that are stable, high-performing, and deeply embedded in their communities. Schools like Oak Grove Elementary School serve as community anchors and attract families to the district. Closing such schools may accelerate enrollment loss rather than solve it.	3/7/2026 11:47 AM
924	Concern about empty school buildings and overcrowding other schools	3/7/2026 11:45 AM
925	Although Dekalb may be able to provide to 110K students, schools are already packed at 90+K. From my experience, being a graduate myself from DCSD, teachers are already struggling to adapt curriculum to every students unique learning needs/interests. Some students accel in specific subjects quickly, while others need continued support. If by consolidating, Dekalb would be cramming more students into a school, and add even more students into classrooms already full, then I do not support this idea. Consolidating resources means Consolidating students, whom already have very large class sizes. According to one flyer, "Save Evansdale", the schools enrollment is projected to GROW 600+ students in the next 4 years (by 2030). Where will all of these students go? If schools are already crammed, there isn't room to close schools and add additional students to already-full classrooms. Additionally, students will have to bus to further locations! This longer commute not only adds the amount of time students will have to spend on busses, but also add risk to students who are old enough to drive. High school students driving cars may have to drive further, thereby adding cost of gas and also risk of wrecks by driving further. Moreover, students who are unable to afford a car will have to wake up even earlier to catch a bus that has to drive further. For students who work jobs to help their families or save for college, waking up even earlier for a further bus drive will impact their education. If they don't get enough of sleep, they won't be able to focus in class. Or they won't be able to work as many hours at night in order to go to bed earlier in order to wake up earlier (which effects how much money they can save for college, as well).	3/7/2026 11:37 AM
926	I am counting on maintaining a strong academic tradition in our neighborhood by keeping Oak Grove Elementary school open.	3/7/2026 11:36 AM
927	Expansion projects will upgrade capacity by 250 students to each building. Will ES to MS and MS to HS conversions include upgrades as well? There are no upgrades/expansions in the Southwest, Southeast, or Central regions only in the North. Will the dollars spent to upgrade or convert facilities be spread equally between all 4 regions, or will dollars spent be focused primarily on expanding northern schools?	3/7/2026 11:34 AM
928	I think that the use of the most recent census data to determine the upcoming boom in the population due to children from the ages of 0-3years old that are not being considered.	3/7/2026 11:34 AM
929	Evansdale is over 10 acres that is interior to a subdivision. It would be an ideal expansion site.	3/7/2026 11:32 AM
930	I understand the district's need to better utilize facilities and concentrate resources due to declining enrollment. However, consolidation should be approached carefully to ensure that class sizes remain manageable and that schools receiving additional students have the staffing, space, and support services needed to maintain quality instruction. It will also be important to consider transportation times, especially for younger students. Any consolidation plan should ensure that special education services, intervention support, and counseling resources are not reduced but strengthened so that all students continue to receive the support they need.	3/7/2026 11:31 AM
931	Evansdale needs to be renovated and expanded. • At 10 acres, Evansdale's lot size is bigger than neighboring schools recommended for expansion. • Evansdale is unique in that it has a large, separate play field, two playgrounds, and multiple parking lots. The site can accommodate additions in the back of the school and still have ample play and parking space. • Evansdale is uniquely situated to accommodate increased traffic, as it takes up two sides of a large neighborhood block. • Evansdale's enrollment is projected to increase to over 600 by 2030. • Neighborhood parent, teacher, and community volunteers provide needed resources and personnel for French students. Moving the program would destroy this vital community. • French teachers at Evansdale Elementary, Henderson Middle and Lakeside High Schools have	3/7/2026 11:31 AM

	put down strong roots in our community. Older students mentor the younger students. It is imperative to keep this program at Evansdale and within the Lakeside cluster to keep the program strong.	
932	Closing small high-performing schools like Oak Grove will harm the children and parents who make education a priority. It should not simply be a question of prioritizing dollars over families.	3/7/2026 11:29 AM
933	See item 8 below	3/7/2026 11:29 AM
934	Our kids attended Evansdale elementary, Henderson middle, and now at Lakeside high. Evansdale unique French immersion program which is supported by excellent French teachers at Lakeside would be a terrible loss. Also, Evansdale sits on a huge lot, with more room to expand than others, and has more area for outdoor activities. If anything, you should be expanding, not eliminating Evansdale. Also, kids will have to be bussed further, meaning earlier star and later end, which is a wast of their time and can cause problems with parental work schedules. Schools need to be local, especially elementary schools, but really all of them. LOCAL parents need to have input on LOCAL schools. Last, your going to be destroying home values throughout the county. Nobody is going to want to buy a home without neighborhood schools. It's already too spread out. The elemtary schools are the main saviors. Henderson middle should probably be 2 smaller schools, and Lakeside is bordering on being too large, but is still fine though definitely needs some restoration.	3/7/2026 11:24 AM
935	Keep Oak Grove, Sagamore, Lakeside, and Henderson.	3/7/2026 11:22 AM
936	I would like to see Ashford Park stay open and functioning as an elementary school.	3/7/2026 11:22 AM
937	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/7/2026 11:16 AM
938	Expanding evansdale seems like a better idea than expanding Livsey. Livsey is on a dangerous busy street. Evansdale has more property to expand.	3/7/2026 11:12 AM
939	Limit closing. Consider district history. Consider staff quality	3/7/2026 11:10 AM
940	Oak Grove should not close or consolidate	3/7/2026 11:09 AM

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944	I understand the need to address underutilized buildings, but consolidations should be done carefully to minimize disruption to students and communities. The district should ensure receiving schools have the resources, staffing, and capacity to support additional students and maintain strong feeder patterns.	3/7/2026 11:05 AM
945	This is a tremendously bad and dangerous idea for dekalb public schools. I've seen many redirecting efforts but the logic and data supporting this one are completely in correct. Moreover, why this would cause is a significant number of people to pull their kids out of dekalb public schools and go private or elsewhere. There is a way to be more efficient without losing the small school elementary school culture central to Dekalb.	3/7/2026 11:04 AM
946	I don't support the initial facilities scenario. It would put too many children into one school and they would loose a lot of support and individual help.	3/7/2026 11:00 AM
947	Enrollment seems to be at a comfortable level for students and faculty. I'd like to better understand student to teacher ratios and recommendations from third party sources.	3/7/2026 10:55 AM
948	Redistrict every attendance zone southward to fill in the empty seats in south DeKalb	3/7/2026 10:51 AM
949	It is imperative that school closings and redistricting students is minimized to retain community cohesion.	3/7/2026 10:47 AM
950	I am not in favor of the proposed consolidations. I understand the concern about resources, but we specifically moved to Tucker to avoid having our children in a large elementary school. Our Zoned school at the time (peachcrest) had over 900 students and I did not feel this was the best learning environment for my child. I appreciate the personalized attention and smaller class sizes that she has benefited from at night Evansdale Elementary, which she attended through 2nd grade, and now Brockett elementary	3/7/2026 10:47 AM
951	The initial facilities were good and had basic spaces needed for students and staff.	3/7/2026 10:47 AM
952	Do not consolidate. Monster schools are not good for kids, neighborhoods or traffic.	3/7/2026 10:46 AM
953	Please don't close OAK GROVE. Very important for community.	3/7/2026 10:45 AM
954	Evansdale's lot size is larger than any of the other neighborhood schools and would be better for potential expansion	3/7/2026 10:45 AM
955	I support the Brookhaven community's strong support of the public school system now and for many, many years to come therefore, I support the following position… keeping the Ashford Park and Drew Valley neighborhoods in the Chamblee MS and HS cluster, and the pathway of	3/7/2026 10:43 AM

	closing the Ashford Park Elementary School facility as a neighborhood school, and shifting the Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone to the current John Lewis Elementary facility, and preserve our (current attendance zone) Chamblee Cluster. I believe it is best to work with the resources we currently have… but this community has been built on decades together and separating the school population at the Dresden line would be detrimental to the relationships that continue to grow here. We understand APES has issues: poor building inspections, being way over capacity for our population and projected future population, and not having the acreage or roadways to expand, and the consulting community suggests keeping APES a community center. Since JLES first opened, additional capital investments have been made to surrounding schools, so that more students (including those that currently attend JLES) have access to new and expanded buildings. Finally, by moving the current APES attendance zone (which currently is zoned to the Chamblee MS/HS cluster, to JLES and moving JLES into the Chamblee Cluster, would be a net zero in attendance for the Chamblee cluster. I would challenge the committee to look at why so many families have chosen other education options. It is a shame that our population continues to grow but our schools are shrinking. I believe this stems a lot from COVID and students feeling left behind or that their school no longer serves their needs.	
956	They are quite nice and provide good education	3/7/2026 10:42 AM
957	I understand the reasoning behind exploring school consolidations and the need for the district to use resources efficiently. I'm not opposed to the concept if it ultimately strengthens the school system overall. However, I do have concerns about the impact on students who may have to travel farther and adjust to being reassigned to new schools and communities. If consolidations move forward, I hope the funds saved are clearly reinvested into supporting the students and schools affected by these changes. Many schools already rely heavily on parent and community support, and it's important that teachers and staff receive the resources they need to manage any increase in enrollment. Maintaining reasonable student-to-teacher ratios should remain a priority so that students continue receiving the attention and support they need to succeed. I would strongly encourage the district to ensure that any consolidation plan includes clear commitments to supporting teachers, students, and school communities during the transition.	3/7/2026 10:42 AM
958	I think closing Evansdale school would be a travesty, just as closing any school that takes access to education away from children is wrong. I am not sure who is behind this or why this is even being considered.	3/7/2026 10:41 AM
959	I am strongly against consolidating elementary schools in the Lakeside cluster. The neighborhood identity, community cohesion, and community support is founded on these schools where the community can take personal pride and responsibility for their strength. In addition, the more personal connection to the elementary schools in the neighborhood is wonderful for this age group. I am extremely against closing Evansdale, rather than expanding and renovating the school. The lot is bigger than neighboring schools recommended for expansion, it can accommodate additions while still maintaining ample play and parking space. Evansdale is uniquely situated to accommodate increased traffic, as it takes up 2 sides of a large neighborhood block. Evansdale enrollment is projected to increase to over 600 by 2030.	3/7/2026 10:41 AM
960	I think smaller schools are better for students and neighborhoods. Savings should be found by cutting back on county administrative costs, not by requiring students to go to larger schools, where they have longer commute times and costs and less individual recognition in the school.	3/7/2026 10:40 AM
961	I want better education experience more S.T.E.A.M Scools. If less facilities will make it happen. Then I am for it.	3/7/2026 10:38 AM
962	Closing Oak Grove Elementary does not align with the district's goal of addressing underutilized schools. The district's target utilization is approximately 88%, and Oak Grove already exceeds that level. As of October 2025, the school operates at 89% capacity (447 students out of 504) and is projected to reach 487 students in 2026–27, or about 96% utilization. Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years, indicating a sustained upward trend that could bring the school to full capacity within the next two to three years. If Oak Grove were closed, its students would primarily be reassigned to Sagamore Hills and Briarlake. However, Sagamore Hills is already at 91% utilization with only 43 available seats, while Briarlake has about 130 available seats. Combined, these schools cannot absorb Oak Grove's 447 students without significant boundary changes, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake currently operates at 73% utilization, substantial residential development is underway nearby that is expected to increase enrollment over time. Major projects such as the Lulah Hills redevelopment of North DeKalb Mall and the Corporate Square/Northbend redevelopment	3/7/2026 10:31 AM

	will add thousands of housing units in the surrounding area. Initial phases alone could generate an estimated 55–145 additional elementary students, potentially raising Briarlake's utilization into the 83–90% range, with continued development pushing it closer to 90–95%. The broader Druid Hills and Clifton corridor is also experiencing significant growth, with more than $2.5 billion in recent institutional investment, including the Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus and multiple Emory expansions. This growth is bringing new jobs and increasing housing demand, suggesting that enrollment in nearby schools is likely to rise rather than decline. If enrollment projections rely heavily on pandemic-era data from 2020–2022, they may not reflect the post-pandemic recovery and current development pipeline. Updated projections should account for recent enrollment growth and ongoing residential construction. In addition, Oak Grove is among the highest-performing schools in the review group, ranking near the top in both content mastery and readiness. Given its high utilization, continued enrollment growth, and strong academic performance, closing Oak Grove would not directly address the district's broader challenge of underutilized schools.	
963	Makes sense. How does that impact teacher to student ratio?	3/7/2026 10:25 AM
964	It should not be just numbers!! Do not decide to consolidate to a school merely based on numbers. Don't consolidate to a school who was shown to be in poor condition on the last county wide walk thru schools. We shouldn't abandon school buildings in good condition based on numbers.	3/7/2026 10:21 AM
965	Scenarios are mainly black population areas bring changef	3/7/2026 10:20 AM
966	We support the initial consolidation scenarios but with the following feedback: - While we appreciate the reasons for releasing consolidations first, it is very difficult to opine on the consolidation scenarios without knowing what implications of closing 2 Dunwoody HS cluster elementary schools will have on the redrawing of boundaries. We would be strongly opposed to any scenario which would move us out of our current Dunwoody HS cluster. - We understand that the county is trying to move away from smaller elementary schools for cost reasons, but as Chesnut parents, we love the small, community feel of our school. We do look forward to better resourcing and facilities available for our children. - One of our children will begin attending Kittredge Magnet School next year. We need information as to how these plans will impact her attendance at Kittredge and where she will go for middle and high school would help us better assess these plans.	3/7/2026 10:17 AM
967	I don't not agree with consolidation. The purpose of community schools is to foster community and allow for a more enriched education. Put more money and resources towards the schools.	3/7/2026 10:13 AM
968	I think consolidations are necessary. I am concerned that they will get rid of Marbut's Theme School status. This status allows the focus to be on instruction and eliminate many distractions. The students in that area deserve to have a school that has high behavior expectations.	3/7/2026 10:07 AM
969	You need to leave Oak Grove Elementary. The school is well supported by the community and close to full capacity. If the move to providing school for all pre-K age kids which the legislature has indicated as a priority then more space will be needed and the school will be full.	3/7/2026 10:02 AM
970	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students →	3/7/2026 9:59 AM

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972	I do not understand why high performing, well-liked schools like Ashford Park Elementary have been selected for closure. I am deeply concerned about the impact of switching schools and/or clusters on the education of children who attend those schools including my child. These schools also benefit from very strong parent and neighborhood communities that would be disrupted by this process, again adversely affecting children’s education,	3/7/2026 9:56 AM
973	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary. BIG mistake - it is THE reason many people did and still do, and likely WILl, move into this neighborhood. It is PART of the community -- and we need community now more than ever1	3/7/2026 9:52 AM
974	I believe small neighborhood elementary schools to be the ideal to ease children into enjoying schooling long term - not being lost in the system	3/7/2026 9:49 AM
975	Great. The district should close schools to be more fiscally responsible. Though, I think the schools that are doing extremely well academically should remain open.	3/7/2026 9:46 AM
976	It is crazy to me that we are spending so much energy and time on the symptom and not on	3/7/2026 9:44 AM

	the problem. The families of Dekalb County have lost faith in a Dekalb County education. If we put this much into fixing that problem, we wouldn't be talking about closing schools.	
977	I think it needs to be done but hate the idea of losing smaller neighborhood schools. Some of the schools definitely need maintenance upgrades	3/7/2026 9:42 AM
978	While I see the need, I want to know about what happens if the kids come back? There are tons of kids in my community that don't want to deal with the county and send their kids to private or homeschool. Also, neighborhood schools are why MANY of us specifically moved to these areas. We just don't believe this is going to help things because of the history of Dekalb and how they've treated the schools, communities and the inequalities throughout the county.	3/7/2026 9:42 AM
979	I feel that small schools have must to offer far as smaller groups when it come to instruction but when the building is FALLING APART we need to make sure that the students are in a safe place where teaching and learning can be successful.	3/7/2026 9:37 AM
980	Please consider removing Oak Grove Elementary from the potential school closure list. Closing Oak Grove Elementary does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. Significant new investment and development in the area has likely not yet been reflected in projections. The documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles of Oak Grove Elementary includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. The district's stated goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove Elementary School is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment at Oak Grove Elementary has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization Oak Grove Elementary is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/7/2026 9:34 AM
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982	Midvale elementary is a beacon of our community. Pre K programs could be expanded to meet the needs of our community as over a hundred students applied for the lottery this year and were denied. Pre K lottery should be looked at carefully.	3/7/2026 9:30 AM
983	Not in favor.	3/7/2026 9:28 AM
984	I believe that schools that are near each other and well under capacity should be consolidated to conserve and maximize resources. Schools that are at 85-90% capacity to over capacity - I need to understand where those students will be absorbe school if surrounding schools are also close to or at capacity as well (but planned to stay open.	3/7/2026 9:25 AM
985	We are glad to see Huntley hills will remain open. Our concerns are class size and keeping Montessori. We love the Montessori program at HHES and we want it to remain at Huntley hills. I'm not sure how you will fit more kids in that school though. My first grader already has 22 kids in his class. My prek student has 20 kids in her class. How are we going to accommodate more kids without more classrooms? Space is going to be an issue.	3/7/2026 9:23 AM
986	Overcrowding, crowd control, overwhelming conditions	3/7/2026 9:20 AM
987	It isproportionately affects student populations with more diverse social economic status and needs. It also doesnt consider school performance.	3/7/2026 9:12 AM
988	Oak Grove has been a pillar of our community for generations. It's the reason families move to the area, and they stay here. Closing that school would be a mistake that would bring down property values and population counts.	3/7/2026 9:06 AM
989	Oak Grove Elementary is a community school. It is the glue that connects families in the community. Many graduates of OGE continue to be friends for life. Many people who attended OGE come back to raise their children in this community because of the elementary school.	3/7/2026 9:06 AM
990	It's my strong belief that students are best served - academically, socially and culturally - through learning in a smaller community school. The results are speaking for themself - Vanderlyn is one of only three high performing elementary schools in the district and that is being driven by that setup. It would really be tragic to see one of the counties few successes be forced to close. To be clear, I think having less programing / resources is an OK trade off to keep it. Personally, I'd even be willing to contribute significant funding (myself) to keep the school.	3/7/2026 9:06 AM
991	The consolidation scenarios do not appear to align with the actual capacity realities in the Chamblee cluster. Ashford Park Elementary is operating at roughly 171% of capacity, making it one of the most overcrowded schools in the district. Closing an overcrowded school does not solve the district's excess seat problem, it simply shifts overcrowding to other schools that are already at or near capacity. Any consolidation scenario should first demonstrate where displaced students would realistically go and how that would reduce overcrowding.	3/7/2026 9:04 AM
992	Terrible plan with no logic behind. Who is behind the idea of wanting to close so many EXCELLENT schools ??? Close Henderson Middle School. These kids are not ready to be shipped off like it is a prison.	3/7/2026 9:04 AM

993	Consolidations are not always the right way to save resources. We can't keep punishing kids in the name of money. Consolidation means straining the resources further by adding more students with little regard for their well being or the staff. Rebalancing seems much more reasonable than shutting down buildings.	3/7/2026 9:03 AM
994	I believe consolidation is a mistake. Bigger schools create less parent and community involvement and a loss of buy-in to what is happening in achools. Consolidated, large schools increase traffic and trip times, leading, again, to less involvement and more inconvenience to the communities Dekalb School System was created to serve.	3/7/2026 9:03 AM
995	none	3/7/2026 8:59 AM
996	In theory, I understand the need for consolidation.	3/7/2026 8:59 AM
997	Evansdale Elementary is an important part of my neighborhood community, and the reason I moved to the area. I want this school to continue as my neighborhood's local school.,	3/7/2026 8:57 AM
998	Oak Grove Elementary should not be closed. The data does not justify this proposed action. Oak Grove is operating near capacity. Enrollment projections used in closure discussions conflict with the principal's office budget enrollment. There is clear evidence of demand with over 200 students on the waiting list including more than 100 kindergartners.	3/7/2026 8:39 AM
999	I am concerned at the potential closing of so many neighborhood elementary schools in my area. It is unclear where my children would end up going to elementary school, and I worry that school would be huge and overwhelming for them.	3/7/2026 8:35 AM
1000	Looks good bc our school isn't affected which would be devastating.	3/7/2026 8:32 AM
1001	No changes to my school so I'm good with it. I assume Oak Grove students would flow into Briarlake so that is good.	3/7/2026 8:30 AM
1002	I am alarmed at the potential closure of Oak Grove ES. This would be detrimental to the fabric of the neighborhood.	3/7/2026 8:23 AM
1003	I am opposed to the closure of Evansdale. I believe that the community supports the school very well and that children that age need to be in a small, protected environment. The school has had French Immersion for many years and this makes the community unique. I would hate to see the school consolidated given the nuances of this program.	3/7/2026 8:21 AM
1004	can the consolidations be cut from 27 consolidations to 12 consolidations (4 elementary facilities 4 middle school facilities 4 high school facilities) can clarifications be provided regarding how the facilities that are closed due to consolidations will be repurposed?	3/7/2026 8:20 AM
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1006	I believe that these schools lead to a sense of community. Children attending often live in the same neighborhoods and have the ability to get together outside of school	3/7/2026 8:05 AM
1007	We live in the Evansdale community and moved here specifically for the elementary school and high school.	3/7/2026 8:00 AM
1008	Our family is very concerned about the proposal to close a highly successful, top-performing school in our community. This school has consistently delivered strong academic outcomes and has become an important part of the neighborhood. Closing it would have significant ripple effects that go far beyond the school building itself. First, this decision would negatively impact the surrounding community and local property values. Many families, including ours, made the decision to buy our home specifically because of the schools in this cluster. If the school closes, we have already heard numerous parents say they will move to surrounding counties or choose private school options instead. Our family is one of those families—we would likely choose private school if this closure occurs. That means fewer students and less funding for DeKalb County Schools, which seems to be the opposite of the district's goals. Second, there is a great deal of concern about where students would be reassigned. One of the biggest worries for families is the possibility of being moved to a different cluster, particularly from the Chamblee cluster to the Cross Keys cluster. Like the vast majority of parents, we intentionally chose our home based on the school pathway leading to Chamblee High School. A reassignment to John Lewis Elementary in the Cross Keys cluster would represent a major change from what families planned for when choosing where to live. Finally, if the district continues to consider closing the school, families need much clearer information about the next steps before meaningful feedback can be given. It is difficult to provide constructive suggestions when we do not yet know where students would be reassigned or how those transitions would work. Discussions about facilities cannot happen in isolation without addressing the broader impact on students, families, and the community. To use a simple analogy, most people would not feel comfortable with their company announcing that it is closing but providing no information about what will happen to their job or position. In the same way, families need transparency about where students would go, how clusters might change, and what the long-term academic pathways would look like. If solutions are being explored, the district should consider options that allow this successful school to remain open. Another possibility might be evaluating targeted rezoning options, such as assigning Drew Valley to a school closer to them, rather than closing a high-performing school that serves its community well. We respectfully ask the district to carefully consider the academic success of this school, the impact on families, and the broader consequences for the community before making any final decisions.	3/7/2026 7:49 AM
1009	It may make sense to consolidate facilities by closing some neighborhood elementary schools. However, the criteria for making those decisions is important. For example, Evansdale Elementary is located on 10 acres which allows for expansion. It has a large, separate play field and two playgrounds plus multiple parking lots. It can and should be renovated and expanded - especially given an expected enrollment increase over the next 4-5 years. Additionally, the Evansdale neighborhood should continue to feed into Lakeside High School. This was a key reason for many who purchased a house in this area.	3/7/2026 7:49 AM
1010	Concern with closing Evansdale because it has more usable land for expansion than other nearby schools such as Livsey	3/7/2026 7:43 AM
1011	The focus should be on lowering the teacher student ratio rather than consolidating into larger failing schools.	3/7/2026 7:41 AM
1012	It is confusing to the community to indicate closure scenarios without aligning scenarios for boundaries. Without knowing what would happen with the students at a closing school, it's very difficult to provide feedback. While buildings will need to close, it seems that schools performing very well have something good going on and it doesn't make sense to close those and send students to lower performing schools. Those lower performing schools won't change overnight. The higher performing schools are a result of a combination of the staff and the commitment from the community. That can't be overlooked. Closing some of these schools	3/7/2026 7:34 AM

	will not result in movement to other dekalb schools, it will result in more people feeling like their only option for a solid education for their children is private school.	
1013	It’s a huge undertaking that will require serious consideration and a solid plan. Especially for the future of vacant buildings and the possibility of population growth.	3/7/2026 7:30 AM
1014	Strongly prefer small community schools within walking distance of homes with high-quality staff and student engagement. Our Livsey Elementary is treasured in our community and we've had kids there for 13 years.	3/7/2026 7:25 AM
1015	Need more info on what 8-12 would look like	3/7/2026 7:19 AM
1016	Don't agree with small schools like Ashford Park and Oak Grove are being asked to close given how supported and important they are to their local neighborhood. Please shift Ashford park to John Lewis and keep those families in the chamblee cluster. Keep the magnet program in the chamblee cluster. Allow Sequoyah middle school to join with the new Doraville high school rather than a split feeder into chamblee high school.	3/7/2026 7:04 AM
1017	I think closing local elementary schools are a bad idea. A mega school for younger kids takes away the sense of community and fun in learning that a community school has. You want kids to come out of elementary school with a love of school and learning. Mega schools are just factories that loose all the extra special events that smaller community schools give.	3/7/2026 7:01 AM
1018	Are we considering the structure of the building. Consolidating schools will be easier to swallow if you had new buildings to accommodate the consolidations of certain schools.	3/7/2026 6:57 AM
1019	I'll admit, at first it was shocking that so many schools were planned to close. But as someone who has been at a smaller school, I understand what happens when we are underfunded AND at an old facility that isn't cared for. As a parent in the Dunwoody cluster, I am very surprised we could go from 5 elementary schools to 3 but now I think it sounds right - I think it will be good for the community to not be so spread out and then come together at a very large middle and high school. I want Dekalb to also invest in improving / expanding Peachtree Middle and Dunwoody High - NO more trailers. Extra parking! More resources for staff and teachers.	3/7/2026 6:52 AM
1020	People move into these neighborhoods specifically for these schools. Why in the world would you eliminate those schools? There’s a strong community connection, which is why they are successful. Schools must remain connected to their neighborhoods.	3/7/2026 6:44 AM
1021	Do not like or agree.	3/7/2026 6:35 AM
1022	One of the reasons I Love our school is the small community feel where the kids and teachers all know each other. I am not in favor of combining elementary schools.	3/7/2026 6:35 AM
1023	Do not close oak grove elem	3/7/2026 6:12 AM
1024	Great no issues although I have no children for those parents that have more than one child	3/7/2026 5:38 AM
1025	The class size for students in South Dekalb schools are 23+ per class, whereas the class size in North Dekalb schools is under 20 per class. Yet this is area that gets the schools closures. Less resources in South Dekalb and how are these children expected to have a successful public education? Dekalb schools have never been treated the same in South Dekalb as North Dekalb. If you would put the resources in this area we could have a better success rate. Focus on teaching the skills needed to succeed and stop teaching for the next standardized test.	3/7/2026 4:56 AM
1026	Keep Oak Grove Elementary open. It is valuable to the Oak Grove community and continues to provide excellent educational opportunities for all students.	3/7/2026 3:10 AM
1027	The citizens of DeKalb County have consistently shown a preference for community schools. Homeowners and renters choose locations based on schools. Schools are the hearts of our neighborhoods. Poor planning (hello Pleasantdale) in the past has led to some of the issues being faced today. How about thinking creatively to fill some of the schools? Magnets, additional art centric choices, expanded pre-k, etc. to fill some spots rather than reinventing the wheel. Addressing the declining numbers with improving the quality of education to attract young families and encourage them to stay in the public vs private school system. Specifically some of the choices make little sense. Livsey is overflowing with trailers with zero room for growth on a busy road and is very close to Pleasantdale and is slated to stay open while Midvale and Evansdale have open ground and ample parking away from traffic. And all of theses schools along with others are beloved by the community and add to the value of the neighborhoods and tax base. As a 40+ yr resident of DeKalb with all 3 kids going through the	3/7/2026 1:47 AM

	public school system I know the value the local schools bring to the county. I'll also say for the record why the heck is this even being brought to the table when yet another supervisor has turned out to be corrupt and an interim is presiding over a proposal of this scope? DeKalb School district problems start at the top and whoever does your searches and bottling should be canned, a new supervisor in place before even discussing this. I also have zero faith that the neighborhoods with closing schools will have anything but abandoned buildings left to devalue. This whole thing should be tabled until we have leadership that is stable and can be trusted. And look at the bureaucracy. Move offices to Pleasantdale (what a location on the Gwinnett county line to build a bloated school that borders another county and wonder why it's hard to fill) Whoever makes your lists doesn't know the county.	
1028	Schools are already overcrowded. Less students per school is a good thing.	3/7/2026 12:53 AM
1029	Closing Oak Grove Elementary would be a mistake. Oak Grove is one of the strongest academic elementary schools in this cluster and consistently performs at a higher level than nearby options. Families specifically move into this attendance zone because of the school's reputation and the engaged parent community that supports it. Eliminating Oak Grove would push roughly 400 students into nearby schools that already face space and staffing constraints. More importantly, it risks weakening one of the district's most successful school communities. High-performing neighborhood schools attract and retain families who might otherwise choose private schools or leave the district. Closing Oak Grove would make this area less desirable for many of those families and could ultimately accelerate enrollment loss rather than solve it. If consolidation becomes necessary, DCSD should prioritize protecting its strongest schools and the communities that sustain them.	3/7/2026 12:12 AM
1030	I am a staff member at Towers High School. If I had my preference, I would want Towers to convert to a 6-12 and focus on CTAE; as the parental and student data support that the families would greatly benefit from trade education. Additionally, because the population has historically had low Lexile scores and testing data, if students were in the same environment from 6th grade the proper amount of reading and math intervention could be implemented which would then have a long term positive impact on test scores and overall student success.	3/6/2026 11:47 PM
1031	I think inevitably, consolidations are needed. The initial proposal of consolidations seems strong as it feels that there was intention behind the school choices based on location (and distance to the other nearest school), property size / potential, and student volume. Now if we wanted to keep certain schools open instead, maybe splitting the grade bands to use those buildings could be a smart thing to do AND make more of the public / school community happy.	3/6/2026 11:34 PM
1032	Very disappointed on the possibility of Ashford Park closing. We just started there and the community welcomed us in with open arms. This school is such a jewel and the thought of us losing that is beyond heart breaking. We moved to our house because we would still be in the chamblee cluster and I want my daughter to play volleyball at Chamblee, but we are on the edge and Im worried that we will be moved to to cross keys who doesn't even play in the same class. Im also concerned about how this will impact student teacher ratios. This greatly impacts how children learn and combining schools will impact the quality of our children's education. Consolidating schools especially one that is over capacity to begin with is insane to say that it's just about the building because there is no way you can tear down ashford park and make it make sense for us to go to Montgomery which is 4 miles away. They already have a huge issue with traffic because there is no carpool lane and it runs into a very busy road. I'm very disappointed and truely hope you will reconsider other alternatives.	3/6/2026 11:27 PM
1033	R s	3/6/2026 11:26 PM
1034	Please keep Evansdale open. It's in an amazing location for both single family homes and apartments. And it's easily accessible to everyone in the area.	3/6/2026 11:10 PM
1035	I appreciate the district's planning efforts, but I do have concerns about the number of schools being repurposed. In particular, Laurel Ridge is my son's current school, and I understand there may be an expansion project. I would like clarification on how that expansion would occur—will it take place on the current campus and land footprint, or would it involve relocation or building elsewhere? Additionally, based on the chart, it appears the number of district high school options may be reduced to about three. If that is correct, I am concerned this could significantly limit options and capacity for older students. I hope the district will provide more clarity on how student choice, access, and overcrowding will be addressed if these changes move forward.	3/6/2026 11:04 PM

1036	The objectives of the consolidation are to ensure utilization of schools and the resources. The utilization is at 89% over the 88% target and next school year is anticipated to be at 96% utilization. Unfortunately the two closest schools do not have the capacity to absorb the entire Oak Grove student body. This would require significant infrastructure development or displacing students into portable classrooms. In addition, the scenario does not account for he significant development both in housing and with major employers in the surrounding areas. These developments would lead to the need for additional capacity, not less.	3/6/2026 11:02 PM
1037	I do not support consolidations of schools.	3/6/2026 10:52 PM
1038	Current students and curriculum should be allowed to stay in the schools they currently attend	3/6/2026 10:51 PM
1039	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization	3/6/2026 10:48 PM
1040	The idea that you would close Oak Grove Elementary School is a tragedy. The school is in the heart of a dense healthy neighborhood with many young families. I am devastated to receive this news. I went there. My children went there. Perhaps one day, my children's children could attend Oak Grove.	3/6/2026 10:48 PM
1041	The Student Assignment Project appears to prioritize facility consolidation without sufficiently weighting academic performance and demand for specific schools. Ashford Park Elementary is widely recognized as one of the highest-performing elementary schools in DeKalb and is already over capacity with approximately 776 students in a building designed for around 480. Closing a school that is both high-performing and heavily utilized contradicts the stated SAP objective of aligning resources with enrollment demand. Instead of eliminating capacity where families actively choose to enroll, the district should prioritize consolidation among consistently under-enrolled campuses. The SAP framework addresses declining enrollment but does not sufficiently address the root causes of enrollment decline in DeKalb County. Many families leave the district due to concerns about academic performance consistency, school safety, program availability, and predictability of school assignments. Without addressing these underlying drivers, consolidation alone risks accelerating the outflow of families to private schools, neighboring districts, or homeschooling. A long-term strategy should include: • expanding high-performing programs and replicating successful school models • strengthening cluster continuity • increasing transparency around academic outcomes and safety metrics Without addressing these drivers, closures risk becoming a cycle that further reduces enrollment rather than stabilizing it. The district should prioritize maintaining strong feeder clusters where families already demonstrate long-term commitment. The Chamblee High cluster is one of the strongest academic clusters in DeKalb, and preserving its continuity is essential to retaining families in the public system. Disrupting the feeder pattern between Ashford Park Elementary and the Chamblee cluster risks fragmenting a community of highly engaged families and could accelerate the loss of students to private schools or neighboring districts. A key SAP goal should be retention of high-engagement school communities, not just redistribution of students. Schools like Ashford Park represent more than buildings; they are examples of high-engagement educational ecosystems where parents, teachers, and the community actively invest time and resources. Closing schools with strong parental engagement removes one of the district's most valuable strategic assets. The district should analyze and replicate the practices of highly engaged schools rather than dismantling them. The district should also consider the broader economic implications of closing high-performing neighborhood schools. Strong public schools are a primary driver of property values and	3/6/2026 10:48 PM

	residential stability. Closing Ashford Park Elementary could materially impact property values in Brookhaven and surrounding neighborhoods, which ultimately affects the county's tax base and long-term economic stability. The district should incorporate housing market and demographic retention analysis into SAP decisions. A more effective approach would be to: 1. Consolidate under-enrolled schools where capacity utilization is consistently low 2. Expand or replicate high-performing school models 3. Preserve strong feeder clusters such as Chamblee High 4. Conduct a root-cause analysis of enrollment loss and implement retention strategies This would align SAP decisions with both fiscal responsibility and academic excellence.	
1042	Do not close evansdale. Renovate and expand it as its 10 acres; increasing enrollment to over 600 by 2030 and can handle the traffic from two sides of a neighborhood block. Also it has a large playfield multiple parking lots and playgrounds and plenty of space to expand.	3/6/2026 10:46 PM
1043	i love it	3/6/2026 10:43 PM
1044	Oak Grove Elementary is right down the street from Lakeside High School. The students who might be consolidated would be close to the High School that they would attend. Builds community.	3/6/2026 10:38 PM
1045	At 10.1 acres, Evansdale's lot size is bigger than neighboring schools recommended for expansion. Evansdale is unique in that it has a large, separate play field, two playgrounds, and multiple parking lots. Our site can accommodate additions in the back of the school and still have ample play and parking space. While neighboring schools on major roads clog up traffic, Evansdale is uniquely situated to accommodate more cars, as it takes up two sides of a large neighborhood block. Evansdale's current utilization is 96% and is projected to be over 100% by 2030. Evansdale is in need of expansion and renovation, not closure. Neighborhood parent, teacher, and community volunteers provide needed resources and personnel for French students. Moving the program would destroy this vital community. The French program goes through the Lakeside cluster (i.e., Evansdale, Henderson, Lakeside) and is the only non-charter DLI program in the area. French teachers at Evansdale, Henderson Middle, and Lakeside have put down strong roots in our community. Older students mentor the younger students. It is imperative to keep this program at Evansdale and the Lakeside cluster to keep the program strong. Our STEM certification provides hands-on, project-based learning that fosters critical thinking and problem-solving skills.	3/6/2026 10:38 PM
1046	Vanderlyn cluster is a tight, supportive and engaged community. Closing the school and dividing the children across the cluster would be devastating to our community.	3/6/2026 10:32 PM
1047	Find a way to keep more schools open, with reduced staff. Belonging to a neighborhood school has a great value to that neighborhood. Make the edges of the attendance zones more malleable, so that you can fine tune attendance at some schools.	3/6/2026 10:25 PM
1048	It appears consolidations needs to take place in order to maximize the use of monetary resources.	3/6/2026 10:15 PM
1049	Honestly, I sought to annex into Atlanta because the quality of DCPS is terrible. We wanted to be in Burgess Peterson which we should be zoned for as we are paying APS taxes. IF the school is failing why is the administration still there. You need to hold parents more responsible for their children. If they are not performing drag us in and tell us why.	3/6/2026 9:57 PM
1050	I understand the reasoning to close schools equally across the county, but many of the schools slated for school closure do not make sense. For example, Oak Grove Elementary is operating close to capacity (and projected to be at higher capacity next year), but it is flagged for closure along with 2 other elementary schools in the Lakeside cluster. Are all of her students supposed to go to Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? If these schools are going to expand, what is the plan for traffic patterns and parking for school events? Also school performance does not appear to have been a factor in school closure choice. Why would the county choose to close a high performing school (both academically and for special needs students). The academic reputation and performance will not translate if the students are moved to different schools. It has been alluded that schools need to be 600 students minimum. What is the academic result of having a larger school? One of my favorite parts of OGE (and all the Lakeside Cluster elementary schools) is that the community is very tight. I love walking my child to school every morning and seeing neighbors at every school events. The parents at OGE are very involved, which will be dismantled if the school is closed. Lastly, property values for Oak Grove Elementary are much higher even than the other schools in the Lakeside cluster. Has loss of property tax been considered in the analysis when schools close? In my opinion, this process should be slow and methodical. School closures should	3/6/2026 9:56 PM

	start at the schools that are actually below capacity and are low performing, and then reevaluated if they improved.	
1051	Closing our school would put my kids at a huge disadvantage! Oak Grove has built a fantastic culture of achievement and DeKalb county has not demonstrated the ability to replicate that culture	3/6/2026 9:46 PM
1052	Please don't close my school my friends kids love the school and I don't know how they will get the support they need at some other school	3/6/2026 9:21 PM
1053	The closure of so many elementary schools is not a good idea as it will only hasten family departure from DeKalb County School District for multiple reasons and exacerbate the problem that is trying to be solved, leading to further decline in funding, loss of teachers, and loss of funding to support DeKalb County School District personnel. First, parents seek educational options that are convenient, close to home, and provide a high-quality education. Eliminating schools will increase travel time for parents and make private schools much more attractive as public schools will no longer be closer. Furthermore, the community bonds formed by a local elementary school are critical to support other aims of the County, such as neighborhood social cohesion and collective efficacy, which translate into community care, enhanced property values, and reduced crime. Finally, the proposals do not address the fundamental reasons why parents are choosing to leave DeKalb Schools and will not mitigate the problem in the long term. For example, many parents choose to stay in DeKalb for unique elementary schools, such as Evansdale's French program. These parents volunteer and donate financially to their DeKalb County schools by a disproportionate amount, benefiting DeKalb teachers and schools beyond tax apportioned dollars. These parents will choose other options and DeKalb schools will experience a larger-than-expected loss of external funding and parental engagement and volunteerism.	3/6/2026 9:17 PM
1054	Evansdale ES supports a diverse community of supportive families and should be maintained.	3/6/2026 9:12 PM
1055	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/6/2026 9:10 PM
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1057	These are one-size-for-all scenarios that fail to take into account the individual schools. This is a BIG DEAL and just washing over the entire district with one approach is inappropriate and short-sighted. Each school must be reviewed in great detail individually before making a change. There are specialized programs in many of the schools slated for closure and often the choices for which building to use do not make sense when you start to look at them individually. Lakeside is overcrowded, Henderson is overcrowded. Why put the elementary kids in overcrowded schools too?	3/6/2026 9:02 PM
1058	It seems smart & financially necessary, though sad for those who may have bought homes near schools which may be closed.	3/6/2026 9:01 PM
1059	I understand that school buildings that are not operating at full capacity should be evaluated. However, each school is unique and enrollment numbers should not be the main consideration point for school closings. For example, Robert Shaw Theme School is an amazing award winning school that should be accessible to more kids, not closed down. I would like to explore options on expanding the lottery zoning for the school and other schools that are on the closing list that are great schools but may have low enrollment due to not being as visible or known about.	3/6/2026 9:00 PM
1060	Why is schools always the first thing to close when you're billing everything else and inviting everyone into Atlanta	3/6/2026 8:56 PM
1061	I think Chamblee cluster should stay together with Montgomery, Chamblee Middle and Chamblee High should stay together.	3/6/2026 8:51 PM
1062	I am very against closing Evansdale Elementary for the following reasons: 1) Lot size: our lot is 10.1 acres, which is larger than surrounding campuses marked for expansion. We have two playgrounds both in front and behind the school, in addition to a large athletic lower field. Either or both of our playgrounds could be moved to allow building expansion. 2) Parking: we have two parking lots in addition to street parking that is not on a major street 3) Traffic: we are not situated on a major road. Our school occupies two sides of a large neighborhood block, which allows us to accommodate increased traffic more effectively than surrounding schools. This allows us to increase transportation to and from school without backing up major roads like Briarcliff (Hawthorne) and Chamblee Tucker Rd (Livsey/Pleasantdale). Both of these major roads already suffer from traffic issues. 4) Transportation: DeKalb already has a shortage of bus drivers. Closing our school would require that students would need to be bused, exacerbating DeKalb's existing transportation challenges. 5) Evansdale enrollment already	3/6/2026 8:49 PM

	exceeds the state's enrollment threshold required to secure funding for essential instruction and support positions. Our enrollment is projected to grow to more than 600 students by 2030, making investment in Evansdale both practical and forward thinking 6) Diversity: Evansdale is among the most diverse schools in the district, which is one of our greatest strengths. Our current student population includes: 50.4% HIspanic/Latino 22.2% White 16.1% Black or AA 7.3% two or more races 2.9% Asian or Asian/Pacific Islander Evansdale has worked hard to celebrate the diversity of our student population and celebrate our Hispanic culture as well as elements of French culture given our French DLI. We have a significant amount of ESOL teachers and resources that have required quite a bit of work to establish. 7) DLI: our DLI depends on staying in the Lakeside Cluster, as it continues into Henderson Middle as well as Lakeside. French teachers at all three schools have built deep roots, providing students with a strong and continuous language pathways. Older studies regularly mentor younger ones, creating a multi-school support system that would be lost if Evansdale is closed. We are a uniquely walkable neighborhood school. Families can safely walk to and from school, a benefit that supports working parents and reduces transportation burdens in addition to promoting student well-being and strengthens community ties. Removing this walkable option would disproportionately affect families who rely on proximity, including many in our HIspanic community. Evansdale is a trusted and accessible hub where students receive language support, cultural affirmation and stability.	
1063	My neighborhood schools are not affected (Montgomery, Chamblee Middle, Chamblee HS). Disappointed to hear popular small schools like Ashford Park and Oak Grove are being asked to close. Please shift Ashford park to John Lewis and keep those families in the chamblee cluster. Keep the magnet program in the chamblee cluster. Allow Sequoyah middle school to join with the new Doraville high school rather than a split feeder into chamblee high school.	3/6/2026 8:43 PM
1064	I do not like the idea of consolidating because I love my kids being able to go to a neighborhood school. Its small environment helps my kids feel safe and the teachers are able to know who we are. It is a gift to have a school like this, especially having moved from a state where most of the elementary schools were large and consolidated. Those schools felt impersonal and less safe. They also had poorer educational outcomes. (oklahoma city schools)	3/6/2026 8:42 PM
1065	Closing a best school so kids can go to lesser rated school	3/6/2026 8:40 PM
1066	I understand the need for consolidation, but I do not understand what toll it will take on students that are moving from familiarity to new spaces. I am wondering what the student to teacher ratio with the consolidation will be. Will there be more resources for afterschool assistance for students that are on the grading spectrum. What will a day in the life of education consist of?	3/6/2026 8:35 PM
1067	I am deeply opposed to the closure of Oak Grove Elementary. My daughter was just accepted into PreK and we chose this neighborhood for the school.	3/6/2026 8:27 PM
1068	My school is very good, the smaller size means I know my teachers and don't feel scared. I would not like to move schools to a very big school,if others schools have problems please help those schools instead	3/6/2026 8:23 PM
1069	Es muy buena escuela es una escuela donde asen sentir a los niños como en casa	3/6/2026 8:21 PM
1070	I do not have enough information to accurately give any feedback.	3/6/2026 8:20 PM
1071	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district’s goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake’s current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake’s enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M	3/6/2026 8:17 PM

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1072	I would support consolidation so long as it does not involve trailers. Any solution for expanding schools that involves trailers is not a good solution	3/6/2026 8:17 PM
1073	With the consolidation for Vanderlyn, there is no outline of where the students will be reassigned, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made. Also Vanderlyn is a diverse, academically strong, and inclusive community. Preserving stable elementary environments while solving high school challenges aligns with district priorities.	3/6/2026 8:15 PM
1074	I do not think that Oak Grove elementary should be closed. It is a school that provides crate education for students especially those with IEP‘s.	3/6/2026 8:08 PM
1075	Evansdale seems to be on the chopping block because it's building doesn't meet the ideal. Why aren't you considering new buildings like the recent addition to Dresden. We certainly have the space.	3/6/2026 8:05 PM
1076	not logically planned/communities must not be disrupted	3/6/2026 8:02 PM
1077	We moved to our neighborhood specifically for Vanderlyn. We've heard nothing but great things and have experienced nothing but great things since our children have been attending. It is very disappointing to see it on the list of potential closures/repurposed facilities.	3/6/2026 8:01 PM
1078	I strongly discourage the school board from its proposal to close Ashford Park elementary or to reassign the Ashford Park Drew Valley Neighborhood to a different middle in high school cluster. The communities of Ashford Park and Drew Valley. Enjoy the Neighborhood elementary school significantly. It is a significant point of pride for the community. It is something that brings the community together. Ashford Park has also become a significant part of the growing and thriving community of Chamblee and should remain in that cluster moving forward, baby.	3/6/2026 8:00 PM
1079	I understand the need to consolidate and redistrict schools that have low utilization. In Dunwoody, our elementary schools are in the 70-80s for utilization. We love our smaller, community schools. Have you considered adding additional pre-k 3 and pre-k classrooms to the schools? I applied for the Vanderlyn pre-k lottery and am #24 on the waitlist. That’s a whole classroom worth of kids that want to be at Vanderlyn! Opening up additional pre-k classrooms would help fill the elementary schools with higher occupancies, rather than closing them down. We also worry about already busy local roads becoming so much worse if schools are closed and consolidated in Dunwoody. Have you looked at traffic patterns?	3/6/2026 7:54 PM
1080	Oak Grove is a high performing k-5. Property values are higher in this area because of this. Why would a school top ranking school be closed??!	3/6/2026 7:53 PM
1081	Do not close Cedar Grove High nor consolidate with McNair. I will move my family to City of Decatur. We need to invest in the schools we have. This plan places a very heavy burden on an already distressed South DeKalb and will accelerate the community into becoming a ghetto.	3/6/2026 7:52 PM
1082	DO NOT CLOSE Robert Shaw Elementary School. This is a top tier school that provides an excellent education for students. The school routinely win awards at the county, state, and national levels. Additionally, the school performs above county and state standards. I am vehemently opposed to closing Robert Shaw Theme School. The school also leads DeKalb in	3/6/2026 7:50 PM

	parental volunteer hours; we are heavily invested in our school and our children's future. The school is predominantly made up of East African (Ethiopia, Somalia, Eritrea) students. My African American daughters have benefitted from learning and growing with an international community. The county should be focused on expanding the school not closing it.	
1083	Consolidating schools forces parents and student to travel further to school each day, reducing walk to school opportunities and ease for students to get home. Additionally larger class sizes never results in better performance.	3/6/2026 7:49 PM
1084	I know it is needed but they should keep high performing schools	3/6/2026 7:41 PM
1085	Demographics were not looked at nor zoning for feeder middle and high schools. Jon Lewis is not in the same middle and high district so moving Ashford park student there doesn't make sense.	3/6/2026 7:40 PM
1086	I most of all want my neighborhood school, Oak Grove Elementary, to remain open.	3/6/2026 7:37 PM
1087	You're proposing closing some schools that are overcrowded. That makes no sense!	3/6/2026 7:37 PM
1088	Evansdale is a good solid school that has capacity to expand and has been respected as good for years. Please keep Evansdale.	3/6/2026 7:29 PM
1089	Oak Grove Elementary School (OGES) should not be closed as enrollment has increased for the past 4 years (after the pandemic). There are several large developments planned in our area near Oak Grove Elementary. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment; all of this is very near Oak Grove Elementary School. Furthermore, Oak Grove Elementary is one of the highest performing schools within the group being considered for closure.	3/6/2026 7:29 PM
1090	Evansdale need to be renovated,not closed . The school has two play grounds for the kids , a lot of parking lot .	3/6/2026 7:29 PM
1091	Evansdale is better situated for renovation or expansion than Livsey or any other local schools	3/6/2026 7:28 PM
1092	Please do NOT close Oak Grove Elementary School. This has been a bedrock of our neighborhood for many decades and the main reason we moved to Oak Grove from Morningside. Our kids do well in this neighborhood school and test scores show this. Oak Grove Elementary is at 95% capacity also. Sending young kids to a huge consolidated school away from their neighborhood will definitely negatively impact our kids education.	3/6/2026 7:23 PM
1093	My feedback on the initial facilities consolidation scenario is that it could help the school use space and resources more efficiently. Combining certain facilities might reduce costs, improve coordination between staff and students, and make better use of classrooms and equipment. However, it's important to consider potential challenges, like longer travel times for students or staff, crowded spaces, or disruptions during the transition. Careful planning and clear communication with everyone involved will be key to making the consolidation successful. Overall, if done thoughtfully, it could benefit both the school's operations and the student experience.	3/6/2026 7:21 PM
1094	How will this be funded? DCSD is notorious for kickbacks etc. how do we keep this all legitimate. DCSD did a lousy job this summer updating HVAC and other things at schools. Some schools still need corrections to the construction this past summer. How can we trust all of the construction to be done correctly when even minor things are not done correctly. Neighborhood schools are more than just schools, they are the heart of communities. Therefore closing neighborhood schools in lieu of spending more $ and bigger class sizes makes no sense.	3/6/2026 7:14 PM
1095	Champion Theme is centrally located and is the only current Theme school. That must be maintained or expanded.	3/6/2026 7:10 PM
1096	To be blunt, I'm not a fan of the scenario because it is just a facilities-driven approach. I understand that DCSD and SAP are trying to include community feedback and press the idea that any consolidation plans will have benefits to the students of this district but communities you will be impacting are not receptive to considerations based solely on space and buildings.	3/6/2026 7:10 PM
1097	I have been a resident on Tucker for nearly 30 years. I have seen many revisions to DeKalb County Schools. Unfortunately, I was only made aware of the potential close to Brockett and other area schools from a flyer a neighbor handed me. I am very concerned for the neighborhood children, parents, and the continued growth of our neighborhood. I have heard	3/6/2026 7:09 PM

	concerns and tried to decipher limited information in the web. It reads as if no plan for true financial impacts have been released, no budgets have been planned, no records of community impact, nor what this is actually going to cost. Again, I am deeply concerned based on the hodgepodge of presented information and clear communication to all of DeKalb county's residents!	
1098	Evansdale Elementary is very important to the surrounding community and has awesome teachers and room for expansion.	3/6/2026 7:06 PM
1099	Closing neighborhood elementary schools and middle schools is detrimental to the students and the community.	3/6/2026 7:04 PM
1100	Our neighborhood is called oak grove area based primarily on the great oak grove school - it is the Identity of our community and a key integral part.	3/6/2026 6:59 PM
1101	What will happen to students who are preparing for testing and graduation?	3/6/2026 6:59 PM
1102	Don't close Oak Grove Elementary	3/6/2026 6:58 PM
1103	I disagree with the premise and the plan.	3/6/2026 6:57 PM
1104	Brockett used to be k-7, so it could easily house prek-7th grade	3/6/2026 6:52 PM
1105	If my son's school closes, we will have to drive further, and in the wrong direction from my job, making our morning commute much harder. We also moved here this school year, and it's been a hard transition for my son. If he has to move schools again I fear we will repeat the same tantrums and crying we faced this year, scaring my child and others further.	3/6/2026 6:52 PM
1106	I strongly disagree for Evansdale elementary school because the classroom is already crowded, it's more than 25+ kids in each classroom. The consolidation scenario will not work for this school. There is already a high turnover teachers and a lot of changes in terms of principal and assistant principal Consolidation is the last thing that we need given the many changes that we went through for the past three years. This school has strong PTA and it's close net community. Hi	3/6/2026 6:52 PM
1107	The initial facilities can sustain its student populations as is without minimizing any resources.	3/6/2026 6:50 PM
1108	Closing Oak Grove Elementary would be detrimental to the community. I purchased my home because it's in the Oak Grove Elementary District and my property taxes which pay for the schools are based on the value accorded to my property because it is zoned for Oak Grove Elementary.	3/6/2026 6:45 PM
1109	I do not understand why certain high performing school like Vanderlyn are closing.	3/6/2026 6:45 PM
1110	Not sure why Vanderlyn Elementary would be eliminated when the school is one of the highest performing school in Dekalb. If it needs to be eliminated, the property/land should be used to expand Dunwoody Highschool.	3/6/2026 6:45 PM
1111	Has the growth of Dekalb been considered? As they build new neighborhoods that will increase the number of students. Also wouldn't the chance to lower student to teacher ratio be a good thing	3/6/2026 6:38 PM
1112	I feel they should not just focus on just South DeKalb area, but the whole District. I am sure there are schools in North DeKalb that has small numbers of students in those school as well. Many schools in the South has more students in their schools than the North. Why are you closing the schools in the South.	3/6/2026 6:37 PM
1113	Leave OUR schools alone. The majority of the schools that are being closed are in the predominantly black neighborhoods. You all are closing these schools so that you can build more housing and shopping centers. You all are doing exactly what was done the Jim Crow era. You want to bus our kids to different counties far away from their homes where it will be difficult for the parents without transportation. Go to Cobb County, Conyers, Gwinnett, and Sandy Springs and close their schools.	3/6/2026 6:34 PM
1114	I agree with scenario 1 for Chesnut Elementary expansion. CES sits on the largest acreage of land available to DCSD to expand compared to others elementary schools sites in our cluster. The CES site location any redesign could easily include a reconfiguration of new access is needed as it is a good right of away and still remains within the city Dunwoody limits. Its geographical location creates the MOST equitable access to elementary schools across the the City of Dunwoody . Based on scenario 1, the 3 remaining elementary school would be	3/6/2026 6:22 PM

	geographically spread out to best serve students across Dunwoody (northeastern side of Dunwoody with Austin, central Dunwoody with Dunwoody ES and the southeastern side of Dunwoody with Chesnut. Let's be clear, removing an elementary school from the southeastern side of Dunwoody would adversely affect and potentially impact educational outcomes, for a large number of Dunwoody residents that reside in the thriving multi-family communities of our city. These families are part of the CES community and many of these families engage with their elementary school due to the walkability and public transportation corridor that CES location provides. Most importantly CES proximity to Peachtre eMiddle School further enhances our thriving educational corridor in the Dunwoody cluster by allowing efficiency in shared resources and facility utilization. Sport and support programs among CES, Peachtree and Dunwoody HIgh proof important to keep all the students engaged throughout their development years - also students with sibiling in CES and Peachtree is natural to be in the same cluster. Chesnut Elementary has succesfully deliver exceptional educational service to a diverse population. CES is on of the most diverse elementary schools in the Dunwoody cluster, and is it important to be kept in the Dunwoody cluster. It is also important to expand Dunwoody HIgh School to help alleviate its overcrowding, which would help ensure that all families in the City of Dunwoody could be serve by one high school, which strenghts our entire Dunwoody community. As all Dunwoody cluster elementary schools roll up to the same middle and high school, we want the best opportunities and outcomes for our students even after they have CES. Better utilization of the available land around DHS would best serve all families within the City of Dunwoody.	
1115	If you are for the kids, no school would be closed	3/6/2026 6:06 PM
1116	After reviewing the proposal, I believe it would be beneficial to keep the current school open. Maintaining the existing location helps support stability for students, staff, and the surrounding community. Closing or consolidating the school could create challenges related to capacity, transportation, and disruption to established learning environments. Keeping the school open may better support continuity and ensure that students continue to have access to the resources and support systems already in place.	3/6/2026 6:05 PM
1117	Do not close the district’s best performing schools. If closures or consolidation are necessary, they should only be considered among schools with consistently lower ratings, weaker academic progress, or declining enrollment. Many families make significant financial decisions based on school assignments. That is exactly what we did when we purchased our home in the Oak Grove Elementary district. After waiting years for our child to finally be old enough to attend, it is shocking to see one of the district’s strongest schools included on the closure list. Oak Grove Elementary is clearly one of the best schools in the district. It has caring staff, strong community support, and excellent amenities, including a large library and a spacious, shaded yard that provides a great environment for students. Please reconsider including Oak Grove in any closure or consolidation plan and prioritize protecting schools that are performing well and serving their communities successfully.	3/6/2026 6:03 PM
1118	Your scenario which includes closing Evansdale is misguided. It’s the only school with a French program and it’s close to full capacity. The building is old but not beyond repair. Also, closing this school will not help the district, the school choice parents will probably go to private schools not to a school the deem less appropriate for their children. They chose Evansdale for a reason.	3/6/2026 6:03 PM
1119	I understand and support the need to address overcrowding at Dunwoody High School. I recognize that Vanderlyn’s proximity to the high school places our campus within a broader facilities planning conversation. The consolidations ignores the impact on those who entered school choice lottery to go to a school outside of their zoned school and related impact. The combined Vanderlyn and Dunwoody High School campus presents an opportunity to explore thoughtful, phased solutions that address secondary capacity while preserving elementary access. The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made. Vanderlyn is a diverse, academically strong, and inclusive community. Preserving stable elementary environments while solving high school challenges aligns with district priorities. I would welcome collaboration between district leaders and both school communities to explore campus-level solutions that address high school capacity while preserving the Vanderlyn community.	3/6/2026 5:48 PM
1120	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district’s goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89%	3/6/2026 5:47 PM

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1121	Feedback on Initial Facilities Scenario (Consolidations) Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/6/2026 5:44 PM
1122	Has the board examined why there is a decline in students? Are an increasing number of	3/6/2026 5:37 PM

	parents utilizing private schools or homeschooling?	
1123	I support the expansion of Hunt Hills elementary school. Given the amount of land the school already has, the age of the facility itself, and the opportunities that lie ahead within the community, I believe expansion, not consolidation, is the best avenue.	3/6/2026 5:34 PM
1124	Are any charter schools impacted? Can closed schools be commemorated?	3/6/2026 5:31 PM
1125	I am very concerned about the impact of closing OGE to my property causes.	3/6/2026 5:30 PM
1126	Middle School	3/6/2026 5:26 PM
1127	It’s clearly not been thought through. DCSD does this every few years. The lack of research is disheartening.	3/6/2026 5:23 PM
1128	This is unnecessary and irresponsible to even consider closing oak grove elementary school.	3/6/2026 5:20 PM
1129	Oak Grove is a high performing, walkable community treasure! Please do not close a school that is an example of a Dekalb Public School success!	3/6/2026 5:15 PM
1130	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary!!! We serve many students with disabilities and are a true neighborhood school. Our parents are extremely involved and students excel compared to other schools in the district. We do not want mega elementary schools that overwhelm students and stretch resources.	3/6/2026 5:12 PM
1131	We have a student in Oak Grove elementary, and we need Oak Grove without Oak Grove my daughter would not have grown up successful in middle school and my son would not have been successful in elementary. Oak Grove is not just a school. Oak Grove is a community. It’s an amazing place. Our classrooms are not empty. Oak Grove does not deserve to be shut down.	3/6/2026 5:11 PM
1132	Not happy about potential closure of Oak Grove Elementary. It is a really big part of our community.	3/6/2026 5:10 PM
1133	Ashford park should be kept or all moved as one to John Lewis elementary with John Lewis joining the chamblee cluster	3/6/2026 5:10 PM
1134	OGE, is not under capacity as stayed by HPM. Currently it is 90% capacity and will be higher next year. The other local schools do not have available space or empty seats to absorb almost 500 students . It would need so many trailers or millions of dollars to build out to accommodate our students. This is not saving money but spending . There are multiple local expansion bringing families into this area. EMORY, AMBH, Lulah Hills development. Families are choosing to overcome to this area to attend a high performance school. The site DOES have room to expand and build out new classrooms as shown in a Landscape Architect site plan done to evaluate OGE property	3/6/2026 5:09 PM
1135	You are going to do what you want. This is all game.	3/6/2026 5:06 PM
1136	I support the Brookhaven community’s strong support of the public school system now and for many, many years to come I support… keeping our trajectory in the Chamblee MS and HS cluster, and the pathway of closing the Ashford Park Elementary School facility as a neighborhood school, and shifting the Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone to the current John Lewis Elementary facility, and preserve our (current attendance zone) Chamblee Cluster alignment. My 2 children graduated from Ashford Park Elementary, and 1 child currently goes to and my other child will attend Chamblee High School. Our neighbor Drew Valley has been in re-zoning discussions THREE times since I have lived here…please ensure the next re-zoning is a longterm solution. Thank you!	3/6/2026 4:58 PM
1137	Oak grove is an amazing school with amazing teachers who have built a community	3/6/2026 4:57 PM
1138	Oak Grove is an excellent school and if it is shut down the teachers and students will all scatter to different schools. This will split up friends which isn’t fair.	3/6/2026 4:56 PM
1139	Oak grove is a great school with amazing staff and it should stay open.	3/6/2026 4:56 PM
1140	Why? What is the positive except for cutting cost?	3/6/2026 4:55 PM
1141	I agree to small schools and students receiving quality education with smaller intimate class sizes	3/6/2026 4:55 PM
1142	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district’s	3/6/2026 4:54 PM

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1143	Not happy... Why go through all this effort and not support local small native schools that's what we all want	3/6/2026 4:53 PM
1144	I am deeply concerned over the potential closure of Ashford Park Elementary School. Our school is one of the most over utilized facilities despite the poor facility score. Families move INTO our neighborhood to attend our school specifically. We have had an extremely high teacher retention rate over the last few years, noteably last year only losing 5 teachers, 3 of whom retired and one who decided to homeschool her 6 children. Closing our school would GUT our community. I recognize the county will still have to provide our children wiht a place to go to school - the 3 facilities closest to us are all at capacity and the distance to travel to them would create a traffic nightmare in our neighborhood as well as on surrounding roads. Ashford Dunwoody road is a 2 lane road that cannot handle 200-400 additional cars travelling in the mornings. Busses are not a viable option for many in our neighborhood regardless of where they go to school because they come extremely early in the morning. If my child were to ride the bus to school in the mornings, our pick up time is around 6:05am. No parent who has the choice is going to put their elementary aged child on a bus that early in the morning. The bus ride home is much more useful for the majority of our parent community. One scenario that I feel our community could support if properly implemented is redrawing the boundary lines for Montgomery, Ashford Park, John Lewis, and Dresden. If you shift students who are on Osborne Road between Peachtree Road and Windsor PKWY to montgomery, shift some of the John Lewis Students North to the newly renovated/expanded Dresden, that could open seats for a combination of mostly Ashford Park and some John Lewis Elementary students. You could even possibly use Ashford Park as an Early learning type center Pre K - 2 or 3, and John Lewis as the upper elementary grades. This scenario would be similar to what took place at Sarah Smith Elementary in Atlanta Public Schools. The lines drawn to make up the attendance zone for John Lewis Elementary school looks like a lollypop and needs to be addressed. The caveat with this scenario is that Ashford Park Families have a strong desire to stay in the Chamblee High Cluster so that they can remain at one of the highest achieving schools in the county. This would not dramatically impact enrollment in the Chamblee middle/high schools because it would just be a shift of students from facility to facility.	3/6/2026 4:51 PM
1145	It is unclear why Oakgrove elementary would be closed-it is not underutilized or excess capacity-	3/6/2026 4:48 PM

1146	This is regarding Ashford Park Elementary. I have been involved with a number of school closure decisions across the country in my professional capacity. I have been involved in school closures for under-enrolled schools, underutilized buildings, and underperforming schools. However, I've never seen a closure of an oversubscribed school that has strong parent demand that is also high performing. You have stated on your website: "The goal is to avoid continuing to spend money operating underutilized schools in the future." I understand and support that effort. However, recommend closing an over enrolled school without any articulation of what it means for the significant number of active and engaged parents who are choosing to enroll their students in that school, under the guise of addressing district-wide under enrollment, is a recipe for building mistrust and anger with your parent constituents that elect you and fund your efforts. At a time when enrollment is decreasing in the district for a number of reasons, choosing to close an over enrolled school building will lead to alienating parents, with more of those parents choosing private or charter options, furthering the enrollment decline. I urge you to reconsider your closure decision of Ashford Park Elementary. Instead, I urge you to think about how to rezone the neighborhood to right size the enrollment to school capacity, and to work to rebuild trust with your parent community by being honest and transparent about your motivations for this decision and the implications for what it will mean for the students.	3/6/2026 4:47 PM
1147	Selfishly, I want Vanderlyn to close so that Dunwoody HS can expand. DHS is bursting at the seams. We have multiple portables. The gym cannot house all for grades for a pep rally. We do not have a proper clinic. We do not have adequate office or conference space for our LTSEs, graduation coaches, etc. We do not have adequate storage which causes the fire marshall to reprimand us. We do not have adequate athletic fields (the marching band practices in the parking lot, even when there are cars parked in the spaces). DHS needs an expansion badly. Allowing DHS to absorb the Vanderlyn campus could greatly benefit the entire cluster. You mention that Evansdale (10 acres) would close while Livsey (9 acres) would expand to absorb those students. You mention Brockett would close, but you do not mention it's acreage. I went to Brockett, and I really feel like Brockett has a much larger plot of land for expansion. McLendon's acreage is also not mentioned. How does it's lot size compare to Laurel Ridge?	3/6/2026 4:45 PM
1148	Elementary schools in the Lakeside zone should not be closed. Evansdale in particular is sitting on a very large lot with extensive opportunity to be renovated - something that is extremely overdue.	3/6/2026 4:44 PM
1149	This scenario has some important ideas to consider. Per the video and slide content it seems logical to consolidate the school buildings for cost efficiency overall, to provide sufficient resources for diverse students' essential learning needs and funding to to improve the school buildings that are in need of renovation or repair. This makes more sense if this reform initiative in fact will make school bus (transportation) access to students convenient. Small school buildings that operate with low operating cost and 600 or below 600 students are unable to have Robust Program-learning resources that diverse students need, the schools with low operating cost and around 600 students with Robust Programs does not seem feasible given the fact that many schools need repair or extension. It may be a controversial decision or consolidation agenda. These is my initial feedback: At first, all educators and staff members should receive transfer to other schools. We just cannot afford to loose jobs. Secondly, if this consolidation frees up fund for all schools to have Robust Programs to support the learning needs of diverse students and decrease operation cost, I think this is a sound reform initiative.	3/6/2026 4:41 PM
1150	No, Cedar Grove cluster should not be consolidated. Our schools have the right number of students for the area. The kids are doing well and they shouldn’t have to change their environment for the sake of North Dekalb.	3/6/2026 4:40 PM
1151	Seems like there are lots of potential closures. Are they all really necessary?	3/6/2026 4:38 PM
1152	When I heard that Oak Grove Elementary School might be on the list of schools that could be closed, I was very shocked and concerned. Oak Grove is a good school, and my son is only in first grade. For young children, stability is very important, so changing schools could be difficult for him. I am also worried that the new school might be farther from our home. Transportation could become more challenging, especially with the traffic in our area. Because of these reasons, this news was very concerning for our family.	3/6/2026 4:35 PM
1153	The current facilities are working well within the neighborhoods (30033). They allow for neighborhood involvement and extracurricular events, creating a strong sense of community.	3/6/2026 4:32 PM
1154	It's probably a good idea for some but not all of those schools. Frankly it was hard to	3/6/2026 4:11 PM

	understand which schools were going where but I think I understood what schools you suggested to close	
1155	It is extremely disappointing that DCSD has slated Ashford Park to close without sharing the plan for current students. It is important for our community to stay together and for us to retain our exceptional teachers and staff which makes this school such a success. Many parents will move their children to private school if we are forced to relocate to a substandard alternative	3/6/2026 4:09 PM
1156	VERY worried about closing Oak Grove Elementary. It is NOT under capacity has great scores, IS the community	3/6/2026 4:03 PM
1157	Please do not close Ashford Park Elementary.	3/6/2026 4:02 PM
1158	Please consolidate. There is no reason for half empty s tools that drain already minimal resources.	3/6/2026 3:59 PM
1159	Please transfer students from near-by elementary schools to Oak Grove Elementary School.	3/6/2026 3:51 PM
1160	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top t ier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/6/2026 3:49 PM
1161	Dekalb must make evidence based decisions in the interest of all students and therefore follow the data that indicate small, hyper local schools being extremely beneficial to students. Austin has 25+ students in each k classroom and so we ought to keep all schools open and if necessary, redraw lines to better distribute students to lower classroom sizes. Resources aren't spread too thing, they're underfunded. That's a huge difference and the intervention needed to address that is different; keep schools open and properly fund them.	3/6/2026 3:47 PM
1162	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary. Its facilities are good and its staff is outstanding.	3/6/2026 3:46 PM
1163	Evansdale Elementary School needs to be renovated and expanded.	3/6/2026 3:46 PM
1164	DCSD should make data driven and informed decisions. The data demonstrate that hyper-local schools better serve students and communities alike. Instead of consolidating, better fund all the schools to keep them all open. The 'underperforming' schools just need more resources and smaller sizes and more funding.	3/6/2026 3:45 PM
1165	Oak Grove is currently well utilized. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to	3/6/2026 3:44 PM

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1166	Ashford Park School needs to stay open. It's a good school and has plenty of community support. The families and business support it in every way even providing what the school system can't provide. The Ashford Park community provides for the children in the community if they are unable to provided for financially.	3/6/2026 3:44 PM
1167	Evandale is in a great location for car pickup The traffic pattern is safe and lots of room to play	3/6/2026 3:43 PM
1168	Concerns over plans to renovate and expand Chesnut; timeline to expand and renovate should not be a plan for simply adding trailers to the property and should be a modernization strategy.	3/6/2026 3:39 PM
1169	As a parent, I understand that the district is facing declining enrollment and cannot continue operating the same number of school buildings long term. From a districtwide perspective, it makes sense to evaluate how facilities are being used so that resources can be focused on students, teachers, and academic programs instead of maintaining underused buildings. That said, consolidations can have a significant impact on families and communities. My main concern is making sure that the receiving schools are fully prepared to support additional students without becoming overcrowded. Class sizes, staffing levels, and available programs should not be negatively affected by the consolidation process. Transportation and travel time are also important considerations. If schools are consolidated, the district should make sure students—especially younger elementary students—are not facing significantly longer bus rides or more complicated transportation routes. Schools also serve as important anchors in their communities. When a school closes or merges, it can affect neighborhood identity and family engagement. I would encourage the district to continue involving families and communities in these decisions and to provide clear communication about how students will be supported during any transitions. Overall, my priority is that any consolidation decisions strengthen the quality of education across the district while minimizing disruption for students and maintaining equitable access to strong schools for all communities.	3/6/2026 3:39 PM
1170	Moving students and parents away from their community	3/6/2026 3:36 PM
1171	It's older and can definitely use some renovation. Don't think it's fit for this change.	3/6/2026 3:36 PM
1172	I don't think it's smart. I don't think it's going to solve any problems. I think you need to build more schools not close them. As far as the schools that are empty, repurpose them turn them into data centers. Maybe you could get a Dekalb tech contract to make them into a college location.	3/6/2026 3:36 PM
1173	It will be a tough transition, logistically, for some students and parents, however if the benefits proposed in the consolidation scenario are GUARANTEED it will be for the best. My fear is that the consolidation will take place and there won't be a better allocation of funds and resources, and it will all be for nothing.	3/6/2026 3:31 PM
1174	No one likes change but I support the decision to be proactive. Phasing out aging facilities would also be appropriate.	3/6/2026 3:30 PM
1175	I understand that closures are needed but I am not a fan of large elementary schools. If that is the case, there needs to be onsite mental health professionals that are able to serve any and every child regardless of insurance.	3/6/2026 3:27 PM
1176	I do not think it's a good idea consolidating schools because they will become to big for optimal learning to take place.	3/6/2026 3:24 PM
1177	All facilities need updating if we are to have our children keep up with all American children	3/6/2026 3:23 PM
1178	Yes, I am waiting to see the outcomes.	3/6/2026 3:21 PM
1179	I approve of the closures of all buildings mentioned. The impact would save money on buses, building upkeep, staff and teachers.	3/6/2026 3:20 PM
1180	I think that these are very hard decisions but are necessary. It is not fiscally responsible to maintain these facilities at decreased enrollments. It limits the services that are available to students given that we can't have a full complement of all services at a school that's only half or a 3rd full. Once their neighborhood school to close., it doesn't make any sense to have half empty buildings	3/6/2026 3:19 PM

1181	I am still processing the information.	3/6/2026 3:18 PM
1182	Facilities are great. Well kept up and grounds are fantastic	3/6/2026 3:17 PM
1183	Biggest Priority: Keeping the Ashford Park Elementary community together and being in close proximity to our elementary school.	3/6/2026 3:16 PM
1184	I think we should consider the programs housed at each school. For instance, Midvale elementary is an IB school. If Midvale was closed, there would no longer be an IB elementary school for the Tucker cluster to fulfill the IB continuum. It is a very lengthy process for another school to get certified.	3/6/2026 3:09 PM
1185	Oak Grove already meets the district's utilization target today (about 89%) • The school is projected to reach ~96% capacity next year • Enrollment has been increasing, not declining • Significant new investment and development in our area has likely not yet been reflected in projections • Academic performance, test scores, and teacher retention were not included as closure criteria -Should consider evaluating based on other factors/how were these factors chosen.	3/6/2026 3:08 PM
1186	I am very concerned about the way the SAP timeline and planning is being handled, and the current scenario's impact on my daughter, family, and community. My daughter is currently waitlisted at Evansdale pre-K which the SAP recently announced is part of their current plan for closure. We should be only worried about getting into Evansdale for pre-K and not about the future fate of the entire school and community. The Evansdale to Lakeside path is why we purchased our home and where we are committed to putting in our efforts for our daughter. I understand that class sizes will not necessarily increase with this plan, although this wasn't guaranteed during the meeting. Class sizes definitely matter, but I also don't want my young child immediately being thrown into a large school with an overwhelming amount of students and classrooms. I want her to go to school with those students who are right down the street from her. This allows her to grow friendships and help with group projects and assignments. Livsey is close to our neighborhood. However, the traffic that this would create on Chamblee Tucker would be unbearable. Also, according to your site, Livsey has 9.7 acres, while Evansdale has 10.11. In that case, the rationale that the Evansdale building is too small doesn't apply. Also, Livsey feeds into Tucker High School. This alone should rule out this option. The entire reason to move in this neighborhood for the school district cluster would be removed. The same arguments can be applied if Pleasantdale were being considered, except you also have to add on that this is not in our immediate neighborhood and traffic would be even worse. Also, Evansdale has a French immersion program that continues into Henderson Mill Middle School, and this scenario sends children to a different middle school. I don't even consider Hawthorne to be within my neighborhood. I had to look up where it even is. This is a horrible choice for our neighborhood elementary aged children. It is 4 miles away (Evansdale is <1 mile away from my home). For an elementary school, students should not have to deal with a bus route that would guarantee being stuck in traffic. The bus routes would be long, and the stops would disrupt the entire Northlake area. Main roads are required to get to this location from our neighborhood. Henderson Mill, Briarcliff, and/or Lavista (all busy, main roads) would be unavoidable to get to this school. This would make this already congested area a complete standstill before and after school. This scenario should be ruled out by traffic alone. Currently, Evansdale students don't need to worry about crossing main roads. They could walk to school or be dropped off by parents who would not be out of their way to work because the school is right down the road. Livsey, Pleasantdale, and Hawthorne are not viable options for current and future Evansdale students: increased traffic burden on the entire community and in the case of Livsey and Pleasantdale completely changing our cluster away from Lakeside. Evansdale should remain open. If Evansdale needs to absorb some students from a neighboring elementary then that could be considered as a scenario as there should be capacity to add some students to Evansdale. From the community engagement call, we were told Round 1 is when the buildings and their fate are already decided, and then the following rounds would be discussing logistics of those plans. Which schools are closing is extremely important for those of us with closing schools on the list. That gives less than a month from when community calls and surveys were held. This does not allow enough iterations for community engagement. That isn't even enough time to inform everyone in the neighborhood that this plan even exists. It certainly isn't enough time for parents and community members to meet and gather the correct information themselves. NO final decisions on any steps in this process should be made without taking the whole picture into account, not just aging building. This includes school programs, the community impact, decreased property values, changes to school clusters, and traffic. Buildings can be upgraded with proper use of our tax dollars. What happens when you finally look at the other pertinent information, and it shows a long list of	3/6/2026 3:07 PM

	negatives? For example, traffic congestion for not only the school area but the whole community? If I am misunderstanding this timeline then that also shows poor communication in this process. Only 150 people are making these decisions? Yet there are 90,000 students in the system, not counting the families and amount of people who live in the school district limits itself. A school (Evansdale) that is strong in the community, has valued programs, is located in the actual neighborhood, causes no additional bus stop and dropoff and pickup traffic, and is not under capacity should not be considered for closure in this plan. I really hope that this committee actually listens to the community. Evansdale community is whole-heartedly against the proposed scenario and has valid data and points to present to the committee. We need more chances to see the new, changed plans for the closures and keep providing our input. If a final decision that Evansdale is closed is announced next month, this shows me that Dekalb County School District does not know how to plan and engage the community in every step which would show me that they do not value students and parents. This will affect my decision on remaining or forcing my family to leave DCSD or even Dekalb County. The closure of Evansdale would be detrimental not only to those with children in our neighborhood but everyone as property values will decrease, people will flee, people will not find our neighborhood desirable anymore with this new proposed plan and with an abandoned elementary school right in the middle of a neighborhood. It is also worth noting the corruption of the former superintendent who proposed this idea in the first place. Dekalb County school board needs to work on rebuilding and regaining trust by planning and distributing funds appropriately instead of upending the entire community, creating large elementary schools that are far away from the students' homes and neighborhood. Thank you.	
1187	The facilities should not be consolidated because parents don't want to be left out.	3/6/2026 3:03 PM
1188	I oppose the consolidation scenario. Instead of closing schools, DCSD should use the 'empty seats' as an opportunity to implement smaller class sizes and specialized programming. By creating smaller, targeted schools (e.g., Arts, STEM, or Special Education hubs), the district can provide a higher quality of education that a massive 'factory-style' school cannot offer. School Name,FCA Score (Building Health),Current Status in Scenario Cedar Grove HS,81.39,Proposed conversion to Middle School Lithonia HS,89.42,Proposed conversion to Middle School Towers HS,Not listed,Proposed conversion to Middle School McLendon ES,78.02,Proposed for Closure Evansdale ES,71.48,Proposed for Closure Midvale ES,50.45,Proposed for Closure According to the State of the School Facilities Report, the district has nearly 20,000 empty seats. I propose that rather than closing 26 elementary schools, DCSD should pilot a 'Specialized Small School' model. For example, schools like Kingsley ES or Ashford Park ES—where the community is highly invested—could be converted into Choice Academies with capped class sizes of 18. This would attract families back from private/charter options and address the 'Educational Adequacy' gaps by turning extra classrooms into specialized labs.	3/6/2026 3:02 PM
1189	Need more trades in schools	3/6/2026 3:00 PM
1190	I believe the consolidation scenario is excessive. Community based schools are necessary especially for underprivileged students and their parents who might find it difficult to travel to the school. Although enrollment had diminished in some areas, closing the school will bring forth a variety of problems for the community.	3/6/2026 2:59 PM
1191	It is offensive that so many schools are closing on the south side of DeKalb.	3/6/2026 2:59 PM
1192	We need to consider the schools that need to be consolidated.	3/6/2026 2:58 PM
1193	Robert Shaw Theme School plays a critical role in our community and should not be considered for closure or consolidation. The school serves a diverse population and provides a supportive environment that many families rely on. Closing or repurposing the school would disrupt students' academic progress, separate them from trusted teachers, and create unnecessary transportation and overcrowding issues in other schools. Instead of consolidation, the district should focus on strengthening and investing in schools like Robert Shaw that are already serving families well and building strong community connections.	3/6/2026 2:57 PM
1194	Starting with a 'facilities first' approach is both ridiculous and a slap in the face to the people and programs that MAKE those facilities what they are. This process is bananas. That being said... Oak Grove Elementary does not align with the SAP's stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). HPM's numbers have been wrong on that - so they should probably get better data. Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years and	3/6/2026 2:57 PM

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1195	Vanderlyn has many classrooms at or near full capacity. It would seem that closing it, would move an inordinate number of students to other schools.	3/6/2026 2:54 PM
1196	Totally confused why Oak Grove is in the list of closings. It's a stellar institution and a school of excellence	3/6/2026 2:53 PM
1197	I feel that our schools should operate pretty much the same and just have smaller classroom settings to ensure that our children are getting all they need to be succeessful.	3/6/2026 2:53 PM
1198	I believe the initial facilities scenario involving school consolidations is a wise decision. It makes sense to consider closing older, outdated schools that are in poor condition or located in surrounding areas that are not well maintained. Many of these campuses require significant upkeep, and even basic things like landscaping and lawn maintenance are often neglected, which can affect the overall environment for students and staff. Instead, the district should focus on maintaining and utilizing schools that are newer, better maintained, and already operating efficiently. Keeping the newer facilities open can provide students with a safer, more modern learning environment while also allowing the district to use its resources more effectively. By consolidating schools in this way, the district can prioritize quality facilities and create stronger, better supported learning spaces for students.	3/6/2026 2:53 PM
1199	Yes, consolidations are needed	3/6/2026 2:52 PM
1200	Ashford park is amazing please don't close it, I will prob move if you do	3/6/2026 2:51 PM
1201	identifying risks or better ways to manage traffic and in schools for student safety	3/6/2026 2:51 PM
1202	Closing this many schools at once will create significant disruption for students during some of the most important years for their development. Young children thrive on stability, familiarity, and close relationships. Moving them to new schools, increasing class sizes, and extending transportation times risk negatively impacting the children	3/6/2026 2:48 PM
1203	If it works than complete it.	3/6/2026 2:46 PM
1204	I'm very concerned about these, both the process and the outcomes. I have engaged with	3/6/2026 2:42 PM

	school closure processes before, but this one has been particularly nebulous and confusing. I appreciate that the district is trying to engage families, but they are being asked to weigh on specific issues that they don't have context for, and there is mass confusion about where and when parents can give feedback. It is also unclear to me why a school like Evansdale that appears to be largely at capacity Is being labeled as underutilized. If this is really about creating large elementary schools, which appears to be the vision that most people think the district is guided by, the district will have a lot of work to do to convince people to trust in that vision. As it stands now, most people prefer a midsized school. I understand the value of limiting very small, under enrolled schools, but currently this plan has a real risk of driving more people away from the district. As a parent with a very young child, it is heavily weighing on my thinking about whether we move to a different school system or a charter school.	
1205	Evansdale is a better site to retain a school because it is a large lot with large playing fields and excellent traffic management.	3/6/2026 2:39 PM
1206	I understand that consolidation may be necessary to address enrollment changes and facility use; however, decisions should prioritize student stability, transportation time, and maintaining strong school communities. Consolidations can be disruptive for students, families, and staff, so it is important that transitions are carefully planned with clear communication. Any consolidation should ensure that receiving schools have the space, resources, and staffing needed to maintain quality instruction and support services for all students, including those with special education needs.	3/6/2026 2:37 PM
1207	The initial facilities scenario is indeed a starting point for conversations. We know that everyone will not be happy with the outcome, but the reality of this situation is some schools are underutilized and some are over crowded.	3/6/2026 2:36 PM
1208	I’m truly shocked that Ashford Park might be closed because of the county’s inability to properly maintain the facility. The fact that families might be facing redistricting to a different cluster is honestly beyond terrible, given that the stated problem doesn’t even match this school. Keep these kids together with their classmates, and keep them in the Chamblee cluster. Any viable options need to be predicated on that being a non-negotiable.	3/6/2026 2:35 PM
1209	More thought should go into school performance (ie Oak Grove) and the community that supports it. Very much of a community identity associated with it.	3/6/2026 2:33 PM
1210	Evansdale should stay open. At 10.1 acres, Evansdale's lot size is bigger than neighboring schools recommended for explansion. Our site can accomodate additions that are not possible at other local schools. Evansdale enrollment is expected to increase over the next 5 years.	3/6/2026 2:33 PM
1211	I like the idea, let's rightsize schools based on sound population forecasting. There is no reason to have oak grove and sagamore hills elementary schools that close to each other.	3/6/2026 2:32 PM
1212	I am against the closing of Midvale ES. I think they're doing a fantastic job and serve the community well. I think making Midvale ES into a PK-3 band school would be a good alternative. I have been very impressed by the work they've done with the early grades.	3/6/2026 2:30 PM
1213	The consolidations are necessary and beneficial to the communities affected.	3/6/2026 2:30 PM
1214	I think it is well thought out and makes sense.	3/6/2026 2:29 PM
1215	Lithonia High School is historic school in South DeKalb. The schools around us were built because Lithonia's enrollment grew. Why change the school to a middle school when the school around Lithonia have small enerollments. Why not redraw the lines? For example, our attendance area includes Fairington Rd in which half in MLK and Lithonia, but a Lithonia bus has to cross I-20, near to Miller Grove. Looking at the Cluster Feeder Pattern, Lithonia, Miller Grove, and the MLK clusters have split elementary schools. MLK and Lithonia both don't have a 100% elementary feeder. What are the plans for staffing? Are all certified teacher being moved? I teach an elective course in which most school only employ one. So where will I go?	3/6/2026 2:28 PM
1216	I am concerned about how changes/ modifications will impact traffic. Chesnut is already very busy in the morning and afternoon adding an additional 200 to 300 students will be a huge problem. Also I am concerned that closing two elementary schools in Dunwoody may force some students to be rezoned to schools outside of Dunwoody. We all pay city of Dunwoody taxes so we should be attending school within Dunwoody. Chesnut is over 50 years old and needs to be rebuilt. Expanding and not rebuilding a school building that is that age doesn’t make sense.	3/6/2026 2:26 PM

1217	I understand the need to consolidate but am worried that it's just going to be an excuse to justify bigger class sizes and take away needed staff. I think there would be benefits to pooling resources but because it's all about the bottom line I don't trust DeKalb county to make these decisions in the best interests of the students. There is a lot of trust that needs to be built between Dekalb County school system and the community.	3/6/2026 2:25 PM
1218	The plan looks well thought out, but community impact is a great concern. Schools are often community hubs and this will be greatly felt.	3/6/2026 2:23 PM
1219	I think it is a great idea if is going to save money. Maybe give staff raises (support staff ex. Paraprofessionals)	3/6/2026 2:23 PM
1220	We paid extra for our house because it is zoned for Vanderlyn. Vanderlyn is an incredible school and consistently brings the scores of all of Dekalb up. Closing a high performing school makes absolutely no sense...	3/6/2026 2:22 PM
1221	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the potential grade band scenarios. I believe it is important to carefully consider how any changes may impact students, families, and staff within each school cluster. From my perspective, maintaining clear and consistent grade bands that support student development and smooth transitions between schools should remain a priority. For example, keeping elementary schools within a K–5 structure and middle schools within a 6–8 structure often supports age-appropriate programming and allows schools to focus on the specific academic and social needs of those grade levels. If adjustments to grade bands are being considered within specific clusters, it would be helpful to ensure that schools have the resources, staffing, and space needed to support those changes. Additionally, families should be given clear communication and sufficient time to prepare for any transitions that may affect their students. Overall, decisions about grade band configurations should prioritize student stability, instructional quality, and equitable access to resources across all schools in the cluster.	3/6/2026 2:21 PM
1222	The idea of consolidations is feasible. It makes more sense to combine smaller schools so they can be used to their full capacity rather than have schools with vacant classrooms.	3/6/2026 2:21 PM
1223	I think the scenarios makes sense but we need the second phase of the plan to go from. For example, closing Vanderlyn only makes sense if we can take that land to expand Dunwoody High	3/6/2026 2:21 PM
1224	I support Scenario 1. I do believe the expansion proposition for Chesnut Elementary should be a tear down and rebuild to better utilize the property and update a very out of date building.	3/6/2026 2:20 PM
1225	I think it sounds good, however how does this affect the already established communities at the schools that will receive new kids from closed schools. How does this affect kids who have developed friendships and may possibly be broken because they now go to two different schools. Will students at schools that will be receiving new students from closed buildings be rezoned because of the new students?	3/6/2026 2:18 PM
1226	It is critical to seek public/private partnerships to keep all school buildings in use. Once a school closes, it falls into disrepair and becomes a blight. And stop buying other property we do not need.	3/6/2026 2:18 PM
1227	Don't want it	3/6/2026 2:17 PM
1228	Chestnut elementary is located on a busy street and would be difficult to expand. I think it makes more since to keep Vanderlyn or Kingsley and expand one of those.	3/6/2026 2:17 PM
1229	The lack of data or logic shared behind these decisions was frustrating. I understand at a high level, but when detailed questions were raised, I lost confidence in the decisions based on lack of accurate data behind decisions.	3/6/2026 2:15 PM
1230	I am in support of the current scenario proposed for the Dunwoody Cluster. Chesnut sits on the largest acreage of land available to DCSD to expand compared to the other elementary school sites in our cluster. Chesnut's geographical location creates the most equitable access to elementary schools across the City of Dunwoody. Based on Scenario 1, the three remaining elementaryschools would be geographically spread out to best serve students across Dunwoody [i.e.: northeastern side of Dunwoody (via Austin), central Dunwoody (via DES), and the southeastern side of Dunwoody (via CES)]. Removing an elementary school from the southeastern side of Dunwoody would adversely affect, and potentially impact educational outcomes, for a large number of Dunwoody residents that reside in the thriving multi-family	3/6/2026 2:15 PM

	communities of our city. These families are an important part of the CES community, and many of these families can best engage with their elementary school due to the walkability and public transportation corridor that CES's location provides.	
1231	Community trust will be an issue and the concern of increasing cost may arise. Also, schools that are being consolidated, will the students mesh well with each other.	3/6/2026 2:14 PM
1232	I agree that hard decisions must be made and that empty seats vs overcrowding of other schools needs to be addressed.	3/6/2026 2:13 PM
1233	Hard to see savings if most schools are repurposed still requiring maintenance and utilities as well as more investment for their new purpose. If issue primarily staffing costs do more staff sharing between nearby elementary schools. Note that Oak Grove has much higher than average percent of student capacity filled (89% and growing)	3/6/2026 2:13 PM
1234	The potential closing of Evansdale Elementary is very concerning to us as a family. This is a great neighborhood school that not only has solid academics but also a supportive community. The opportunity for students to engage in a French language program sets the school apart and begins students on a path of global citizenship, which is increasingly important in our county, city and state. Closing Evansdale and combining it with another school will only dilute the academic opportunities and drive down the students' performance. The environment will only become larger and more chaotic causing the chance of our students simply becoming a number to increase. In a disconnected world, Evansdale gives our students a place where they can grow, learn and be known by their school community. Evansdale's language program stands out amongst peer schools and is successful in its approach to challenging our students to reach higher. There is a lot of research around the benefits of early dual language development and how it increases the elasticity of the brain which creates more pathways for learning. So, why make changes to this already successful school? A school that is successful and is not drastically under capacity. I understand the need for the county to make cost savjng changes but this one seems misguided and I hope they will consider holding up Evansdale as a beacon of success and not closing it.	3/6/2026 2:13 PM
1235	I am in support	3/6/2026 2:12 PM
1236	Thank you for the opportunity to review the initial facilities consolidation scenario and provide feedback. While I understand the need to examine building usage and district resources, I believe it is important to carefully consider the potential impact on students, families, and staff before any final decisions are made. School consolidations can significantly affect school culture, student stability, transportation, and access to support services. Many students rely on their school as a consistent and familiar environment, and changes of this magnitude can be challenging for both students and families. Additionally, it will be important to ensure that any receiving schools have the capacity, staffing, and resources needed to effectively support an increased student population while maintaining a positive learning environment. Consideration should also be given to class sizes, student support services, and maintaining strong relationships with the surrounding community. I encourage continued engagement with school leaders, staff, and families throughout this process to ensure transparency and to gather meaningful input before moving forward with any decisions. Thank you again for allowing stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback.	3/6/2026 2:11 PM
1237	OGE has always gone through waves. We'll have a hike in enrollment by next year. Save OGE	3/6/2026 2:10 PM
1238	I understand and support the need to address overcrowding at Dunwoody High School and that Vanderlyn's proximity to the high school places our campus within a broader facilities planning conversation. I also recognize that the district has framed SAP around enrollment trends and utilization. I would hope that any proposal should clearly demonstrate how those metrics are being applied at the cluster level. The combined Vanderlyn and Dunwoody High School campus presents an opportunity to explore thoughtful, phased solutions that address secondary capacity while preserving elementary access. The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made. Vanderlyn is a diverse, academically strong, and inclusive community. Preserving stable elementary environments while solving high school challenges aligns with district priorities. It is also a place of community, pride, and safety for not only students and teachers, but for their family members/guardians. I welcome collaboration between district leaders and both school communities to explore campus-level solutions that address high school capacity while preserving the Vanderlyn community.	3/6/2026 2:09 PM

1239	Several top performing schools including Vanderlyn are on the closure list. Closing a top performing school does not seem like what would be best for the students . The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made.	3/6/2026 2:08 PM
1240	I love the midvale the way it is. I like that it is a small school and that it is not over populated.	3/6/2026 2:06 PM
1241	ab	3/6/2026 2:05 PM
1242	In the the first scenario, Rainbow is remaining open, with possible programs added. This would be great. It's a community school and we want it to remain open in its current capacity.	3/6/2026 2:04 PM
1243	We love the Livsey school community and small remodel work they have received.	3/6/2026 2:03 PM
1244	I think it's an awful idea. The County is clearly just trying to maximize space at schools (reading between the lines it means less schools with much, MUCH larger class sizes)	3/6/2026 2:03 PM
1245	While consolidations result in financial relief, they come with the considerable downside of taking away many intangibles. These intangibles are best described as "community" which is equally important to a quality education.	3/6/2026 2:02 PM
1246	I am pleased that Sagamore Elementary is currently not one of schools proposed to be closed as we are very pleased with our elementary school experience and hope future student get to experience the same. My ask of this process is to be better understand where any may re-districting of students may occur as a result of the this process as I feel very strongly that if the elementary school that we currently attend remains open, we should still be able to still attend that school.	3/6/2026 1:59 PM
1247	I think that they should keep the schools they want to close and turn them to neighborhood development centers or adult schools	3/6/2026 1:59 PM
1248	I agree that some schools are in need of closure, however, instead of patching up others they need major renovations or to be torn down and rebuilt.	3/6/2026 1:58 PM
1249	It makes sense to reduce little utilized facilities only if the remaining facilities are properly updated.	3/6/2026 1:57 PM
1250	The fact that you’re asking for feedback on this when it’s obvious that absolutely no feedback on the school year calendar was taking into consideration is laughable	3/6/2026 1:56 PM
1251	What will happen to the teachers?	3/6/2026 1:54 PM
1252	There might be some growing pains, since several new middle schools are designed for middle schoolers, and would need to be adapted to the smaller elementary school students.	3/6/2026 1:54 PM
1253	Oak Grove Elementary school was one of the best things that ever happened to my child. Including the aftercare. It's pivotal primary education. However, I do not feel the same way about Henderson Middle School. That school needs more resources and support for students.	3/6/2026 1:51 PM
1254	Our community need to have a strong presence in schools and hood opportunities	3/6/2026 1:50 PM
1255	Me parece que están muy adecuadas y trabajan excelente	3/6/2026 1:48 PM
1256	To close Vanderlyn would be such a loss to this community- I have been a teacher here for 12 years and now my own children attend with me. We are number 1 or 2 in the DCSD. Closing a school that has done the right thing, built a strong community, has parent support and does the right thing is a shame.	3/6/2026 1:45 PM
1257	I think that neighborhood schools should stay in their neighborhoods. Combining schools and communities should not be taken lightly.	3/6/2026 1:45 PM
1258	I think rezoning could eliminate this problem	3/6/2026 1:44 PM
1259	I think the school district should redraw the lines, even if it is not a popular choice. The school district is wasting money keep some schools open.	3/6/2026 1:44 PM
1260	I understand the need for efficiency but I do think it makes more sense to have smaller close knit elementary schools for our youngest students.	3/6/2026 1:44 PM
1261	I would like a better definition of the word robust to see what exactly would improve (vs. using	3/6/2026 1:42 PM

	words that imply it will be better). If you can ensure the school closures will best serve the students, it should be considered.	
1262	If this needs to happen in order for Dekalb to run more efficiently, then it has to be done.	3/6/2026 1:39 PM
1263	Vanderlyn Elementary is performing well and is an important asset to our neighborhood and community. Most importantly, it provides a strong educational structure that benefits the children who attend. Losing Vanderlyn would be a significant loss for families in this area. Vanderlyn also offers a STEM program that schools like Chestnut currently do not provide. Chestnut's performance has been a major factor in why many families, including mine, chose to use school choice to attend Vanderlyn instead.	3/6/2026 1:38 PM
1264	I am pleased that Sagamore Hills Elementary is proposed to remain open and serve this amazing community. Principal Freeman has done an amazing job and we need this school to stay open to continue to reinvigorate the interest in public schools in our area. Need further information on any redistricting scenarios-- how will the communities surrounding us be split and redirected? Will we remain at our current elementary school.	3/6/2026 1:37 PM
1265	None of the facilities consolidation in the scenario impact our family, so from a personal standpoint, I am in agreement with the proposed scenario.	3/6/2026 1:35 PM
1266	unfortunate especially for schools that might have seemingly have small numbers but classrooms are full	3/6/2026 1:35 PM
1267	I like the plan.	3/6/2026 1:33 PM
1268	We are districted to Vanderlyn and purchased this house for this reason 9 years ago. My understanding through conversations with Andrew Ziffer is that Vanderlyn is closing, it's just a matter of time. If that is the case, then the only thing to comment on is timing. If choosing between closing Vanderlyn and Kingsley, the choice is obvious when looking at test scores. I agree with the thought of trying not to redirect students more than once which means you should close Vanderlyn and Kingsley at the same time.	3/6/2026 1:32 PM
1269	While the consolidation of facilities is a positive step, care should be taken to ensure it doesn't negatively impact students, as it may increase their distance from school and this may affect parents for drop off and pickup their children .	3/6/2026 1:30 PM
1270	Oak Grove is not just a school. It's our community. It should not be closed.	3/6/2026 1:28 PM
1271	I agree with Vanderlyn closing and rebuilding Chesnut. The Vanderlyn families historically complain about this.. but it makes absolutely no sense to keep a incredibly old building open that is a stone's throw away from Dunwoody elementary!	3/6/2026 1:24 PM
1272	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%).	3/6/2026 1:24 PM
1273	The smaller elementary schools are so beneficial to our kids and community. I would hate to see any of them being closed down. The big Mega schools are not beneficial to our kids	3/6/2026 1:23 PM
1274	This sounds somewhat positive.	3/6/2026 1:21 PM
1275	Ido not understand why Briarlake and Sagamore are slated for expansion but Oak Grove may be closed when it is clearly the better school in my opinion, having known patents of students in both of those expansion schools i	3/6/2026 1:20 PM
1276	We live 1 block from Evansdale Elementary and are heartbroken that it may be closed. It's a wonderful school in our little community.	3/6/2026 1:19 PM
1277	I'm glad you are going to the community for input. I'm glad you are consolidating schools for best use of revenue and resources. But the plan so far shows no advance planning as you have not considered size of school property, percentages of unused space, possible use of property in the future, and more. Hopefully these factors will be considered.	3/6/2026 1:16 PM
1278	I think that the community should be informed about what were the exact metrics for this initial announcement of closures, specific to each school. Parents and communities should know exactly what is going on with their school.	3/6/2026 1:14 PM
1279	I am not happy that Oak Grove Elementary was included in the closure list. It is nearly at	3/6/2026 1:13 PM

	capacity with students, has a strong PTA and neighborhood support.	
1280	Evansdale needs to stay. There are so many kids in my neighborhood that benefit from having a school so close to home.	3/6/2026 1:09 PM
1281	Evansdale Elementary needs to be renovated and expanded, not closed	3/6/2026 1:09 PM
1282	I'm worried about overcrowding at Montgomery as a result of Ashford Park closing. I'm also worried that many of the very active and engaged parents in the district will pull their children into private schools as a result	3/6/2026 1:07 PM
1283	i have good feed back for this school becuse all.staff very nice	3/6/2026 1:02 PM
1284	I oppose consolidation where it woukd close grade schools with strong and active Foundations. I was Treasurer for the Evansdale Foundation and we have done so much to support that school. What happens to the playgrounds and other permanent improvements we have made to that building?	3/6/2026 12:53 PM
1285	Keep Evansdale open	3/6/2026 12:52 PM
1286	None	3/6/2026 12:48 PM
1287	a school like this should be the best school in the history they give us good food.	3/6/2026 12:47 PM
1288	The School is so lovely and I feel like I belong and the teachers are so lovely the parents love it	3/6/2026 12:47 PM
1289	the building is stabled and it does not fall down.i am treated really good I love this school I never want to leave because my teachers are really nice I love my teacher so much.	3/6/2026 12:47 PM
1290	I have been here for 6 years and it still hasen't fell down	3/6/2026 12:47 PM
1291	the building are nice and clean I am treated good and the building is stable I love my teachers cause they are so nice	3/6/2026 12:47 PM
1292	The school is so clean and the bathroom are so clean we l go	3/6/2026 12:47 PM
1293	The building is very clean.and the people and staff are nice.i	3/6/2026 12:46 PM
1294	the school is very clean and is great to learn in! I love my amazing school please don't close it!	3/6/2026 12:46 PM
1295	The building does not make healthy food that kids would eat, they let the kids suffer from thirst if their lactose and tollerent	3/6/2026 12:46 PM
1296	Brockett is doing very well and it is not having any problems. I love being here and I love feeling like I belong. I also love being in the same school as my sister and having amazing education. I've learned so much here.	3/6/2026 12:46 PM
1297	Our school is clean and nice. Everything is working. I'm grade 4th and I have nothing to worry about because you want to close next year but please don't do that.	3/6/2026 12:46 PM
1298	Students that play sports and stay in Dekalb county are using other addresses to attend other county schools a lot of Dekalb students transferred to Henry county schools but they stay in dekalb	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1299	I do not want the school to close because I love brockett.	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1300	The building is clean it doesn't have no cracks the workers always clean the school.	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1301	The building is good cause the Cafeteria is clean and the food is okay.	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1302	Everything is good and clean nothing is bad all the think is good.	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1303	I like to be with my friends and its fun. I like the playground so, why will they chose Brockett to close?	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1304	the is very clear in we are very good the teacher are very good nice people never	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1305	our school shows us how things work and everything works here and nothing is broken.	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1306	Our school has clean walls, floors, and always provides safety for all students. I love coming to school everyday and bullying never happens. All the teachers are respectful, and caring.	3/6/2026 12:45 PM

	This school holds a lot of nostalgia, happiness, and loving people. I learn new things everyday. This is why I shouldn't close down my school.	
1307	IT IS A GOOD PLACE TO LIKE BECAUSE THERE IS NOTHING BAD THAT CAN HAPPEN. AND THERE ARE A LOT OF NICE PEOPLE. AND THE PLAYGROUND IS BIG TO PLAY IN.	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1308	This building has running water and everyone knows my name which is amazing and everyone is so nice and this school has our colors and our very own Brockett Bobcat and he's always been there for us so please don't shut down the school.	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1309	The hall way is cleaned and they say hi to you when you enter the school .	3/6/2026 12:44 PM
1310	our school is clean I like it a lot I have so many friends and it has cool new stuff . I have so many friends so many people know me I love it here and Ive be her since pre k and now I'm in fourth grade ect . and I want to see my little family members come her .	3/6/2026 12:44 PM
1311	I like this school because I feel comfortable and many people are nice to me and this school is clean almost every week.	3/6/2026 12:43 PM
1312	The building is full of people who have been here for years now imagine you getting pulled away from your home and its full of our memories.	3/6/2026 12:43 PM
1313	The building is a sterty. she is sweet and the best. I love the food.	3/6/2026 12:43 PM
1314	I have taught in many DeKalb schools in all grade levels for more than 40 years. Please think on consolidations. There are many really good schools that are over crowded. Take the extra students and adjust the attendance lines to help keep a good school and all the staff that makes that school good. Don’t break up a well working school.	3/6/2026 12:39 PM
1315	I am a parent of two Vanderlyn elementary students. While I understand that there are problems regarding both over/under capacity schools in the district, I think DeKalb would be making an incredibly poor choice in choosing to close Vanderlyn, one of the top 40 public elementary schools in Georgia, out of approximately 1,800 schools. Vanderlyn should be held up as a bright spot in the district, especially considering all DCSD has gone through over the past year or two. Aside from some recent capital updates, keeping Chestnut makes little sense. The school is in an incredibly crowded area, en route to 285, and already causes significant traffic problems, adding students there will only increase this burden on the county and cause major traffic concerns. In addition, Vanderlyn is a high performing, community school that raises home values significantly. Should home prices drop, and parents be worried about their children's educational prospects, you will lose a population of parents that are part of the group paying a large portion of DeKalb educational taxes. We are only hurting DeKalb and DCSD in this scenario. DeKalb School Board has made some mistakes in the past year, undoubtedly. Please don't let the closing of Vanderlyn be another one.	3/6/2026 12:37 PM
1316	Understand the need, small elementary schools are so engaging for the community and create a safe area but understand why they may not be sustainable	3/6/2026 12:28 PM
1317	Our community counts on Evansdale Elementary for growth in our neighborhood, culturally and educationally. We do not want to see our kids redistricted!	3/6/2026 12:26 PM
1318	I feel that too many schools are slated to close. For example, Livsey is already on a small lot with trailers and has nowhere to expand into. It will also cause parents to send their children far away to attend school, which could cause additional problems.	3/6/2026 12:24 PM
1319	I would rather HMES not close because it’s the one we’re using and it seems to be doing fine. I am fine with consolidating schools but school quality and teacher-student ratios should not be made worse just for the sake of potential cost savings.	3/6/2026 12:22 PM
1320	The consolidation can be good, if it is done fairly. I think that the schools on the Southside should look like the state-of-the-art schools on the North side of the district.	3/6/2026 12:22 PM
1321	Please do not close our neighborhood school Evansdale Elementary	3/6/2026 12:17 PM
1322	It’s a great school for my kids and others they recommend it	3/6/2026 12:15 PM
1323	In our Dunwoody cluster, I agree with the proposed plan. Having updated/fairly new schools in East/Central/West Dunwoody is an exciting proposal.	3/6/2026 12:14 PM
1324	I am horrified.	3/6/2026 12:12 PM

1325	I don’t think it’s conducive to the growth of the community. Educational wise or economically.	3/6/2026 12:11 PM
1326	The idea that there is the potential that APES could completely close was very disheartening to hear. The parents and community give greatly and the school itself is such a pillar of our community. We would love to see money invested into our school for rebuilding and keeping our families together from elementary all the way through to Chamblee High. Our family would like to see APES remain in the neighborhood, and it to be rebuilt or significantly renovated, and for us all to stay in the Chamblee cluster.	3/6/2026 12:07 PM
1327	I would like to see the district look at schools located in the north and south of the district when considering consolidations.	3/6/2026 12:06 PM
1328	It is so crucial to keep Evansdale elementary it is a great facility that services so many families and students	3/6/2026 12:04 PM
1329	Brockett	3/6/2026 12:02 PM
1330	I have lived in the Evansdale Elementary School area for more than 30 years. Our neighborhood school has many unique qualities - a 10.1 acre campus, sepaparte play fields, two playgrounds, room to expand, nature trails, a projected increasing enrollment, a French program, lots of community involvement, a mentoring program, and a quiet and lovely location away from major traffic lanes. This school should be renovated and expanded, not closed.	3/6/2026 12:01 PM
1331	The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment (currently at 485 students), class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made. I understand our schools proximity to the high school lends itself to more space for the High School, but it’s too far for academic buildings but we are open to redesigning our open spaces for fields that can be used by both schools (elementary during the school day and high school afternoons go sports practices and games). More clarity is needed for where our students go when Austin and Dunwoody elementaries only have space for half to 2/3 of our students. If we’re not contingent on a new Chestnut elementary to be built, where will you fit our students? Our school has space for new car pool lines in front of the school, moving parking to left side of the school and we have the space for additional classrooms to get to the 4 class/grade ideal scenario mentioned in the SAP zoom meeting.	3/6/2026 11:57 AM
1332	It makes sense in theory, but not sure how it will work in practice	3/6/2026 11:56 AM
1333	Are we investing enough in the northern part of the county where population growth and high performing schools are?	3/6/2026 11:53 AM
1334	Oak Grove Road, including the elementary school school, church, and business is the heart of this vibrant and growing community. OGS continues to be sought after and essential for our neighborhood.	3/6/2026 11:53 AM
1335	One thing not addressed but I am curious about is the student to teacher ratio currently and what is projected for each level/scenario, because currently we have more students than teacher/staff needed resources to meet the needs of our students within the communities.	3/6/2026 11:52 AM
1336	https://email.membershiptoolkit.com/ls/click?upn=u001.dP20uh2xUDz7Ju9WhAzXUCyOQdjEHgdSesQM9rGbTsyM0-2B8UV9CO-2Fz9GcFBohmq039ckGYMrOTlHLNHmHQ35-2FLj3oxFWhHdsfPr3qYmy2puCc4434mpEqddWkWSbVUK9l40-2FZMZv31Q9k1z-2BmVtH3w-3D-3DNy51_5M-2ByGy8tG4ZWxoTIfZKNgWBwW-2BI-2Fnl9EZD-2FbUL1RLAy2SrM4DZlFR8-2FheIxqbDWpXPQJw-2FcJvGATA55fsheczxVWIJGkKGZY-2Be9ZRZO4sJ0iKPkEqJ9HK8UsO2mUehyRuyIwJ0C8-2BBmFv6eIgsM15on5THKOwWKbk1mSemc5NHW1aSSPzhdFhBZ5NvWtZn2-2Fc8hkZLo-2BP9f8B-2Ftubx6lSNlINbHanM0Qwaoden0Bvv7QQeI4wmuealwhwyQqKEpBB4FcWEoMxF-2BaylzoWkWggOGH5Rckin6q65D28u0EU-2Fd60ZPH87zgFKfVD5FTxj8OVc38L4-2FfGUXm7hRtc9LGfAsmo8aCsonh0bsYa26SG3VyrmwKtz1HGwJEDTBQzGBs	3/6/2026 11:50 AM
1337	Some consolidations may be needed. Not Oak Grove as this Elementary is very important for this community.	3/6/2026 11:50 AM
1338	I understand and support the need to address overcrowding at Dunwoody High School. I recognize that Vanderlyn’s proximity to the high school places our campus within a broader facilities planning conversation. I also recognize that the district has framed SAP around enrollment trends and utilization. Any proposal should clearly demonstrate how those metrics	3/6/2026 11:49 AM

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1339	I'm ok with it	3/6/2026 11:43 AM
1340	Neighborhood schools are vital to our community,	3/6/2026 11:39 AM
1341	The timeline for implementation is not realistic. It seems there is no consideration to traffic patterns or impacts to busing.	3/6/2026 11:39 AM
1342	I understand that schools with low enrollment may need to be closed or combined but I do not like the idea of really large elementary or middle schools.	3/6/2026 11:39 AM
1343	I am aligned with the facilities scenario, as we need to focus on fewer and better schools to make sure our tax dollars are working for our students, and schools are fully-staffed and maintained.	3/6/2026 11:35 AM
1344	Need more details on how mixing grade bands would be located and managed.	3/6/2026 11:34 AM
1345	Consolidations need to take into account distance for students to travel and state of facilities. Mega elementary schools (600+) are not desirable but larger ones that allow more resources would be beneficial if kept under a certain number.	3/6/2026 11:30 AM
1346	I understand the desire concentrate resources but I strongly strongly think this is not the best plan! There is such immense value in a small community school, where children and families are known and not just another number. We love the community at evansdale and see the French immersion program as so valuable. So we also worry about that being lost. We may move if evansdale closes. Please don’t do this! :)	3/6/2026 11:29 AM
1347	Bob Mathis Elementary School has provided students with excellent education for 50 years. We are only 60 students below capacity, however there are other schools that are not on the list that has a much more greater deficit of students to desk ratios	3/6/2026 11:29 AM
1348	I understand closing Stoneview Elementary. The schools building is dilapidated and needs serious renovations along with more community support. However Lithonia Middle and High schools should just be switched as far as the buildings are concerned but not taken out the community. They are both rebuilding and the administrators and staff have been doing a great job being involved in the community and making positive impacts on the students lives.	3/6/2026 11:24 AM
1349	Ashford Park should remain open and in the exact same cluster with Chamblee Middle and Chamblee High School. The school is rigorously supported and is the center of the neighborhood. We would rather have trailers than closing or consolidating with another school.	3/6/2026 11:24 AM
1350	I moved here specifically so my children could to these exact schools. I do not want to move to Sandy Springs.	3/6/2026 11:18 AM
1351	Schools with more students in them don't necessarily turn out students that are better educated. I would argue a smaller population where more students know each other and we teachers know more students fosters a sense of community that is lost when you have such a high population. And the question that should be asked about any of this is is this going to yield students with a better education? I would like information that indicates that consolidation yields not better grades but better education better sense of community, more peaceful environment. I personally can assure you that if the elementary schools are consolidated, I will be looking for alternative means of education for my children. I'm looking for a community, not a college like campus. The resources that would be available to a greater student population if they were consolidated does make sense to me. Every child with any disadvantage should be given every opportunity to supplement their education, but not at the cost of the entire population losing something that is so easily lost, a sense of community.	3/6/2026 11:18 AM
1352	Against	3/6/2026 11:16 AM

1353	Oak Grove Elementary is why we purchased our home. Oak Grove, Shamrock, and Lakeside were integral to our family between 1986 and 2004. Our experience as parents, and now as community members, is that Oak Grove Elementary continues to be a high-performing neighborhood school that is vital to this community. If data does not confirm that OGS is underutilized and in decline, it should be removed from the list of closures.	3/6/2026 11:15 AM
1354	Unbelievable	3/6/2026 11:14 AM
1355	I'm legitimately curious how Montgomery and its feeders would take the closure of Ashford Park Elementary. It seems like these facilities are aged and outsized for the gentrification in the area, but I have no idea how DeKalb could reconcile this with dated facilities.	3/6/2026 11:06 AM
1356	Robert show theme traditional school is the best they created good personality students and also all the staff members are responsible	3/6/2026 11:02 AM
1357	The consolidation need is understood. The strategy to retain high school and middle school buildings over elementary also makes sense. It's sad to see the school we're zoned for (Oak Grove) be closed given its high ratings, but it makes sense that some schools will have to be closed. I don't know the reasoning for Oak Grove in particular, so it'd be nice to be given a summary for each scheduled-to-be-closed school on why it was chosen (with strong data, of course.)	3/6/2026 11:00 AM
1358	I think it would be a detriment to all involved to combine school. I believe small local school are an asset to our community and give children the opportunity to thrive.	3/6/2026 10:58 AM
1359	Please do not close down Ashford Park Elementary. Yes the building needs to be updated, but shutting it down and dividing up our wonderful community is not acceptable.	3/6/2026 10:56 AM
1360	I think it is a horrible plan. There is nothing better than having my children attend a small neighborhood school. They know everyone and feel safe and loved. I know everyone. It is easy to get plugged in. It is easy to have a sense of community. Kids are seen and treated as individuals. Perhaps dekalb should spend time figuring out why enrollment is down and fix that problem instead. Parents are scared to send their kids to school (ICE), dekalb schools are rated poorly so parents opt for private. How about you work at a government level to fix the actual issues instead of consolidating all these incredibly precious schools.	3/6/2026 10:55 AM
1361	The Oak Grove Community is strong and involved and the students deserve to benefit from the community engagement. It's a tough reality for any school to have to close, and the parent engagement should be considered.	3/6/2026 10:53 AM
1362	It’s one of the dumbest things I’ve ever heard and would likely cause a decrease in enrollment as fewer families trust the district with making the right decision for their children.	3/6/2026 10:53 AM
1363	I have no students in the school system, so I can’t answer this question..I’m a member of the Evansdale Community and just a concerned member of the community.	3/6/2026 10:52 AM
1364	Please don't concentrate closures in low income areas like mine (McNair Discovery Learning Academy). These schools have the potential to improve with more consolidated resources. Forcing lower income students to travel farther for education will exacerbate existing inequalities.	3/6/2026 10:47 AM
1365	We are a new Midvale family and we are in awe of this school. As a family of four, we have experienced a “merged” elementary school in DeKalb. Now that we’ve seen both sides, we will fight for the better option. My daughter started at Midvale this year in second grade. She had been at Smoke Rise Elementary since PreK. After the Idlewood merge, it became a “mega” school with 1,200ish students. It changed drastically after the influx of students. My son is currently in PreK at SRES. We do not want a giant school for our kids, and it seems like that’s where we may be heading at Midvale. It feels like the kids at SRES are numbers now. There isn’t a sense of community, and the concept of “all the teachers know the kids’ names” doesn’t exist there. The school is far too large for that. Administration isn’t proactive with issues, because they are simply trying to keep up, and keep their heads above water. The teachers don’t seem happy; they seem overwhelmed with huge class sizes and an unsupportive administration. Kids only get to do music class and art class every nine days, when it used to be once (sometimes twice!) a week. I don’t want that future for my children. When my eldest started at Midvale, it was a breath of fresh air for her, and for her father and me. At SRES, we were so used to the negativity, the lack of outside time (they go days without going outside!), the focus on testing, and the weak admin, that we didn’t know that elementary schools aren’t all like that. Midvale Elementary School is exactly what an elementary school should be. The	3/6/2026 10:46 AM

	teachers are warm and kind, and they know the kids by names. They focus on the individual child, they provide adequate outdoor time, and the principal and VP are caring and involved. The staff is kind and involved because they have the space to be. They aren't overwhelmed. These small schools are what make Tucker GREAT. The data doesn't lie — look at the numbers of families who have left SRES since the merge was announced. Almost every SRES family I know applied for School Choice because they no longer want to be a part of this unhappy mega school that has no community. We want better for our children. Please do not close Midvale. Keep it small. I've seen both sides, and I'm here to say that the smaller, neighborhood schools are far better.	
1366	We need to KEEP Evansdale kids going to Evandale. The school's enrollment is supposed to increase to over 600 by 2030. There is LOTS of parking It has 2 playgrounds. There is lots of room for expansion	3/6/2026 10:44 AM
1367	I think Redan Elementary should be closed. It's an awful school. It doesn't follow state standards.	3/6/2026 10:43 AM
1368	We moved into our current home recently so that our daughters could both go to Evansdale. We feel like the opportunities presented by Evansdale more align with the priorities in education we want for our children. Having Evansdale consolidated into another school and program could change the opportunities available.	3/6/2026 10:43 AM
1369	We would love to keep our small school.	3/6/2026 10:42 AM
1370	I disagree with this plan. The walk ability of elementary school students is key for lifestyle and parent involvement. Too big leads to more kids left behind	3/6/2026 10:38 AM
1371	I am happy with current situation.	3/6/2026 10:38 AM
1372	No consolidation	3/6/2026 10:36 AM
1373	I don't agree with the possible closure of Evansdale. It will greatly affect our community and home values as well as new families moving into our neighborhoods.	3/6/2026 10:32 AM
1374	I am all for consolidating the elementary schools.	3/6/2026 10:30 AM
1375	We are currently in the Ashford Park school district, and we also have a child in the Kittredge magnet program. Our main priority is ensuring that there is no decrease in academic quality or opportunities for our kids both in the magnet and not in the magnet program. My biggest concern is not elementary school. If we were redistricted to Montgomery or John Lewis, along with other Ashford Park students, while we would be sad to lose our cherished neighborhood school, I know that our kid would be doing fine. What I am more concerned about is ensuring the academic quality and opportunities at a middle and high school level. Chamblee High School has built, over many many years, a school that has the academic and extracurricular opportunities that its student population needs. It would not be easy to replicate that quickly at another school. The combination of the magnet program and the students that go to the school have provided the demand for the academic rigor and opportunities that Chamblee High school has responded to and provides. I am very concerned that if we were redistricted to another high school, the academic and extra curricular opportunities would not be available. It takes time to build that up. Additionally, my children have been in the German Immersion program, which was built to go hand in hand with the German programs at Chamblee Middle and Chamblee High school. This has been built over many years and I don't think it would be good for the community, the schools, the students, to lose that continuity. Additionally, I am very concerned about what happens with the magnet program. Kittredge is the top elementary school in GA - it is a gem in Dekalb county that has been a lifesaver for us. I want to ensure its survival. But not just Kittredge - for the magnet program through high school. These kids also require rigorous academic opportunities and extra curricular opportunities that go beyond what a typical high school provides. It would not be simple or possible to just pick up the magnet program and move it to another middle or high school. It has been built into those schools for years. To summarize, our highest priority is being able to continue to access and be assigned to top caliber academic opportunities in middle and high school. We are ok if we lose Ashford Park Elementary school (although that would make us sad), but we have many concerns and worries about being redistricted out of the Chamblee cluster or the magnet program moving to a different school. If those things were to happen we would seriously consider private school. I also think many others in our situation (Ashford Park zoned and magnet kids) are facing the same decisions. If rezoned, many many many parents would consider private school, which would exacerbate the issue of low enrollment and empty seats.	3/6/2026 10:29 AM

1376	I know that it's a very big and messy problem with a lot of complicated variables. I am confident that no individual community wants to see their school closed, but I believe you've tried to balance a lot of things and come up with a reasonable path forward.	3/6/2026 10:27 AM
1377	Please don’t close Evansdale. It would make the schools in the area much too crowded. It’s an awesome school serving our children.	3/6/2026 10:14 AM
1378	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district’s goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake’s current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake’s enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/6/2026 10:08 AM
1379	Safe communities are built around good schools, and good schools only happen when leadership is listening to the communities needs	3/6/2026 10:07 AM
1380	I think they are fine. I think Ashford Park needs to move to John Lewis. Those families think they are too good to do so, but it makes sense to me.	3/6/2026 10:05 AM
1381	The plans don’t address teaching itself or ways to get parents back into the school system. You need more, not less.	3/6/2026 10:05 AM
1382	The proposed consolidation scenario raises concerns regarding Evansdale Elementary because the school represents far more than a typical neighborhood school. Evansdale is a high-performing school with distinctive academic programs, strong student outcomes, and deep community investment that make it an important asset to the district. Evansdale is home to one of DeKalb County’s most distinctive academic offerings: a French dual-language immersion program that attracts families from across the district through a school-choice lottery. Students spend approximately half of their instructional time learning in French, allowing them to develop meaningful language proficiency and global competency. The program has also earned international recognition through the LabelFrancÉducation designation from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which recognizes schools around the world that demonstrate excellence in bilingual French education. Importantly, the immersion pathway does not end at Evansdale. Students continue their language progression at Henderson Middle School, where Evansdale parents and teachers helped establish the continuation of the program, and then into advanced French coursework at Lakeside High School. This creates a long-term academic pathway that supports sustained language proficiency and represents years of collaboration between families, educators, and the district. Disrupting Evansdale would therefore impact not just one school, but a multi-school academic pipeline. Evansdale	3/6/2026 10:05 AM

	has also demonstrated strong academic growth and achievement. The school was recently named a Georgia Title I Reward School, placing it among the top-performing Title I schools in the state for student growth. This recognition reflects the significant progress students and teachers have made and highlights the effectiveness of the school's instructional model. In addition, Evansdale offers robust STEM programming that encourages inquiry-based learning, innovation, and real-world problem solving. Students regularly participate in robotics competitions, technology fairs, and project-based science initiatives, earning recognition in district and regional competitions. The school's success is reinforced by extraordinary community engagement. The Evansdale Foundation and a highly active PTA provide substantial financial support and volunteer involvement that enhance classroom resources, enrichment opportunities, and student programs. This partnership between the district and the community contributes directly to the school's strong outcomes and represents a valuable asset for DeKalb County. Given Evansdale's strong academic performance, internationally recognized immersion program, established K–12 language pathway, and deep community investment, I encourage the district to carefully consider the broader programmatic value the school brings to DeKalb County as it evaluates consolidation scenarios. Schools that combine unique academic offerings, strong performance, and strong community partnerships should be thoughtfully considered before being included in consolidation proposals.	
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1384	Look at what facilities have the largest acreage and renovate the building,and add new construction which would be vertical have that school be the hub of a shared community	3/6/2026 10:02 AM
1385	I believe it is a huge mistake to close down smaller elementary schools to consolidate into larger new schools for many reasons. Smaller schools allow the students to thrive and feel seen by all staff at the school while they are just developing their social skills and personality. Combining schools into mega schools, allows students to get lost in the mix and feel small or insignificant. These smaller local elementary schools are also better for their community, letting parents feel confident walking their children to school and having it not be on a large main road. Letting the children and parents build a sense of community by being close by to the school provides a valuable opportunity that is lost in large 1200+ student elementary schools. The current plan also seems to single out and attack the wealthier areas of DeKalb	3/6/2026 9:59 AM

	which currently bolster the taxes and parent involvement for the schools. Overall this is a great plan to drive good families out of the DeKalb school system if that is the goal.	
1386	Alll those schools were clean and durable	3/6/2026 9:58 AM
1387	Every elementary school in my cluster is on the list to close (Evansdale/Henderson/Lakeside and Midvale/Tucker/Tucker), as well as all school of choice options. I chose to live in Tucker and want to support local schools and your proposal is taking away every option that I have for my son. I don't want to put my child in private school. I also don't want to drive my son to an elementary school that is several miles away or have him stand out in the dark early in the morning waiting for a bus. Stop taking away our options. Also, where are the DLI programs moving to? If our child is currently enrolled, will they get a spot at the school where the program is moved too? What if my child is in the DLI program thanks to schooling choice, would I have to reapply and be in a lottery again? All the years of DLI would be for nothing if it's taken away by 2030. This change is detrimental for our students.	3/6/2026 9:55 AM
1388	Save Evasdale	3/6/2026 9:53 AM
1389	Where will the students go this fall?	3/6/2026 9:52 AM
1390	My concern as a family zoned for IB schools, that if the district closes or tries to reconsolidate our schools, or moves our school out of the cluster, we would lose the continuity of our IB programme. IB is certified on a school by school basis and takes around 5 years minimum to compete, so we would likely lose our elementary IB continuity. That programme is crucial to having a successful HIGH SCHOOL IB experience. I am concerned that the closure of an elementary school between AES and the Druid Hills cluster implies that we are not going to be in this cluster any longer and move to the closest more Southern cluster that does not have an IB school. I really think this programme is instrumental to how AES, DHMS, and DHHS function, and would love to stay in that cluster for this reason.	3/6/2026 9:52 AM
1391	Obviously do not want to see Evansdale closed. There's plenty of land available there to expand	3/6/2026 9:51 AM
1392	Under enrollment at DCSD is a valid issue. The project to assess the current state is needed. However, the way it was done seemed to not been the best. The first widespread communication was a list of closures, not sure if this was meant to shock the public into paying attention. A more gradual approach would have been to share and interpret the data and then community feedback for the next step. The second issue is how does the public know that the data was gathered accurately? For example if currently there are buildings in a school campus that are not competent for occupation, and the data took into account those buildings in assessing occupancy rate, that data is flawed. Who is checking the numbers? are the local administration involved, who is accountable for the making sure the numbers really reflect true occupancy and capacity of the campuses? Finally, I think the biggest issue is trust. This year DCSD has had major controversies, including the indictement of the superintendent to the lack of transparency regarding school board members unemployment filings. These has led to a lack of trust from the public, and it needs to be addressed before school closure decisions are made	3/6/2026 9:51 AM
1393	I think it is fine to close and consolidate	3/6/2026 9:48 AM
1394	The closure of Evansdale Elementary will devastate this community and this neighborhood. I am firmly opposed to it and will lobby against anyone who supports it. I do not care at all that there is more space than necessary and that it is inefficient. Fix the corruption and mismanagement and irresponsible use of funds in the Dekalb School Board before you address this issue, and maybe you'll have the moral standing to make the argument you are trying to make. Right now you certainly do not.	3/6/2026 9:48 AM
1395	Not great.	3/6/2026 9:47 AM
1396	Evansdale, and other smaller schools have been the cornerstone of making the surrounding community as strong as it had been for 60 plus years. As a former teacher at this amazing school for 25 years, I can attest to the strength of its small but mighty population in allowing all of the school community to be a part of decisions and work for the success of Evansdale.	3/6/2026 9:47 AM
1397	This seems to happen every time a realignment comes up. Evansdale has traditionaly been a high-performing elementary school, well above the mean. The property is over 10 acres and could readily accomodate a remodeling / addition and still leave more than enough space for parking, playground, and athletic field. It sits on the corner of Evans Wood Dr and Evansdale	3/6/2026 9:47 AM

	Dr. Two road frontages makes it possible to create good traffic flow through neighborhood. Further, the school has served as the anchor that has kept our neighborhood stable and safe for decades. It was the deciding factor when we elected to buy our house here.	
1398	My child will be in the DLI French program this year starting in kindergarten. I would hate to have our local school consolidated or closed. This gives very little options for us.	3/6/2026 9:45 AM
1399	Please don't close Evansdale. It's unique as a STEM AND language immersion school	3/6/2026 9:44 AM
1400	Would hate to see Evansdale Elmentary closed.	3/6/2026 9:42 AM
1401	Closing Evansdale, the only language immersion school in the Lakeside district would be a travesty. Closing Oak Grove would also be sad. The enrollment would be better if the quality of the education was better. People leave because they feel like they have to send their kids to private school to get a decent education. I don’t think the numbers referenced are accurate and decisions are being made on faulty data.	3/6/2026 9:41 AM
1402	Dekalb needs to keep our neighborhood schools, specifically the elementary schools. They are a large part of what makes neighborhoods attractive in the first place. A sense of belonging and community.	3/6/2026 9:41 AM
1403	Close all the schools and the district	3/6/2026 9:37 AM
1404	I need the school to remain open because my daughter is going to be going to that school next year. I cannot afford to keep taking her to John Luis because it is just too far from my home as I work.	3/6/2026 9:34 AM
1405	I'm a product of Dekalb. Elementary and High School. I do appreciate the Elementary k-8th and High School 9-12th	3/6/2026 9:32 AM
1406	I don't think they should consolidate. We need smaller classes instead of more stident in one classroom.	3/6/2026 9:29 AM
1407	All facilities operate at a deficit now. Additional funding can be raised by volunteer groups. Top performing schools also create a sense of community. This is a community school.	3/6/2026 9:27 AM
1408	I understand the need to make changes due to the numbers, however, the smaller schools are why people live in this area. Briarlake, and other smaller nearby elementary schools are fantastic, and have excellent community involvement. I believe that closing schools in this area wouldn’t help, it would just push families to private schools.	3/6/2026 9:24 AM
1409	Ashford Park Elementary should not close. It is a very supported and successful school and is the heartbeat of the neighborhood.	3/6/2026 9:19 AM
1410	I think we need small schools so we should not be considering closing these schools.	3/6/2026 9:19 AM
1411	I'm going to speak as being a parent of a student who just started at Vanderlyn Elementary School in Dunwoody. I understand and support the need to address overcrowding specifically at Dunwoody High School and I also recognize that Vanderlyn’s proximity to the high school places our campus within a broader facilities planning conversation. However, Vanderlyn is a diverse, academically strong, and inclusive community. I think preserving stable elementary environments while solving high school challenges aligns with district priorities. Vanderlyn in particular it one of the stronger elementary schools in the district with high enrollment, high community/parent involvement, and is rated as one of the top in the district which is why I'm a little surprised to see it on the list. The combined Vanderlyn and Dunwoody High School campus I believe presents a rare opportunity to explore thoughtful, phased solutions that address secondary capacity while preserving elementary access. While the current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure, it does does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decisions are made.	3/6/2026 9:18 AM
1412	I think it makes sense, however there would need to be significant changes in Chesnut administration to support a bigger school and bigger teacher staff. I don't think the current admin could handle it properly.	3/6/2026 9:16 AM
1413	I have a hard time supporting a plan to close a facility like Ashford Park Elementary, that is severely over-capacity, without a clear plan of where the students will go. Unless there are nearby schools with sufficient capacity for all students, then it is obvious that they would be split up into multiple schools. I don't necessarily have a problem with that, however I would like	3/6/2026 9:16 AM

	to know where the students will go, and how that will affect the schools they are moved to, and if the Middle and High school clusters would be affected by these changes.	
1414	Oak grove should remain an elementary school	3/6/2026 9:14 AM
1415	I'm concerned with making big consolidation decisions based on forecasts that may have varying (or unproven) degrees of accuracy or contingency for unforeseen factors like major industry or job growth driving inward migration. I also think smaller neighborhood schools are usually better run and easier to influence as parents and invested stakeholders. So I'm concerned with closing so many of the small elementary schools.	3/6/2026 9:13 AM
1416	I appreciate the district's effort to address declining enrollment and empty seats across DeKalb County Schools, but I have significant concerns about the initial consolidation scenarios and their potential impact on students, families, and school communities. For Montgomery Elementary in particular, these concerns include: • Montgomery is a high performing, high engagement school with stable enrollment, and consolidations risk disrupting a school community that is functioning well and consistently attracting families. Any scenario that shifts students into or out of Montgomery should account for the strong academic culture, PTA involvement, and neighborhood identity that families have built over many years. • The proposed consolidations could lead to larger class sizes, longer commutes, and overcrowding in receiving schools like Montgomery. Without clear details on how staffing, class size, special education services, and student supports would be maintained, it is difficult to understand how instructional quality would be protected during and after consolidation. • The community needs transparent, school level data to understand why certain buildings were targeted and how decisions were (and will be) made. Montgomery families need to see clear rationale—based on facility conditions, enrollment projections, and cost benefit analysis—before supporting any closure or consolidation that affects our school. Before moving forward with closures, the district should explore additional options such as program enhancements, magnet expansions, boundary adjustments, or phased changes that minimize disruption. Families need more time, more detailed modeling, and more clarity to provide meaningful feedback.	3/6/2026 9:13 AM
1417	I was shocked to see Oak Grove Elementary on the list because it doesn't fit any of the criteria that were set forth as categories for closure or consolidation. Given it's current and rising occupancy, the proposal doesn't suggest there's actually enough vacant seats at the neighboring schools to absorb their current students. Beyond all the data, which should be driving your decision and I'm sure you're seeing from many others, the choice to close a high-performing, thriving school with strong neighborhood support, brilliant teachers, and incredible parent support is a poor decision in managing the limited resources of the district. To close schools and create overcrowding in an area of the district that is growing both in homes, families, and new housing construction across a variety of economic strata from rental/apartment housing to new homes is short-sighted to say the least.	3/6/2026 9:13 AM
1418	I understand the need for possible consolidations and closures due to low enrollment. My concern is that we do not want to swing the pendulum in the opposite direction of overcrowding. Have you considered the possibility of increased enrollment with more housing construction and people moving to the areas.	3/6/2026 9:12 AM
1419	Evansdale has a large lot and has land bigger than other neighboring schools recommended for expansion.	3/6/2026 9:10 AM
1420	I support DeKalb finally taking fiscally responsible steps. However, the plan is too vague for informed feedback. Specifically for Dunwoody area: (1) Vanderlyn is to be closed for High School expansion, but Dunwoody High is on on the expansion list. The lack of alignment is confusing. (2) The plan to close both Vanderlyn and Kingsley, even with Chesnut expansion, assumes zero growth. When magnet and private school families return to our local schools, they'll be immediately over capacity. What is the plan then?	3/6/2026 9:10 AM
1421	Students do better with small safe schools. Gifted Students do not get a fair share of the financials.	3/6/2026 9:09 AM
1422	Provide teacher more money	3/6/2026 9:06 AM
1423	While I understand the financial need to close some schools and to consolidate to better use taxpayer dollars and better serve our students, putting so many schools on the list of closure without giving any feasible options for where those students might go once the schools are closed and how that would impact neighboring schools is a miss for the parent community's sense of confidence in Dekalb County handling student placement well. As an Ashford Park	3/6/2026 9:03 AM

	parent in particular, I understand that the building is aging and changes need to happen given our extremely over-enrolled school. However, closing the most overcrowded school in the county without giving options for how this will be remedied is unacceptable. I am hoping all current Ashford Park students will continue to remain in the Chamblee Cluster first and foremost. Additionally, if it would work to move all of the students to John Lewis and remain in the Chamblee Cluster, I am in favor of that solution. I am also in favor of gaining funding to create a new school on Ashford Park's current property so that this thriving school and community can continue to be served.	
1424	Oak Grove capacity continues to expand and will meet capacity in just a short time. It is and should remain a contribution to the well being of the community. It shound not be dissolved.	3/6/2026 9:03 AM
1425	I understand the need to consolidate and as long as children are not stuck on a bus for long periods of time commuting think the consolidation is a good idea	3/6/2026 9:02 AM
1426	Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization thus exceeding the proposed consolidation objective goal of 88%. Enrollment has increased for 4 consecutive years. It is projected to reach 96% utilization for 2026-27. Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not address the district wide utilization gap. THIS SCHOOL SHOULD BE USED AS A MODEL, NOT AS A TARGET FOR CHANGE!	3/6/2026 9:02 AM
1427	We do not want Midvale elementary closed or grouped with any other schools	3/6/2026 8:58 AM
1428	The current proposal does not appear to impact our family's cluster. Broadly, the proposal to consolidate facilities makes sense, and I appreciate that the project is keeping student experience (commutes, program access, etc.) a top priority.	3/6/2026 8:58 AM
1429	I'm concerned that a majority of the school closures are on the S.E. side of the county.	3/6/2026 8:57 AM
1430	I feel school with low enrollment should be consolidated in order to save money regardless of the community they are in.	3/6/2026 8:53 AM
1431	I don't support closing Redan Elementary This decision overlooks community growth, while increase travelling and crowding . The district should strengthen programs rather than closing schools.	3/6/2026 8:51 AM
1432	I agree that this is necessary, however, attention should be paid to the elementary schools that are traditionally high performing and not disrupt those communities.	3/6/2026 8:50 AM
1433	Closing schools with low enrollment/many empty seats may save facility money but what about teacher and student experience/ environment? How much will you invest to ensure speciality schools are not dissolved by horizon schools??	3/6/2026 8:47 AM
1434	Some consolidation seems appropriate and necessary, but the scope of the initial round feels too broad. There are myriad other ways to address the issue, including discontinuing the class size waiver and placing teachers in these schools with appropriate/smaller class sizes. We can also reevaluate the growing number of positions that are not within a school house - the Area curriculum coordinator positions, for example.	3/6/2026 8:45 AM
1435	I know only Oak Grove. Oak Grove facilities are good. Let's keep Oakgrove. It is the gem of this neighborhood.	3/6/2026 8:44 AM
1436	It is hard to give feedback when you only showed what would happen to the affected High School and Middle schools, but not the elementary schools. You suggested closing elementary schools but did not say which school(s) those students would potentially go. One school, Ashford Park, that was suggested as a closure will have parents in an uproar. Closing that school will affect property values and some families spent over a million dollars to live there for their children to attend Ashford Park. Not telling where those students would relocate doesn't allow proper review and feedback.	3/6/2026 8:39 AM
1437	OGE has 23% of students with disabilities. We are at 89% (due to pandemic) utilization and projected at 96% next year. Prior to COVID, we had trailers and have the ability to expand permanently on our lot. OGE is the community and may may families come to our area for the schools. We now have the new CHOA down the street and a lot of growth! We should be the model for other schools and not on the chopping block. Our history is deep, parent support is strong, and community even stronger!	3/6/2026 8:38 AM
1438	My concern is the effect it will have on the students in the area. 2. How will this change impact	3/6/2026 8:37 AM

	our property value?	
1439	I think the data for remodeling Druid Hills does not align.	3/6/2026 8:35 AM
1440	I think it’s ridiculous and a waste of taxpayer money. You’ll spend just as much if not more closing and remodeling as well as shifting and revamping all rebuilding to be modern and up to code. Your initial estimates are never accurate (ex Druid Hills High) Why not just consolidate middle and high school and let elementary schools be? Develop community and strong skills for once vs disrupting lives.	3/6/2026 8:33 AM
1441	Please don't close Ashford Park: please provide an addition, if necessary. Why would you close the county's most popular elementary school? Do you want to drive more kids to private education, especially with the way you are preferencing Dunwoody schools and removing opportunities for those in Brookhaven?	3/6/2026 8:32 AM
1442	If it increases the classroom sizes not so sure its a great idea.	3/6/2026 8:31 AM
1443	Overall I think the school is great, has history within its walls. However, I feel instead of closing the school try doing to renovations. The school could most definitely use an upgrade!	3/6/2026 8:31 AM
1444	I see the need	3/6/2026 8:30 AM
1445	I purchased my home based on the school that my child will attend. It saddens me deeply to think that the school we looked so forward to going to may not be possible to attend. I pray that Midvale Elementary does not close.	3/6/2026 8:28 AM
1446	With declining attendance, consolidation makes sense. However, given the significant overcrowding in North DeKalb schools, it would be more practical to direct Dunwoody High School’s overflow to Vanderlyn Elementary rather than closing the school. Vanderlyn could serve grades 8–9, while Dunwoody High School could focus on grades 10–12, allowing capacity to be better balanced across the cluster.	3/6/2026 8:27 AM
1447	I live right by McNair DLA. Most of the parents I know in this neighborhood have kids that arent yet school age. Quite a few of us have just started families within the last few years and I know other young couples who are considering it. I'm worried if upcoming students are being counted in which schools to close in addition to current enrollment.	3/6/2026 8:24 AM
1448	It would be so detrimental to students, classroom, ratios, teachers, neighborhoods, and community dynamics to consolidate schools.	3/6/2026 8:20 AM
1449	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district’s goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake’s current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake’s enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-	3/6/2026 8:16 AM

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1450	Considero que es correcto hacer consolidaciones para aprovechar todos los espacios.	3/6/2026 8:16 AM
1451	I understand and support the need to address overcrowding at Dunwoody High School. I recognize that Vanderlyn's proximity to the high school places our campus within a broader facilities planning conversation. I also recognize that the district has framed SAP around enrollment trends and utilization. Any proposal should clearly demonstrate how those metrics are being applied at the cluster level. The combined Vanderlyn and Dunwoody High School campus presents an opportunity to explore thoughtful, phased solutions that address secondary capacity while preserving elementary access. The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made. Vanderlyn is a diverse, academically strong, and inclusive community. Preserving stable elementary environments while solving high school challenges aligns with district priorities. I would welcome collaboration between district leaders and both school communities to explore campus-level solutions that address high school capacity while preserving the Vanderlyn community.	3/6/2026 8:13 AM
1452	Too many children in one space	3/6/2026 8:12 AM
1453	I understand the need to use all funds responsibly, but I don't have enough information yet to make an informed decision.	3/6/2026 8:09 AM
1454	I am a parent and also an educator in GCPS. I have worked in a variety of buildings in my 11 year career at the elementary level. A concern I have is elementary buildings being so large that they lose the community closeness of all the adults and students knowing each other. While in high school, the students are independent enough to be fine without such a close tight knit community. With early scholars that are 4-6 years old it is absolutely vital that schools are small and not too overwhelming. This is when these small children are learning to navigate their educational careers for the first time and it is imperative that the environment stay warm and close knit.	3/6/2026 8:02 AM
1455	Why are the schools on the southside being consolidated when it is one of the fastest-growing areas?	3/6/2026 8:02 AM
1456	There is no need to close Oak Grove Elementary School which is at 89% capacity. The small size of both Sagamore Hills and Oak Grove Elementary Schools make the schools appeal to local residents. Combining them with others into one big elementary school is not what residents want. In fact, that will lead more families to send their children to private schools/schools outside the DCSD system. If you want children to continue to attend their local neighborhood schools, help the schools be responsive to the needs of the community. The planned effort will drive more students away, making the problem of attendance even worse.	3/6/2026 8:01 AM
1457	Mistake should not close. It is a really good neighborhood school. I liked all the teachers and that's is a small school. It was not overwhelming like the bigger school.	3/6/2026 7:58 AM
1458	Do not take budget from Dunwoody or Austin	3/6/2026 7:58 AM
1459	Arabia mountains high school is one of the best high school to attend.. d.A.T.E is one of the best technology schools to attend..good education.	3/6/2026 7:58 AM
1460	Consolidating schools may disrupt families lives due to the adjustment. Everyone doesn't have access to reliable transportation, for those that may have to travel further once the changes are made, extending the time to arrive to and from school. Additionally programs and service may need to be offered to allow parent to get their children safely to and from school.	3/6/2026 7:58 AM
1461	I believe Ashford park should be moved to John Lewis if closure of the building occurs and remain in the Chamblee charter cluster.	3/6/2026 7:56 AM
1462	Please also look at school performance, offerings, and school choice desirability when considering which school facilities to shutter.	3/6/2026 7:54 AM
1463	We recently moved into the area so our children could attend Oak Grove Elementary, and they are truly thriving. The school has been an incredibly positive experience for our family, and our	3/6/2026 7:52 AM

	decision to move here was strongly influenced by the school's high performance and the strong educational foundation it provides. I do want to share my personal perspective that it is difficult to understand how a school with such strong academic outcomes would be considered for closure rather than continued investment. Oak Grove is clearly a place where students are succeeding. Additionally, we transferred from a neighboring school, and the level of parent involvement at Oak Grove is unlike anything I have seen before. The community is deeply engaged and committed to supporting the school and its students. I sincerely hope that, as these decisions are considered, the district takes into account not only capacity and financial factors, but also the academic success, community strength, and positive impact Oak Grove has on its students and families.	
1464	Good	3/6/2026 7:44 AM
1465	No it's not fair to students or teachers	3/6/2026 7:42 AM
1466	I am highly opposed to consolidating schools and closing OGE. Oak Grove Elementary is an exceptional school with healthy enrollment and notably positive impact socially and academically on students.	3/6/2026 7:41 AM
1467	The scenario makes sense.	3/6/2026 7:39 AM
1468	Closing an overcrowded school in the north of the county seems contradictory to the overall goal. There does not appear to be a plan of what to do with the Ashford Park students. The expansion is noted for elementary schools north of there, and Montgomery is already overcrowded. Huntley Hills and Montgomery are far from the AP residents and moving the students that far from home will erode the community.	3/6/2026 7:38 AM
1469	I am concerned about the potential closing of Midvale Elementary School due to it being the only Elementary IB Program in the Tucker Cluster and would reduce the IB options in the district. IB authorization is site specific and can't simply be moved. Midvale also performed better than all of the Tucker cluster elementary schools on the CCRPI. You'll see more families walking their kids to school at Midvale than in other areas. The community support for Midvale will be hard to replicate elsewhere.	3/6/2026 7:29 AM
1470	I believe the district will do what is best for students and that it is great that it is being transparent in this process.	3/6/2026 7:28 AM
1471	As a staff member, I wanted to know which schools were going to be combined. As a parent, I am concerned about my son graduating from high school. He is now a freshman.	3/6/2026 7:24 AM
1472	I understand the need to reassess attendance but population changes (growth and movement across the Dekalb area) are not something we can accurately predict.	3/6/2026 7:20 AM
1473	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary	3/6/2026 7:16 AM

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1474	I understand that there is low school utilization in some parts of the county and that there are schools in great need for repairs and updates, but I do not think that we should be discounting the power of historic neighborhood schools. Many people take the community's school when choosing where to live and we do them a disservice by closing their school and assigning their child to further away school. In terms of choosing diverse programs, small schools, and low operating costs, I would prioritize programs and school sizes and reexamine many of the district's expenses and lower operating costs elsewhere.	3/6/2026 7:05 AM
1475	I just do not want to see an unfortunate teacher / student ratio in any schools if there is too much consolidation. Tucker high was built for under 1400 students and in the 16 years it has been open, the numbers haven't even been close to that!	3/6/2026 7:04 AM
1476	Please do not close Midvale elementary school. It will negatively impact both the community and our students.	3/6/2026 7:01 AM
1477	While I understand the need to address under-enrollment across the district, my concern is that some schools are already operating at or near capacity. My classroom reached 31 students this year in a building that is already small. Consolidation plans should ensure that students are redistributed in a way that balances enrollment and does not further increase class sizes at already crowded schools.	3/6/2026 6:56 AM
1478	I think that if resources are being spread too thin then combining schools does makes senses. Yet, most of the elementary schools that are closing holds history to Dekalb county communities. Like Toney elementary , my siblings and myself all went to Toney and I would want my children to do the same. I went on college (HBCUs) tours by being a student at Toney. I don’t want to see the school close at all but if it’s means better opportunities for the children in the future then it’s what’s best as a whole	3/6/2026 6:56 AM
1479	Concerned about the lack of a traffic survey when backing this decision. Schools located on or near busy roads are staying open, while schools that are in safer locations are being closed. That doesn’t make sense	3/6/2026 6:52 AM
1480	I do not know if what you all are promising is what you will do as far as it is beneficial to the communities	3/6/2026 6:51 AM
1481	I understand that costs need to be cut. Running schools is expensive and with certain schools not filled to capacity put strains on the budget because the price doesn't change because students aren't attending. It makes since to have those discussion. Money used to fund a school with low enrollment and attendance can be used on a school where more students can benefit.	3/6/2026 6:46 AM
1482	There may be a need to close some schools but it seems like most of the schools that are on the list are on one end of the county. I currently work at one of the schools on the list and while our numbers have dropped some, we still have a great amount of students and packed classrooms. If schools are put together, will the classroom sizes grow, will there be more than one teacher in each classroom.	3/6/2026 6:45 AM
1483	The Cedar Grove Cluster closings are concerning. I was a student at CGHS when they rezoned and brought several McNair HS students to CG. It was a war zone. These are rival communities. They may be close in proximity but the communities are different. Additionally, the Ellenwood community takes a huge hit to property taxes losing 2 schools to closings. CGHS has brought significant recognition to DCSD with numerous State Championships in football in recent years. The school has been a staple. Lastly, It appears that the decision to close CGHS vs McNair HS (which is in an area that is being gentrified) is biased. McNair’s location will soon benefit white populations. Close McNair HS, keep Cedar Grove HS. The Cedar Grove community is being asked to close essentially all 3 of its schools. That is not the way to build community, and support for our district.	3/6/2026 6:43 AM
1484	“I support targeted school consolidations where data show low utilization and high facility	3/6/2026 6:41 AM

	costs, provided the District implements protections for students and staff. Please commit to (1) equitable transportation with reasonable ride times, (2) maintaining or lowering student–teacher and student–counselor ratios, (3) preserving existing programs during transitions, and (4) transparent, campus-level data to guide decisions. Savings from consolidations should be reinvested in instruction, counseling, and student supports at receiving schools.”	
1485	I think the district is too large to come up with one scenario that fits all of Dekalb needs. We moved to Oak Grove area where our son attended for the smaller school and community. Families will not be wanting to move to this area if schools are closed and start to become overcrowded further impacting tax revenue.	3/6/2026 6:36 AM
1486	The whole premise of more students in one school means enhanced programming is somewhat true but completely misses on a widely known fact that smaller class sizes is better for students. This also does not address the fact that higher performing schools are being consolidated into lower performing schools, so the trade off of being in a smaller class of higher performing kids into bigger classes + some additional enhance programs (maybe 1 hour out of the day) makes no sense. Also saying enrollment is down across the county while not looking at where it is down vs up is mathematical irresponsible. Ashford Park is expanding and big performing. It would make no sense to close it.	3/6/2026 6:28 AM
1487	Please consider consolidating more of the elementary schools that are in close proximity (such as Toney, McNair, and Kelley Lake) and just relocating one of those buildings that's built for elementary aged students.	3/6/2026 6:19 AM
1488	appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback, the school has demonstrated strong outcomes, including recognition as a National Title I Distinguished School, indicating that it effectively serves students who may face socioeconomic challenges. Closing a successful school risks disrupting academic progress, staff relationships, and student support systems that contribute to these results.	3/6/2026 6:12 AM
1489	Based on the initial scenario there will be a major disruption to the communities in the Southern part of our district. We need to carefully examine the negative impact this scenario will have and plan ways to mitigate. Be thoughtful about the holes it will leave and how we can fill those holes with things that will protect the value of the communities and provide services the communities need.	3/6/2026 6:01 AM
1490	With closure of Brocket and Midvale ES, very concerned Livsey ES won't be able to physically absorb the additional student count. The Livsey campus is already loaded with trailer classrooms.	3/6/2026 5:41 AM
1491	I believe that grade level should be cluster appropriate to age levels. Having younger children mixed in with older children can interfere with a child emotional and social State.	3/6/2026 5:40 AM
1492	They are doing great	3/6/2026 5:32 AM
1493	I don't mind my kids going to school with Cedar Grove kids, but I'm worried about class sizes getting big again.	3/6/2026 4:52 AM
1494	I have concerns about the number of Tucker schools proposed for possible closure. Many Tucker families have sought homes zoned for their neighborhood elementary school. My family purchased a home in the Livsey district to send our children to a small community school, not a large mega school where I am concerned my children would get lost, particularly during the years of such a massive transition. I have concerns about traffic in and around the Livsey neighborhood, as well as the space on school grounds for parking, which is already a challenge for Livsey families during school events.	3/6/2026 3:19 AM
1495	Consolidate and update	3/6/2026 3:16 AM
1496	Schools on the south end should be preserved	3/6/2026 2:32 AM
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1498	I think that the scenarios are a terrible idea. They are purportedly fixing a problem of underutilization, but Oak Grove Elementary (OGE) is not underutilized — it is estimated that next year's enrollment will be 96% and there is a long waiting list for Kindergarten. Furthermore, the area around OGE is experiencing significant growth with research, healthcare, and is expected to bring more younger families to the area. Oak Grove is a desirable school. Many families, including ours, moved to the area because of OGE.	3/6/2026 12:21 AM
1499	Don't close ashford park	3/6/2026 12:11 AM
1500	I think that as long as it is not impacting the kids and a negative way and has positive results and give better grades and learning for our kids it is a good idea	3/6/2026 12:10 AM
1501	Within the last 2 years, every house sold in our neighborhood has been bought by a young family. We've gone from 2 children to 10 in the 14 houses in our cul-de-sac and 4 or 5 of the remaining houses are likely to sell within the next 2 years. Loss of a neighborhood school will negatively impact property values and discourage additional young families.	3/6/2026 12:05 AM
1502	I'm okay if ALL schools have high performing teachers and great facilities,	3/6/2026 12:02 AM
1503	Oak Grove is a wonderful school and I appreciate the small size. It helps my child feel safe and secure and known. We walk her to school every day and cherish that experience. Her teaching team is incredible and she is thriving there. Closure would affect her education, her well being, our peace of mind, and our property value.	3/5/2026 11:50 PM
1504	I hope that there will be a balance between cost effectiveness and community. Small schools offer a lot of value.	3/5/2026 11:40 PM
1505	I understand the need to fill seats and increase transportation to lessen commute. I do enjoy the rich diversity and the class size my child currently has though the school could use some updates. Given that, I would love for her to stay where she is with updates to the school. I would be in favor of raising class size moderately to increase improvements to schools by closing others that are under capacity.	3/5/2026 11:32 PM
1506	I don't have a lot of feedback at this point as neither DSA or DAA are addressed in the initial scenarios. I can say that we chose to purchase our home based on wanting our students to attend these 2 schools.	3/5/2026 11:24 PM
1507	Ashford Elementary has been a success story with an active neighborhood involvement - splitting it up or moving to a different high school cluster could destabilize the neighborhood and cause parents to want to move or go private	3/5/2026 11:20 PM
1508	Disappointing to shutter schools but if it consolidates resources and opportunities for the new structure that's good. The benefits of the new consolidation will need to be greater than the current situation. We can't just shutter schools and not provide a carrot to incentivize buy-in	3/5/2026 11:14 PM

	from the community. We have lost way too many families during and post-COVID as many in our community have an easy option to go private and leave DCSD	
1509	My concern with consolidation is the impact it could have on the Cedar Grove community. Our schools are more than buildings—they are anchors for students, families, and community engagement. Closing schools or moving students further away could increase transportation time and make it harder for students to participate in extracurricular activities and stay connected to their school community. If the goal is to better use resources and increase opportunities, the district should consider building strong programs within existing schools instead of busing students out to other programs. Some students already leave the cluster to participate in programs like Champion. Those resources could be used to strengthen programs within Cedar Grove schools, which could help attract and retain students while keeping them in their community. Before consolidating schools, the district should explore solutions that strengthen programs and maximize the use of the buildings we already have.	3/5/2026 11:13 PM
1510	As DCSD evaluates consolidation scenarios, I encourage the district to look beyond building capacity and enrollment projections and also consider the operational realities of very large elementary schools. Our family has been part of the Druid Hills cluster for many years, with children having attended elementary, middle, and high schools within the cluster. This perspective has allowed me to see how enrollment trends and facility decisions impact students over time. Our zoned elementary school, Fernbank Elementary, currently serves roughly 915 students in a building with a reported capacity of approximately 950. Even at this level, the strain on shared spaces and daily operations is noticeable. For example, with only one cafeteria, lunch periods must start early and run late to accommodate all students. Shared instructional spaces such as the library and computer lab are frequently unavailable because they must also be used for testing when the building is otherwise full. Arrival and dismissal bring more than 1,000 individuals to campus within a short window each day, creating traffic congestion and safety concerns that staff and volunteers work hard to manage. While consolidation can appear efficient in terms of facility utilization, larger schools can create downstream operational challenges related to supervision, scheduling, traffic safety, and equitable access to shared learning spaces. Future scenarios should evaluate both building capacity and functional capacity, including the ability of shared instructional resources such as cafeterias, libraries, playgrounds, and technology spaces to serve the projected student population.	3/5/2026 11:12 PM
1511	I believe that consolidation has become necessary for the longevity of the district. Currently, schools are understaffed, resources are minimal, and underserved children are not receiving the support they need to keep up with their peers in the classroom.	3/5/2026 10:53 PM
1512	If consolidation is to occur, the process must be done right and there must be clear communication ad full data transparency. So far, DCSD has already failed on the rollout of this proposal. There are glaring signs that the data being used for this discussion are flawed. Your contractor HPM states this is a first-of-it's-kind project for the CONSTRUCTION firm. Do they have the experience and knowledge to carry out the demographic research presented and used? Frankly, no. Using our beloved OGE as an example, this year's enrollment is 447 or 89% utilization, passing your 88% utilization minimum. Our 2026 enrollment is 487 or 96% utilization, not 415 or 82% as projected on their dashboard. Our utilization is higher than the two elementary schools in our area proposed to expand and stay open. We also have a 100 student waitlist for our school, higher than both briarlake with 71 and sagamore with none. Why is our school being closed instead of being used as a data point to understand successful schools that are sought out by home buyers and parents using school choice? Our building adequacy score is also higher than the two schools remaining open. Even with most recent improvements since initial assessments, looking at the raw data informing scores, the improvements made would not result in surpassing OGE. The OGE district is also seeing influxes of families due to the recent $2.5B institutional investments in the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor, including the new CHOA Arthur blank hospital. Our area and school is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. My last data concern is this, where are the data for cost-savings with implementing the SAP vs improving existing schools? Currently, Dresden is undergoing a 76M expansion to consolidate 2 ES, ballooning from the initial 42M budget presented for ESPLOST voting. Is this what we can expect for the SAP implementation? Shouldn't we delay this process and use Dresden as a use-case to learn about consolidation impacts? I believe we need to slow this process down and work in phases, starting with the least enrolled schools. Get us data, be transparent about it, and let us feel like we can trust DCSD once again.	3/5/2026 10:43 PM
1513	leave Brocket Elementary as it is nowhere close	3/5/2026 10:35 PM

1514	Evansdale Elementary school is an important neighborhoodschool that provides stability and support for students and families . Closing this school would disnupt the community and create unnecesary transations for young children. I encoutage the distric to explore other solutions. Before consedering closing evansdale Elementary.	3/5/2026 10:34 PM
1515	doesn't make sense to close one of the schools in the most populated area and also schools that are high performing such as Ashford Park.	3/5/2026 10:33 PM
1516	Understand the need to evaluate, but not certain as to why the school enrollment is declining when population growth in the Atlanta area is growing.	3/5/2026 10:32 PM
1517	Very concerned about proposed closure of Oak Grove Elementary, a previously named Blue Ribbon School and neighborhood school of excellence. From recent data, OGE is currently at 89% capacity and projected to reach 96% next year, so already at/above 88% target enrollment. The neighborhood population is expanding due to the addition of AMB Hospital and large residential complexes being developed in the area, so OGE would likely reach or exceed full capacity within 2-3 years. The 2 other neighboring elementary schools (Briarlake and Sagamore Hills) would not be able to absorb all of the OGE students, leading to severe overcrowding issues. Beyond this, OGE is one of the highest-performing elementary schools in the county.	3/5/2026 10:31 PM
1518	La escuela se encuentra en buen estado	3/5/2026 10:30 PM
1519	Strong, stable elementary environments are important for students and communities, and I would like to better understand how this proposal supports long-term cluster planning. I support solutions for high school overcrowding, but it would be helpful to see complete modeling on reassignment, receiving school enrollment and capacity, transportation, and feeder impacts before decisions are finalized.	3/5/2026 10:30 PM
1520	Our school is already over capacity with kids having to learn in trailers. I want to understand better how this plan will get our children out of trailers and into a proper school building.	3/5/2026 10:28 PM
1521	The logic is consolidations is very hard to understand - hard to distinguish the algorithms used for choosing schools to close. It seems to create more issues than solve. For instance, Ashford Park Elementary is essential to the community and closing it is a crucial mistake.	3/5/2026 10:27 PM
1522	I do not at all agree with the consolidation of schools.	3/5/2026 10:26 PM
1523	Based on the background information provided, I understand and agree with the facilities scenario.	3/5/2026 10:26 PM
1524	Closing Ashford Park Elementary School would be a mistake. Many families move into the area specifically to send their children to APES. It is a high-performing school that feeds many children into Kittredge Magnet School. It also currently has a German Immersion program, which is attractive to parents wanting the opportunity for their children to acquire a second language in the early years. While it is claimed that the school can't be expanded, it seems like this is not the case, as another local school was renovated on a much smaller lot. Another possibility to explore might be a vertical expansion.	3/5/2026 10:21 PM
1525	Consolidation may make sense for underutilized facilities provide students remain in or near their home district. It does not make sense to close top performing schools with a history of success of those that are at capacity (especially if performing at or above county averages)	3/5/2026 10:15 PM
1526	Parents bought houses with the assumptions of certain schools being in district. You are messing with property values and therefore with likely the most valuable asset they own.	3/5/2026 10:14 PM
1527	Opposed to changing status for Oak Grove Elementary	3/5/2026 10:13 PM
1528	Projected enrollment indicates an increase in students. New housing is being built now These closures do not seem to reflect the reality of an increasing population	3/5/2026 10:11 PM
1529	I'm OK with the consolidations as long as the funding is used appropriately across the schools, especially those that are more in need	3/5/2026 10:10 PM
1530	It's an excellent school, with very good teachers, and our children are happy there.	3/5/2026 10:07 PM
1531	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–	3/5/2026 10:02 PM

	27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	
1532	It lacks clarity or rationale which makes it hard to understand why schools were chosen for closure or regrouping or expansion.	3/5/2026 10:01 PM
1533	Do not consolidate	3/5/2026 10:00 PM
1534	It is a bit confusing because saying that the school has low enrollment but classes are sitting at 22+ students. For Stoneview alone it services about 12 apartment complexes alone so there's always going to be a high transient rate. Students will forever transition in and out hence to why enrollment fluctuates. The school is 60 years old and could stand to have some improvements that was promised over 5 years ago. Closing this school wouldn't help the community and creating a school where the students would be consolidated wouldn't help either being that for the last 3 or 4 years we have not had enough buses to transport the students causing 2nd loads so this would be another issue that is creates.	3/5/2026 9:56 PM
1535	How will this affect the special education programs and their locations?	3/5/2026 9:54 PM
1536	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory	3/5/2026 9:54 PM

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1537	Lakeside has always had a reputation of being an excellent academic school, but I feel it is overcrowded. I would like to see it have less students.	3/5/2026 9:52 PM
1538	I appreciate the thoughtfulness of this process. While the county must allocate its resources the best way it can, it is important to remember that our children's education must be priority #1. Any potential sacrifice of children's wellbeing --which includes the need for young elementary school children to thrive in smaller environments where they are known well -- needs to be considered very carefully with a strong inclination to not make changes to elementary schools unless it is absolutely necessary.	3/5/2026 9:49 PM
1539	It seems that 4 of the elementary schools on the closure list are close to our neighborhood (Evansdale, Midvale, Henderson Mill, and Brocket) - leaving only one smaller school building (Livsey) near us. I am wondering how far our neighborhood kids will have to travel to get to school.	3/5/2026 9:48 PM
1540	There is no rationale for closing Oak Grove Elementary: 1. Oak Grove Elementary is NOT Underutilized: OGE ~428/504 (~85%). 2026 projections show OGE potentially near 96% utilization. Conclusion: Utilization does not justify closure. 2. Enrollment Trends Show Growth in Younger Grades Kindergarten projections are increasing. Conclusion: Projections suggesting decline appear inconsistent with observed grade-level growth patterns. 3. Demand Exists (Waiting Lists) Kindergarten waitlist ~103 K, 228 total Strong school choice inflow (~80+ students). Conclusion: OGE is not a school families are abandoning — it is one families seek. 4. Financial Logic Is Questionable Closing OGE requires expansion elsewhere. Expansion requires ESPLOST. Renovation costs likely millions (estimated at Repurposing still requires capital investment.) Property value drops could reduce district tax base. Conclusion: The financial rationale is weak or unclear. 5. 600-Seat Minimum Is Driving Policy Multiple references to a 600-seat target. OGE max capacity 504. Conclusion: The “micro school” elimination goal appears structural, not data-driven. 6. Boundary Planning Lacks Transparency Boundaries not released alongside closure proposals. Community asked for feedback without complete information. Conclusion: Stakeholder engagement feels incomplete and reactive.	3/5/2026 9:48 PM
1541	Consolidations are necessary.	3/5/2026 9:45 PM
1542	please do not close Ashford Park Elementary School	3/5/2026 9:44 PM
1543	Regarding consolidations in the Dunwoody Cluster: While I understand the efficiency of modernizing facilities, any consolidation must prioritize traffic mitigation and maintaining a 'small-school' feel within a larger building (such as the 'school-within-a-school' model). Specifically for schools like Vanderlyn, the walkability and neighborhood connection are vital. If consolidation is proposed to solve overcrowding, the district must ensure the new facility doesn't just provide 'seats,' but also maintains the high level of specialized support and safety that our smaller elementary environments currently offer. Furthermore, consolidation should not happen without a simultaneous plan to address the capacity bottleneck at Peachtree Middle School	3/5/2026 9:44 PM
1544	It’s upsetting for Ashford park Elementary school to be part of the list for potential closure/consolidation. It will negatively affect our students and community. Ashford Park ES is a high performing school and should remain open.	3/5/2026 9:35 PM
1545	Highly concerned with the list reflecting Midvale, Evansdale and Henderson Mill but keeping Livsey. Livsey has the smallest footprint and is currently overcrowded. Where do the students go in these neighborhoods? This feels like poor judgment	3/5/2026 9:34 PM
1546	The information about the facilities scenario on your website is vague. There is no evidence	3/5/2026 9:34 PM

	cited to back up any of the claims of benefits. It is also not clear what "robust" program offerings mean. There is more to a positive and beneficial education that program offerings - smaller schools allow for more individualized attention, are easier to manage and for parents to be involved with, and provide a more positive community feel. Students in smaller schools are also less likely be be bullied. All of that is backed by evidence. I understand tradeoffs need to be made to manage finances, but there has to be another option than consolidating schools. My husband and I moved to this neighbohood because we wanted our future child to attend Midvale - we had heard great things about it from parents who had their children there. If that school closes, we may consider moving to another country so our child can have the ability to walk to school and get to know the staff, teachers, and other students well versus being stuck in traffic and potentially struggling to find his way in a mega elementary school. We pay high property taxes and would like to keep our elementary school. See evidence here: https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC5126019/ https://www.brookings.edu/articles/why-local-leaders-should-champion-community-schools-to-improve-student-family-and-neighborhood-well-being/ https://learningpolicyinstitute.org/product/community-schools-outcomes-factsheet	
1547	The overarching questions that I have is regarding the assumption of continual drops in enrollment. What information was used to make this projection. And is this due to residence patterns across DeKalb County and if so, where are these patterns concentrated? A better understanding of that will help me share feedback on future scenarios.	3/5/2026 9:33 PM
1548	I worry about closures nearby will cause my school to overcrowd or be redistricted. Then it's just impacting every school.	3/5/2026 9:30 PM
1549	I'm not a fan of closing any schools, but closing a neighborhood elementary school like Evansdale is a huge mistake. It overloading other schools around the neighborhood and the single lane roads within our neighborhood, which will be used as a cut through. Also, devalues the neighborhood if the school closes to become a vacant lot within it.	3/5/2026 9:29 PM
1550	I am concerned about schools become larger - I know it is more cost effective, but it wouldn't be what I feel is best for my child.	3/5/2026 9:28 PM
1551	If fewer schools will translate to more resources for each of the schools than i am in favor - however since Austin is untouched in this scenario, it doesn't seem like it will impact us (which we are okay with).	3/5/2026 9:26 PM
1552	I think we need to focus on reducing class sizes instead of reducing the number of school buildings. Children will receive a better education if they are in smaller classes and have more attention from their teachers. I think no schools in areas that are overcrowded should be considered for closure. I think we should look at adding on to schools, like Montgomery Elementary, to increase capacity and reduce class sizes. Maybe a new building could be added along the side of Montgomery where the trailers are currently sitting. This could house 4th and 5th grade and the art and music classes. Dekalb county has a waiver from the state and does not follow the state guidelines for class sizes. How much “under-capacity” would the school system be if classroom seats were calculated by the state guidelines instead of the overages used now?	3/5/2026 9:24 PM
1553	The scenarios and information presented is very complicated and should have been presented in a much more user friendly style. This is great for individuals who are fully aware of the process but way too much information presented to be easily absorbed. Tends to make one think this was intentional so that parents would not be able to provide meaningful input. How was future housing included in the scenarios i.e., are the homes being built on Rock Chapel Rd. (124) zoned for Rock Chapel Elementary. Why is Rock Chapel Elementary slated to move to Lithonia MS (which will convert to Elementary school) instead of Princeton Elementary which is closer and a newer school . This is especially true for those who live at the top of the cluster. Can the clusters be redrawn?	3/5/2026 9:24 PM
1554	I do not support closing or consolidating our schools. Our schools are an important part of the community and provide stability for our children. Closing them would disrupt students’ learning, force longer travel times, and take away resources from families who depend on their neighborhood schools. Instead of closing schools, the focus should be on investing in and improving them so all students have a safe and supportive place to learn.	3/5/2026 9:21 PM
1555	This makes for very large facilities and many students, and it is very concerning that this will impact the quality of their learning and education, class sizes, and overall educational experience.	3/5/2026 9:17 PM

1556	It would be helpful to clarify how schools will expand when there is limited land available. Will they build up?	3/5/2026 9:16 PM
1557	I understand the need to consolidate for fiscal responsibility and resource management issues projected due to decreasing enrollment. This process for allowing public feedback when such sweeping change, even over 6-8 years effects so many students, families & staff.	3/5/2026 9:15 PM
1558	makes sense	3/5/2026 9:14 PM
1559	Next to repeatedly taking money away from students due to the payouts, recruiting firms and attorneys fees associated with poor superintendent hiring decisions, this is the worst decision I have seen the school board make since I moved into Dekalb County almost 25 years ago.	3/5/2026 9:13 PM
1560	It is upsetting to imagine that Midvale Elementary could potentially be closed or consolidated with other schools. A large part of why we moved to this specific area of Tucker is due to the positive feedback from parents about Midvale Elementary. I understand that there is a desire to compile schools to have full classrooms. Yet instead of thinking of the financial benefit for the school district, I would want to see research from other school districts that explained how those changes impacted the students themselves, the traffic patterns, the housing prices, etc. Midvale has great programs for our students, every child is known by most of the adults in the entire school, parents are able to participate and volunteer often, parents are able to walk to drop-off and pick up their children from school - these are the benefits we cherish and why we moved to this area. I fear that making these drastic changes could result in even lower enrollment due to families leaving the district for other forms of education.	3/5/2026 9:12 PM
1561	If there needs to be consolidation, start with a smaller number first. They also need to impact all areas within DeKalb instead of so many schools closing in a small radius.	3/5/2026 9:10 PM
1562	My feedback as a teacher is to select facilities that have big enough classrooms that foster different set ups for the teachers and students to work in a collaborative fashion and in different centers.	3/5/2026 9:09 PM
1563	While I understand the fiscal rationale behind consolidation, I have genuine equity concerns about this initial scenario. The majority of schools identified for closure are located in predominantly Black and Brown communities. Before moving forward, the district must honestly grapple with what this means for those students and families. Closing neighborhood schools in these areas creates additional barriers that go beyond reassigning students to new buildings. How will students get to and from schools that are farther away? What happens to students who want to stay for tutoring or after-school activities but have working parents who cannot provide transportation? Travel time and safety are real concerns that must be addressed with concrete solutions before any closures are finalized. It is also worth asking: what is the current condition of the receiving schools? Many buildings across the district are already overcrowded and in a state of physical decline. If students are being moved into facilities that are not adequately maintained or resourced, we have not solved the problem; we have simply relocated it. The district should commit to a clear plan for facility improvements before families are asked to accept these changes.	3/5/2026 9:09 PM
1564	My family moved to Brookhaven Heights more than 10 years ago largely because of Ashford Park Elementary. It's the only highly rated public elementary school in our immediate area and truly the heart of our community. Like many families here, private school isn't financially realistic for us, and one of our children has an IEP. The support and stability he receives at Ashford Park are critical to his success. If capacity is an issue, we ask the district to find a solution that serves the families in this community without breaking apart something that is clearly working. Ashford Park is special, and it deserves to be protected.	3/5/2026 9:08 PM
1565	Please explain why and how 84% occupancy of Dekalb schools translates to closure of over half the elementary schools? Math ain't quite mathing. Also, why are we doing modern redlining? You're closing mostly majority minority schools. Care to explain why this is anything other than the obvious racism (also don't at me I'm a white mom ok)	3/5/2026 9:06 PM
1566	Montgomery ES is a welcoming and great school. The school building looks in really good condition and the school it self is fantastic for families and children.	3/5/2026 9:04 PM
1567	It's a joke. Why would you get rid of your highest performing and most involved schools? Bigger schools do not equal better schools. We specifically moved to Oak Grove for the school. My parents went there, it's a fantastic school where I want my kids to grow up. If the school is closed, my kids will be going to a private school, as will a lot of these students in the proposed schools. You will have even more empty seats. My parents, myself, and my kids	3/5/2026 9:01 PM

	were/are DeKalb county schools students. I continue to be embarrassed by the dysfunction, corruption, and poor thought being put into every decision made my DeKalb. I went to school during M to M, as well as in high school when there was school consolidation. The dysfunction and chaos from those times will always stick out, and the education changed with each scenario. Please, for the love of God, leave our well-performing schools alone. There's also no way our current cluster would not be overcrowded.	
1568	I think it is important to keep the high achiever at Kittredge together through high school and keep Montgomery and Ashford park feeding into chamblee so the neighborhoods kids and families can stay united.	3/5/2026 9:01 PM
1569	Closing Oak Grove Elementary does not fit with the proposed objective of addressing underutilization of sites. Oak Grove already is at 89% utilization with 447 students and 504 capacity with increasing enrollment projected for 2026. If closed Sagamore Hills and Briarlake would have to absorb all these students. Sagamore Hills is already at high utilization. Briarlake and Sagamore together could not absorb all the students leading to overcrowding and need for site expansion requiring extra expenses. Briarlake will likely experience increased growth due to the coming of multifamily homes at Lulah Hills and other additions given the growth in the area. It appears the Dekalb may be relying on regressive data during the post pandemic time. Oak Grove has rebounded from that regression and come back strong with increasing enrollment for multiple years in a row. Finally OGE is one of the highest performing schools with strong parental support and involvement. It is unclear to me why the Dekalb school administration, who should value learning and achievement, would choose to close a high performing and well utilized elementary school.	3/5/2026 9:00 PM
1570	A small community based school allows for better growth and structure from student to parents. This increase education engagement back through the community	3/5/2026 8:59 PM
1571	I think if they all can be save let's find a way to keep all the schools open, and if possible.	3/5/2026 8:57 PM
1572	I understand the need to consolidate as there are empty seats at many schools, but I disagree with the idea of closing Oak Grove Elementary school. 1. It does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. Dekalb's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization and projected at 96% (487 students) in 2026–27. Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. 2. If Oak Grove closes, consolidation would occur with primarily Sagamore Hills and Briarlake. Between these schools, there are only ~ 173 seats available - far fewer than the current 447 students that Oak Grove has enrolled with expected increases. 3. With at least 450 students, the school would still receive state funding. With 447 students this year (and 100 on the waiting list for Kindergarten), this number is highly attainable. 4. Oak Grove (and especially Coralwood) offer incredible help to students with disabilities. Many families move to the neighborhood to attend these schools and benefit from and appreciate the exceptional care they are able to receive within a smaller school setting. This should be the model from which other schools can learn! 5. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group. Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap. I attended Oak Grove from 1985 - 1993 and moved back to the neighborhood so my children can attend, like many families that I know.	3/5/2026 8:57 PM
1573	We bought our home in Brookhaven Heights over 10 years ago specifically so our children could attend Ashford Park Elementary. It is the only highly rated public school in the immediate area, and it truly is something special. Our family loves this school and the community that surrounds it. Like many young families, private school is simply not financially feasible for us. We also have a child with an IEP, so the thought of Ashford Park closing and our child being moved to an underperforming school, particularly one where Spanish is the primary language spoken, would be extremely detrimental to his education and support system. Ashford Park is truly one of a kind. We grew up in the Alpharetta, Johns Creek, and Milton areas, and even those elementary schools do not compare to the sense of community and care that exists at Ashford Park. I have never seen a community come together for its children the way this one does. The staff is incredible, and the environment they've created is truly magical. If Ashford Park were forced to close, one possible solution would be to move existing Ashford Park students to the John Lewis location and move John Lewis students to the new Dresden Elementary School. However, our strong preference, and the preference of many families, is that renovations simply continue at the existing Ashford Park Elementary location. Remaining in the Chamblee cluster is also very important so the strong sense of	3/5/2026 8:56 PM

	community we've built at Ashford Park can continue to support our children as they grow and move through the school system. This school means so much to so many families. Please don't break up the special community that has been built here over the years.	
1574	I understand the need for consolidation and appreciate that it will eventually allow better use of limited resources. My concerns are how this impacts families with current and future students that already live in certain school zones. Transportation to and from school is always a challenge for parents and this will likely make things additionally difficult. I'm envisioning even more traffic on roads around consolidated schools that are already overcapacity, turning a 10 minute drive into 40 minutes. How will traffic flow and bus routes be addressed to limit this burden on families? As a family with young children that will be in an expanded school, what will the disruption of expansion look like?	3/5/2026 8:54 PM
1575	It makes sense to consolidate some schools in order to better use our resources.	3/5/2026 8:51 PM
1576	Please do not close oak Grove elementary. Not sure why it is on the list when there is a waiting list for others to get in the school. The school is a key reason we moved to this neighborhood and a lot of other families as well. This neighborhood is largely built around the school.	3/5/2026 8:49 PM
1577	It is concerning that the majority of proposed closures are in the southern area of the county.	3/5/2026 8:45 PM
1578	How have traffic patterns been assessed as part of the potential consolidation? I'm particularly worried about traffic in the neighborhood around Hawthorne Elementary School since it is tucked away in the neighborhood, not on a main road like many of the other schools. The Globe school on Briarcliff and Shallowford already negatively impacted neighborhood traffic and shifting more students into this small area doesn't seem promising for residents.	3/5/2026 8:45 PM
1579	Some consolidation makes sense. There needs to be a buffer in attendance in areas or more density or growth to plan for future. Neigh orthodox elementary schools are more ideal than massive more centralized options. Please leverage vanderlyn property for highschool to get rid of trailers and maybe for a freshman center.	3/5/2026 8:42 PM
1580	My child has been a student at Redan Elementary for the last three years. I have nothing but great things to say about Redan. The teachers are wonderful and have the students best interests in mind. My child has learned a lot these past couple years and I look forward to see what's to come.	3/5/2026 8:42 PM
1581	I doubt it will be good for my children's learning experience.	3/5/2026 8:41 PM
1582	Oak Grove is a very good school with good teachers. It is 90% full, I don't understand why it's on the list.	3/5/2026 8:39 PM
1583	I would agree to having elementary schools consolidated if they have neighboring attendance zones. I do not want my child attending a school that is in a completely different area of our home.	3/5/2026 8:38 PM
1584	I wish that there was more information regarding why the schools were selected. Although the schools are spread out... it feels like communities in the southern portion will be impacted to a greater degree. My child's school is not on the list.... but things can change and my anxiety, and that of my child is very high.	3/5/2026 8:36 PM
1585	Evansdale needs to be renovated and expanded. At 10.1 acres, Evansdale's lot size is bigger than neighboring schools recommended for expansion. Evansdale is unique in that it has a large, separate play field, two playgrounds, and multiple parking lots. Our site can accommodate additions in the back of the school and still have ample play and parking space. Evansdale is uniquely situated to accommodate increased traffic, as it takes up two sides of a large neighborhood block. Evansdale's enrollment is projected to increase to over 600 by 2030.	3/5/2026 8:36 PM
1586	The schools we are districted for are not impacted which is good. We moved to this neighborhood specifically for Montgomery Elementary, Chamblee middle and Chamblee HS	3/5/2026 8:35 PM
1587	I think Ashford Park facilities need to be improved. However, I do not think the school should close. I think clustering of the PK-3 at Ashford Park and 4-5 grades (John Lewis) is a good idea.	3/5/2026 8:33 PM
1588	Strongly oppose	3/5/2026 8:30 PM
1589	I am against this consolidation and strongly against Oak Grove closure. Oak Grove	3/5/2026 8:30 PM

	Elementary is a well-utilized school with strong enrollment and community support. Closing a school that is functioning effectively would disrupt many families without addressing broader district needs.	
1590	I support reviewing facilities and enrollment to improve resources but want community stability and reasonable commute distances. I also want to be sure schools don't become over crowded or this impacts schools negatively that are performing well. Small classroom sizes are not a bad thing and allow more specialized 1:1 attention	3/5/2026 8:29 PM
1591	Object to the closing of the schools in my area. Empty buildings brings crime and possibly homelessness to the area	3/5/2026 8:27 PM
1592	Please show me the research that states larger schools with larger classes promotes greater academic growth and community support. Please show me research that shows that increasing the overall number of students within buildings, that absolutely cannot handle the proposed capacity in buildings as you have inadvertently alluded to, is beneficial to academic growth. Please show me the number of administration AND support personnel (counselors, behavior specialists, resource officers, etc) that you will be employing in these supersized, consolidated schools because behaviors will increase. Your If.. Then Statements are idealistic at best. If you cannot implement the desired outcomes in smaller schools now, what evidence do you have that proves that this would actually work then? I understand declining enrollment exists. Children are costly in this economy. Can you not, as a district, provide more pre-k classes as incentive for families to move into the surrounding areas? Can you not be more transparent about your financial moves as you have not only hired AND paid out a recent superintendent that was known to have pending charges? Can you not create trade-based, more magnet and stem based middle and high school programs incentivizing families to move into the area?Can you maybe not purchase a multimillion dollar building WITHOUT your taxpayer input? If you cannot demonstrate consistency and transparency now, your history as a district proves these hypothetical statements and dream scenarios cannot be assessed with validity and weight. Elementary schools do not need to be consolidated. They are LIFELINES to communities. Reduce the number of personnel in each building and practice larger classes sizes in controlled environments first, and THEN come back to tell me that your model works on a larger scale. Consolidations are JUST as costly. The return of investment is dubious at best. You are removing some of your higher performing schools at the detriment of the students and your credibility.	3/5/2026 8:27 PM
1593	I think this initial plan would consolidate buildings, but it does not address teacher capacity, classroom capacity and the ability for elementary school students to have the specialized attention that they may need at that early stage of development. Also, it seems that elementary school is the only grade band where more schools than necessary are being closed and zero excess seats would remain should capacity change. Also, I don't see a robust discussion around charter schools, and how those schools would be affected as far as their funding and potential enrollment changes. Lastly, I think the closure of Henderson Mill elementary school is a mistake as the surrounding community supports this school.	3/5/2026 8:23 PM
1594	I don't agree with all closings.	3/5/2026 8:23 PM
1595	Prefer Scenario 1	3/5/2026 8:22 PM
1596	Concern is seems to be more kids will be travelling longer distances. Also, some schools listed as being able to accommodate more kids are already functioning with trailers.	3/5/2026 8:18 PM
1597	I have a hard time figuring out why Ashford Park would be a closing school. It's a desirable school and lots of people live in the district to attend AP. It would not only disrupt current communities but also severely affect the property values in the area to close it altogether.	3/5/2026 8:17 PM
1598	As a resident of Midvale area, I value Midvale as a walkable neighborhood asset. Our community thrives because of its schools, and we do not want to see this site converted into district offices. Further, we do not want to see our children spend hours during the school week on buses when they have a walkable option. History shows that when neighborhood schools are shuttered, they rarely sit empty for long. If Midvale is closed, it is highly likely the site will be repurposed into administrative office spaces or district storage. We would trade a vibrant center of learning for a sterile office complex, permanently altering the DNA of out neighborhood. Midvale is currently the only elementary International Baccalaureate (IB) school in the City of Tucker. Closing this school is not just a logistical change; it is a significant blow to our city's competitive edge for the following reasons: 1. Loss of a Unique City Asset The IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) is a globally recognized "gold standard" in education.	3/5/2026 8:16 PM

	Because IB authorization is tied to the specific school site, closing Midvale means Tucker loses its only elementary IB option. This puts our city at a disadvantage compared to neighboring areas that offer these specialized programs. 2. Impact on Property Values and Growth Midvale is more than just a 'school building' it is a cornerstone of our community's "walkability" and appeal. We have seen time and again that strong schools build strong communities. Even if you never step foot inside the classroom, the existence of a thriving, high-demand school like Midvale directly bolsters our local property values. Families move to Tucker specifically for the Midvale IB program. Decoupling this high-demand educational pathway from our city will inevitably make Tucker less attractive to prospective homebuyers, potentially stagnating local property values and slowing the community growth we have worked so hard to achieve. 3. Economic and Community Vibrancy Midvale is a thriving school with a school choice waitlist. In a time when many are opting out of public education, Midvale is a success story—a place families are "running to." Further, Emory and CHOA are growing, drawing more individuals to the area when neighboring cities are saturated. Losing such a cornerstone institution undermines the stability of our local neighborhoods and the overall "live-work-play" appeal of Tucker.	
1599	Unlike other schools, Evansdale enrollment has continued to expand I believe. I'm told that it's expected to continue to do so to over 500 students in the next five years. The present facility has unused lot size which would allow expansion, even though it already has a play field and two playgrounds.	3/5/2026 8:14 PM
1600	The broad brush and single factor (moderately declining enrollment) approach to naming closing facilities doesn't make sense. A independent consulting firm and DeKalb County schools need to show much more depth in terms of quantitative cost-benefit analyses for these proposed actions. Not just focused on declining population but what the impacts would be to home values and other related quantitative factors. Then a real decision support scoring model should be developed before throwing out a list of closures like was done. Also, the consulting firm that was used has a conflict of interest in that they would benefit from approximately $2B of capital construction projects. Their history with numerous other cities attempting to approach this with their "cart before the horse" methodology is not transparent nor grounded in true cost-benefit economic analysis and rife with conflicts of interests. Finally, anything that D. Horton brought in should be tossed since he was under criminal investigation when hired (in Skokie, IL), is now under further criminal investigation, and then continued the cronyism and hiring of self serving contractors (and his friends) that indicate malfeasance. This process should be thrown out, a new competitively bid RFP with detailed specifications sent out to truly independent consultants before proceeding any further.	3/5/2026 8:11 PM
1601	Thankful that Stephenson High School is NOT on the list, nor Stephenson Middle and Elementary.	3/5/2026 8:10 PM
1602	Simply need to rebuild or relocate. The staff and principal is amazing, loving and committed.	3/5/2026 8:02 PM
1603	I am not in support of the consolidations in regards to academically great elementary schools being closed. Close/change the lower performing schools 1st	3/5/2026 7:59 PM
1604	Closing redan elementary is a slap in the face to this wonderful community	3/5/2026 7:59 PM
1605	Do not close Evansdale. Facilities need expansion. I would have to move as I will not put my child in Tucker cluster schools. The French program is a treasure.	3/5/2026 7:57 PM
1606	Closing Ashford Park Elementary School on the basis of declining student enrollment is not accurate. While I understand the school would need capital improvements to address current issues, that does not necessarily require school closure.	3/5/2026 7:57 PM
1607	I would not recommend grades 6-12 in one building. I would like to keep middle school students separate. Breaking up elementary to upper and lower grades may be a good idea.	3/5/2026 7:55 PM
1608	Not happy with consolidations. This will affect property values.	3/5/2026 7:55 PM
1609	I don't want our school to close. It is great and already has diverse offerings. I am way more interested in the quality of education and teachers than the district operating budget. When I see students and their needs barely a focus it is a huge red flag for me. Secondly this survey is way too technical in terms of information and questions to think you are actually reaching parents and students in your district in a fair and open way.	3/5/2026 7:55 PM
1610	I think this number could be reduced. Some closures are expected but 27 are too many. We worry about having huge elementary schools.	3/5/2026 7:54 PM

1611	The scenarios are too lacking in information to provide sufficient feedback. Ashford Park is one of the highest performing schools in the district. It is an important part of our community--even though our kids do not attend the school, we know many families there. For our part, the recent discussion sections have begun alluding to some significant impact on Kittredge Magnet. Yet, this disclosure was made in the course of a question and answer without any formal acknowledgment. The communication must be better. I can say without hesitation that Kittredge has been an impactful and important experience for our child. The experiment that began with Kittredge decades ago has now become the crown jewel of education in our area. It is equal parts maddening and sad to hear rumors that the SAP is considering changes that would fundamentally destroy what generations have built. The Board and the SAP must do better than to listen to the outsized voices (including some from the Montgomery community) that are more focused on retribution for the fact their child was not admitted than actual change for good.	3/5/2026 7:54 PM
1612	Please don’t close oak grove elementary!!!	3/5/2026 7:45 PM
1613	Na	3/5/2026 7:42 PM
1614	Concerned about the effect it could have closing up to 27 schools and classroom sizes being large for young age groups.	3/5/2026 7:42 PM
1615	It is a much needed change, too many unneeded old buildings are draining our resources, and empty seats with more expected is terrible from a financial perspective.	3/5/2026 7:42 PM
1616	I am a strong supporter of community schools. Evansdale Elem is the center of our Evansdale community. I have supported the school and community 45 years. Families buy homes in this area because of the uniqueness of the Evansdale which is rated 8 of 10, among the best in the community, functioning 96% of capacity. Evansdale is centrally located in this community; it is a neighborhood school and easily accessible without traveling main thoroughfares (Chamblee-Tucker Rd. or Pleasantdale Rd). It is also accessible for parents/children who wish to walk to and from school.	3/5/2026 7:40 PM
1617	The district has been through so much change since 2020, and especially the last two years. There are so many issues within the county that this seems like an incredibly irresponsible project to continue with the current state of the district.	3/5/2026 7:39 PM
1618	We support if this helps keep the school and open to more applicants	3/5/2026 7:38 PM
1619	I want to make sure that consolidations are done fairly. It feels like only some parents have a voice in DCSD, that is unfair. I also worry that certain schools will not be consolidated and stay very small 300-400 students while other schools will be consolidated. I feel the community already had a small group of parents force DHHS to stay in a location that is not ideal for a high school. I don't trust the process- in the end the rich white families will get what they want.	3/5/2026 7:37 PM
1620	Please consider 2 phases - Phase 1 - schools with low utilization (<50%) to be considered for consolidation. Phase 2 - consideration of efficacy of scale for LOW performing schools. North Dekalb continues to grow and the schools have been successful as a point of reference.	3/5/2026 7:36 PM
1621	The proposed facilit scenario seems reasonable. Combining cultures (e.g., community rivalries - Columbia/Towers) at the high school level will require special consideration, education, security and planning.	3/5/2026 7:36 PM
1622	Consolidating schools across different zones may increase commute times, create additional transitions for students, and weaken the connection between neighborhoods and their local schools. Strong neighborhood schools help build community engagement and provide stability for students throughout their early years. While operational efficiency is important, I encourage the district to prioritize solutions that minimize student transitions, maintain predictable feeder patterns, and preserve neighborhood school continuity whenever possible.	3/5/2026 7:34 PM
1623	Do NOT close Oak Grove Elementary! It is a wonderful and a great asset to the community! Also do NOT touch Henderson Middle or Lakeside HS. These are the best performing schools in the county.	3/5/2026 7:30 PM
1624	It’s a lot of schools. Mainly in the south half of the county. You’ll need more bus drivers.	3/5/2026 7:27 PM
1625	I think it is generally hard for any group to approve a plan that obviously does not provide all relevant information. For example, where the children of closed schools will be relocated to. If enrollment keeps falling why does it seem that District level employee numbers keep increasing? The county overall seems to be extremely top heavy with too many coordinator	3/5/2026 7:25 PM

	positions and not enough teachers, therapist (virtual speech therapy is ridiculous) and school level employees.	
1626	This scenario needs more research.	3/5/2026 7:24 PM
1627	Laurel Ridge is slated for expansion, but is located within a residential neighborhood and not on a main road. Increasing enrollment would put a burden on the neighborhood and the school footprint.	3/5/2026 7:22 PM
1628	The presentation wasn't easy to follow because of the weird formatting on some of the slides. It would be easier to visualize the changes if before and after maps of the new zones and the school locations were included	3/5/2026 7:21 PM
1629	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: · +50 students → ~83% utilization · +100 students → ~90% utilization Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion Ongoing Emory hospital expansion $1.1B in FY24 research awards $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/5/2026 7:20 PM
1630	We think it's a bad idea. Neighborhood schools are important	3/5/2026 7:13 PM
1631	I think that the committee made the right recommendation.	3/5/2026 7:12 PM
1632	I understand the reasoning but think it's important to keep Champion since it is a theme school.	3/5/2026 7:12 PM
1633	My concern is how will classroom sizes be impacted. The school my children attend already have large class sizes and I feel that they aren't getting the individual teaching that they would if they classroom had less students. 32vs21 makes a big difference. Also bussing for these families who schools will be closed/consolidated is a question. Will these children have to wake up early to be bussed across the county.	3/5/2026 7:12 PM
1634	No consolidation the classes get to have less students for to teach more effectively.	3/5/2026 7:10 PM
1635	Closing schools means closing communities. Small schools =smaller classes. (Aside from Fernbank- please do not touch Fernbank!)	3/5/2026 7:08 PM
1636	If schools have trailers then schools shouldn't be reduced and/or combined	3/5/2026 7:06 PM
1637	I am concerned about the children that will have to be bused	3/5/2026 7:05 PM
1638	My children have been at Henderson Mill Elementary School since Pre-K. The class sizes are	3/5/2026 7:01 PM

	large as it stands now so the fact that the reported numbers are putting our school on the chopping block is unacceptable. The community of HMES in VERY diverse and you would be ripping apart a beautiful “gem” of a school and community in choosing to collapse our school. My eldest, now in 3rd grade is just beginning to come out of her shell and pushing a student like her into a MASSIVE school for her to become another number all for the sake of getting more money because dekalb has poorly managed the money in the past is a SHAME. Shame, Dekalb county school board. She is viewed as a child, not just a number, at our beautiful little school and you will be doing a disservice to SO many children like her if you choose to collapse these schools on your “scenarios”. This is not NYC. The idea of making giant schools is absurd to put into action especially in this heavily neighborhood focused school area around HMES.	
1639	I’m a teacher and parent of a child who attends Livsey. I’m concerned about the surrounding elementary schools in Tucker possibly closing. Will Livsey go from low enrollment to over-crowded? Also, Livsey has needed expansion for decades. If it hasn’t happened all of these years how is it possible now? I assume there is no room to expand? There’s limited parking and children are in trailers.	3/5/2026 6:57 PM
1640	Closing Evansdale is not a practical or good idea. Below are reasons why I feel this way. 1) Evansdale’s larger lot size for expansion, including two parking lots and street parking 2) French program: this program draws people to our community. It is non/transfertable (we think, though there has been no clarification with the county) and it continues into HMS, which argues for staying in our same cluster 3) traffic capabilities are better (as opposed to Livsey/Hawthorne) 4) lack of clarity of the data used and decision making to make these decisions, not to mention that this plan was hatched by Horton, who has been charged with fraud; general distrust of the board and the process. The fact that there has been no communication regarding what would happen with this plan is very unsettling. No one will approve a plan for closing our kids school when there is no good plan for the future 5) high probability that enrollment will drop if we lose our local elementary school as some people will go to private school/alternative options rather than send their child to a “mega school” that is further away	3/5/2026 6:56 PM
1641	As long as the consolidation benefits the students, that all that matters	3/5/2026 6:55 PM
1642	I think it is smart to save money.	3/5/2026 6:54 PM
1643	I have been in the neighborhood for 20 years and have had four children go through Oakgrove Elementary and it will be really sad to see it gone. It’s a great small, smaller community school and the neighborhood has flourished around it.	3/5/2026 6:54 PM
1644	It seems a bit confusing… in my area Decatur/ Lithonia area school seem full. And anyone who misses 9or more days has to answer for it.	3/5/2026 6:54 PM
1645	The needs of the children is priority one.	3/5/2026 6:54 PM
1646	They definitely could do alot better but it's a new school im giving grace.	3/5/2026 6:53 PM
1647	As a student, I have lived through DeKalb construction projects, which gone on forever and end with facilities that remain in awful condition. I do not understand why you would close some of the highest performing schools in the county to shove kids into mega schools of 800+ students, which assumes completion of construction that won't be completed or will never happen. Stuffing kids into schools doesn't improve educational quality. I have had up to 32 kids in my third grade classroom, which made it impossible for anyone to learn, and impossible for the teachers to do anything but fight the loudest, most disruptive students. Students didn't even have desk chairs but were sitting on the floor.	3/5/2026 6:53 PM
1648	I have serious concerns about school consolidations that would close or significantly alter successful neighborhood schools like Montgomery Elementary. Montgomery appears to be a well-utilized, strong-enrollment school (roughly 680–730 students in recent years), which suggests it is not an underutilized facility driving excess capacity in the district. Closing or consolidating such a school would undermine stable, walkable attendance zones and disrupt students who are already in an appropriately sized, academically strong environment. I support targeting consolidations toward genuinely under-enrolled, low-adequacy buildings where there is clear excess capacity nearby, rather than “one-size-fits-all” consolidations that could harm high-functioning schools and communities. Any consolidation plan should clearly publish the data behind decisions (enrollment, capacity, educational adequacy scores, and facility condition) so families can see why specific schools are or are not being proposed. In addition	3/5/2026 6:52 PM

	to our home school, Montgomery, our family is also directly affected by decisions about choice programs because my eldest will be attending Kittredge Magnet School. Any consolidation or boundary changes should clearly state how high-achieving magnet programs like Kittredge (grades 4–6, about 550 students, top 1% performance in Georgia) will be protected and supported, including building assignments and transportation, so that current and future students are not harmed by facility shifts. I strongly value continued access to this rigorous magnet option for qualified students from across the county.	
1649	Keep Montgomery Elementary open!	3/5/2026 6:50 PM
1650	We are not supportive of the country’s recommendation to close Ashford Park Elementary. It is more than a building. This school is an important part of community and in many opinions is the model school for how education should be handled - community focused, engaged teachers and staff and a supportive community.	3/5/2026 6:48 PM
1651	This would not be a good idea. What about students being able to go to the schools in their neighborhoods? Making Elementary schools have larger student sizes increases discipline problems and widens learning gaps, not close them. We know that the current strategies to close learning gaps are not effective, so imagine if you have bigger school sizes with an overwhelming amount of students not being able to catch up to the others that are on grade level. WHY ARE MOST OF THE SCHOOLS THAT ARE CLOSING IN THE SOUTH PART OF THE DISTRICT? After proposing this, why won't people see that the population being affected the most are not in Area 1. With 1 or 2 Elementary schools with good scores closing, are you telling us that there are not other schools in Area 1 & 2 that dont have small schools sizes that would be a better fit to consolidate? It feels very targeted to keep certain populations of Dekalb students into positions where they will have a harder time succeeding. It is a very well known fact that DCSD, and the board cater to the population in Area 1 than other areas. Why can't we see a plan where schools are consolidated ACROSS THE COUNTY, rather than (seemingly) targeted areas and populations. When changes are made, they are usually don't to the disadvantage of the students in other areas.	3/5/2026 6:45 PM
1652	I feel like Redan Elementary should not close, I feel like it’s going to takeout kids safe place away.	3/5/2026 6:44 PM
1653	All the closing of school is in the vicinity of my house. What school would she go to? How long would she have to be on the bus? Kids in the bus for longer periods of time usually gets mischievous.	3/5/2026 6:41 PM
1654	I disagree with the consolidation. It will not give adequate support to students.	3/5/2026 6:38 PM
1655	would have liked to see more than just a single option. Although we dont go to the school, we dont understand closing high- performing school like ashford park. why is enrollment declining in the first place? are families going to private school bc of the quality of education provided publicly?	3/5/2026 6:38 PM
1656	Oak Grove Elementary is a centerpiece to this community. I went there, my children went there. It provides so much for this community in terms of the neighborhood and community feel. From the teachers that live in our neighborhoods to the parents that move here specifically for OGE, this area thrives because of it. Please keep OGE here and funded. It sets such a strong foundation for our children to launch from.	3/5/2026 6:37 PM
1657	I understand consolidation is a necessary. However, closing historically high ranking schools should take very serious thought. The school is high ranking in achievements for a reason. Closing these schools and leaving schools open that are not high ranking academically is not the smartest thing to do. Schools are a big party of the community. Vanderlyn Elementary has been part of the community of Dunwoody for a long time. Closing Vanderlyn and leaving Chestnut open is ridiculous.	3/5/2026 6:37 PM
1658	I like how these scenarios has been presented and I understand why. DeKalb Co has too many school buildings. And while enrollment seems to on the decline, hopefully we do not overestimate that decline. As long as construction is completed before any school is closed, I am supportive of the idea. High School students must be given to chance to be grandfathered at the high school they are at now.	3/5/2026 6:32 PM
1659	If it improves academics, teacher support, building support, and districtwide success, then it would be a good move.	3/5/2026 6:31 PM
1660	This puts too much stress on the consolidated school. The closures effect most low income	3/5/2026 6:31 PM

	areas. Why not focus more on educating small classroom sizes? Maybe the children will then learn rather than being rushed to the next lesson without getting the 1st.	
1661	Please expand and renovate evansdale elementary!	3/5/2026 6:30 PM
1662	I feel that elementary schools thrive with smaller class sizes. I'm concerned that consolidating several schools into a very nice middle school would mean larger classes. Further, a larger building can be intimidating to our littlest learners.	3/5/2026 6:28 PM
1663	Evansdale Elementary should be renovated, not closed. The lot size is bigger than other schools planned for expansion. It had separate playing field, 2 playgrounds, multiple parking lots. Enrollment is projected to increase to over 600 by 2030.	3/5/2026 6:28 PM
1664	Consolidated schools will likely end up changing boundaries within communities in a negative way. Community areas should go to school as a community, not be divided by seemingly arbitrary boundaries that don't make sense for a community. Ashford Park should have a school where all of the community of Ashford Park can go to school with their community. Not just certain areas of Ashford Park, the whole community, should be able to go to school together.	3/5/2026 6:28 PM
1665	I'm alarmed because it is potentially closing Ashford, Park where my children attend school. We all love Ashford Park. It has great parent-participation and a highly dedicated staff.	3/5/2026 6:28 PM
1666	Neighborhood local schools provide children and parents a greater opportunity to feel a part of a community. Evans dale school is almost at capacity and it makes more sense to renovate the facility. It is a large piece of property that could be expanded.	3/5/2026 6:26 PM
1667	I think the schools should stay how they are. They should be separate until they are mature enough for middle and high school.	3/5/2026 6:25 PM
1668	I am concerned that the county is considering closing 2 out of 5 of our neighborhood elementary schools. I find it interesting that they want to expand chestnut ES given that the current school population already negatively affects the traffic on North Peachtree Rd that the school sits on. I would think it would be best to consider closing a single school at most in our district as the whole point is having a close community school environment to build lasting educational relationships and friendships. When schools get too large it negatively impacts the social welfare of the children.	3/5/2026 6:22 PM
1669	I understand the overall goal of the SAP. What I don't understand is how Ashford Park Elementary fits into the stated goals of SAP. While the building itself is in need of improvement, there is a need for elementary school capacity in our area.	3/5/2026 6:22 PM
1670	I don't like it	3/5/2026 6:19 PM
1671	We are hoping that our local school stays open- this area of town. The schools are in all good shape and the smaller schools create a better environment for learning.	3/5/2026 6:19 PM
1672	I'm concerned about over crowding and want to know/be a part of how sagamore is going to expand and make sure construction is appropriate for the neighborhood in design and complexity. I also concern about what the change would mean to traffic patterns in each neighborhood	3/5/2026 6:19 PM
1673	No opinion	3/5/2026 6:16 PM
1674	Sounds okay but concerned about younger kids being at schools with older kids.	3/5/2026 6:11 PM
1675	I do not agree with consolidating of Cedar Grove HS and McNair HS because thd students will not mix well because alot of neighborhood beef. Also McNair is a low performing horizon school and Cedar Grove is not. Id his happens there will be to many dicipline problems qnd teaching and learning will suffer.	3/5/2026 6:11 PM
1676	I agree with the consolidations of schools due to the drop in enrollment.	3/5/2026 6:05 PM
1677	This is a beloved, proven-effective, vibrant elementary school. Every child in the neighborhood, for the past 29 years that I've lived here, have had a great experience at Brockett. Do not close this school and destroy it's good standing.	3/5/2026 6:05 PM
1678	I believe children thrive, and smaller school settings. I do not believe they do well in mega schools. My children are both special needs and require a more intimate environment than what is being offered.	3/5/2026 6:01 PM

1679	Traditional grades should be as it is. Middle school should not mix with elementary	3/5/2026 5:59 PM
1680	Oak Grove Elementary is an excellent school and is nearly at capacity, so it should not be closed anytime soon. The teachers are great there and students are happy. My son's grandmother can walk to pick him up each day and they walk to the nearby church playground. Moving him to another school would ruin that for them. Please leave it alone.	3/5/2026 5:59 PM
1681	I’m just wondering about transportation when it comes to older kids being with younger kids if the K through an option is chosen or if the six through 12 option is chosen.	3/5/2026 5:56 PM
1682	Hard to assess, without knowing the potential impacts on neighboring schools.	3/5/2026 5:55 PM
1683	I am against the consolidation.	3/5/2026 5:55 PM
1684	If consolidating schools is best for robust programsand lower costs I support that. However, I would like for community input especially for the schools directly impacted to be fully considered and prioritized.	3/5/2026 5:51 PM
1685	I strongly oppose the proposed consolidation scenario that would close Evansdale Elementary School. Evansdale is uniquely positioned to serve our community and should be considered a long-term asset rather than a closure candidate. First, Evansdale’s physical site offers clear advantages. The school sits on a comparatively larger lot that allows for future expansion, and it already has two parking lots plus available street parking. These features provide flexibility that many nearby schools lack and make Evansdale far better suited to handle enrollment growth than schools with constrained sites. Second, Evansdale hosts a French immersion program that attracts families to the community. This program is a major draw for enrollment and continuity, particularly because it feeds directly into the French program at Henderson Middle School. Disrupting that pathway by closing Evansdale or moving students outside the cluster would undermine a program that already works well and strengthens the local public school option. Third, Evansdale has stronger traffic capacity and circulation compared with nearby schools such as Livsey Elementary School or Hawthorne Elementary School, where traffic congestion is already a concern. Consolidating students into sites with weaker traffic infrastructure would create daily safety and logistical issues for families and staff. Finally, I have significant concerns about the transparency and credibility of the process used to develop these proposals. There has been a lack of clarity about the data and assumptions behind the scenarios. Given that the original facilities planning work was developed under leadership that is now associated with fraud investigations, there is understandable community distrust. Major decisions like school closures require a process that is transparent, data-driven, and broadly trusted.	3/5/2026 5:50 PM
1686	Disruptive to communities	3/5/2026 5:50 PM
1687	There are facilities that should be consolidated and closed. They haven’t had the support and funds needed for hears. The ones that are thriving should undergo an expansion, not a closing. Oak Grove and Coralwood are supported by communities and foundations that add financial and community support to those schools. They should not be closed, but renovated to hold more students who can benefit from being in those facilities.	3/5/2026 5:49 PM
1688	Oak Grove Elementary is not underutilized; it is a high functioning school and vital to the local community	3/5/2026 5:49 PM
1689	Please leave vanderlyn open	3/5/2026 5:48 PM
1690	I’m not in favor of the consolidations	3/5/2026 5:45 PM
1691	The school is old and rundown. Needs to be tore down and built back up more modern.	3/5/2026 5:44 PM
1692	The proposal is a pure racist targeting of white (north county and high performing, high parent involvement, high school foundation donation) schools. Close lowest performing schools and bus kids into the higher performing schools via a voluntary school choice program. This is not rocket science.	3/5/2026 5:43 PM
1693	Some schools are not updated	3/5/2026 5:43 PM
1694	The school district should work with the county to adapt closed school buildings for quality-of-life uses: parks, recreation centers, athletic venues, entertainment spaces, affordable housing and community gathering spaces that foster connection rather than isolation	3/5/2026 5:43 PM
1695	The changes seem concentrated in already underserved and overlooked communities. These	3/5/2026 5:39 PM

	communities also have dense populations through multi family housing that rely on the proximity of community schools. Meanwhile those schools that are not impacted are characterized by single family homes and are unaffected by these changes. This is an equity issue .	
1696	I do not like the idea of closing local schools, such as Oak Grove, Laurel Ridge, or Henderson Mill. I do like the idea of K through two schools that focus on teaching students to read.	3/5/2026 5:38 PM
1697	Vanderlyn has been around the community from as long as 60 years and more importantly has been doing well in giving great education, maintaining blue ribbon and with all Gifted Teachers. I believe such brilliant staff and campus should be carry forwarded in its same shape as long as possible.	3/5/2026 5:38 PM
1698	interesting, however, my concern is overcrowding of classrooms in the schools to obtain efficiency..... Vacant schools not being monitored(safety) revisiting current budget for cuts to prevent closures	3/5/2026 5:37 PM
1699	Would like to see the overloaded schools addressed as a priority with investment, new buildings and be able to leave them open. They are vibrant communities who have been formed around those schools. Closing them when the students are clearly there seems short sighted.	3/5/2026 5:36 PM
1700	I am not thrilled at the consolidations because it may become a distraction and inconvenience for both students and parents	3/5/2026 5:36 PM
1701	Many of the Tucker area ES are closing. Is this proportional to other surrounding communities?	3/5/2026 5:36 PM
1702	We need to know what will be done to the closed schools.	3/5/2026 5:34 PM
1703	I believe so many facilities will lead to transportation burdens for some parents and students. It will be a barrier for participating in extra curricular activities. It will also break the bonds of community and support for some students, who will have to attend schools further away where they have to develop a new support system for the academic success.	3/5/2026 5:33 PM
1704	Class sizes were not included in any of the information. Peachtree Middle is too crowded with class sizes in the low 20s to high 30s. I think it would be ideal to have class sizes for all grades in the mid 20s at most.	3/5/2026 5:31 PM
1705	We are not for closing Oak Grove Elementary. This school is a pilar of the community and has been for many years. In a dysfunctional and under performing school system, Oak Grove is the exception. Perhaps concentrate your short comings on the areas of the county that test poorly.	3/5/2026 5:31 PM
1706	Easy for me to say because Laurel Ridge isn't getting drastically affected, but it makes sense to consolidate. I think the major question is, what do the 'improvements' and expansions look like for certain sites. Some context as to why those sites were chosen to be expanded, while others closed, would probably help people	3/5/2026 5:30 PM
1707	Ideal preference would be to redistrict all current Ashford Park students to John Lewis facility based on capacity and keeping school community together. Relocate John Lewis (smaller community) to current APES facilities based on capacity and enrollment.	3/5/2026 5:28 PM
1708	I do not think closing high performing elementary schools is in the Best interest of the county. I understand enrollments may be down at this time, but the county is continuing to grow. The better question is, why are parents choosing private school instead of their neighborhood school, even if it is a high performing school? How can we encourage Dekalb families to support their public schools rather than choosing to send their students to private school?	3/5/2026 5:27 PM
1709	Community involvement is very important, especially at the elementary age. Closing Midvale would would not allow students to learn at a early age what responsibility to community should be as well as being small enough to really get to know staff and other parents.	3/5/2026 5:26 PM
1710	It appears that DeKalb is prioritizing "super" elementary schools and if that is the priority, it should be highlighted. I'm concerned about super elementary schools. I don't feel it is the right option for young children.	3/5/2026 5:26 PM
1711	If there was a limit of virtual school option and a freeze on charter school openings this discussion wouldn’t be needed.	3/5/2026 5:24 PM
1712	As both a parent and district employee, I understand the need for the district to evaluate	3/5/2026 5:23 PM

	facility usage and make responsible decisions regarding consolidations. However, it is important that these decisions prioritize student stability, manageable class sizes, and minimal disruption to learning environments. Consolidations should be carefully planned to ensure receiving schools have the resources, staffing, and space necessary to support additional students. Clear communication with families and staff will also be critical to maintaining trust and ensuring a smooth transition if changes occur.	
1713	I do not like the fact that most closures are taking place in the South part of district	3/5/2026 5:21 PM
1714	Midvale should not close. They have an IB program and the school is part of this community. Many kids walk to school daily which would not be able to happen if it closes.	3/5/2026 5:21 PM
1715	Repurposing some schools to be used as middle schools or elementary schools are good idea. It could also be repurposed for different use like specialized program like IB for high schoolers, having a 9-12 IB school, with in grades 9-10 students prepare for IB and in 11-12 is the actual IB.	3/5/2026 5:19 PM
1716	Why are there still trailers at schools if you need to cull the schools?	3/5/2026 5:15 PM
1717	What happens to the teachers? The video did not discuss job security.	3/5/2026 5:12 PM
1718	I feel like it is a good idea and I overall support it but I feel that some things were contradicted with the potential closure of my affected facility. Midvale recently had HVAC upgrades so I don't understand how it was determined they should be impacted. I think Midvale should remain open and perhaps be consolidated with another elementary school or have the grade band expanded. Midvale also is one of the few IB/STEM schools in the area. It would be a disservice to close it.	3/5/2026 5:12 PM
1719	Favor consolidation of grade level not closing schools	3/5/2026 5:05 PM
1720	We should not close Oak Grove it is a great school and it would uproot children's lives to close it	3/5/2026 5:03 PM
1721	At this time, I don't have any major feedback as both schools my children attend are either not slated to be closed/consolidated or not listed.	3/5/2026 5:01 PM
1722	This school is a pillar of our community. Closing it would not only remove a vital local resource but also limit children's ability to learn close to home in an environment where they feel safe, supported, and connected.	3/5/2026 4:59 PM
1723	Redistricting and consolidations/repurposing are long overdue. Peachtree Middle could be used as a high school to alleviate crowding at Dunwoody High, and elementary schools could become K-8.	3/5/2026 4:59 PM
1724	Closing schools in the midst of so many new homes and apartments being built is a major mistake. Ensuring that children have the best tools, teachers and an effective teacher to student ratio and well functioning school building should be the priority. I don't see how achieving these goal will be met by closing so many schools in communities that are already experiencing high drop out rates and lower test scores.	3/5/2026 4:57 PM
1725	Miller Grove Middle School should remain open because it continues to demonstrate strong academic, artistic, and community value. The school's Connections Department, including Family and Consumer Sciences, drama, and band, provides students with well rounded learning experiences that many schools cannot replicate. These programs cultivate creativity, leadership, and practical life skills that directly support students' success in high school and beyond. Additionally, Miller Grove serves a highly inquisitive and motivated group of rising sixth graders who deserve access to a stable, supportive learning environment. Closing the school would disrupt their academic progress, separate them from trusted educators, and remove opportunities that are not easily replaced elsewhere. Maintaining Miller Grove Middle School ensures continuity, preserves high quality programs, and upholds the district's commitment to meeting the diverse needs of its students.	3/5/2026 4:54 PM
1726	I think the initial evaluations use poor or insufficient data. For example, the data on adequacy and the amount of students that a school can serve seem to include trailers such as at Dunwoody high School and Peachtree middle. They should not! Also. I think we must always consider race, ethnicity and socioeconomic status in terms of impact. For example, Kingsley at this point is predominately Hispanic. Will the kids generally have to travel farther to get to school if Kingsley closes? Finally, I think it's important to look at neighborhood traffic patterns. For example, increasing the footprint of Chestnut, which is right by Peachtree Middle, would	3/5/2026 4:46 PM

	add to what is already a very congested Street for the morning and afternoon commute. It also seems unsafe to increase the footprint of any school that's on an arterial or semi-arterial, particularly if it's an elementary school. Any decision to increase the footprint of a school should take into account neighborhood setting such as nearby arterials. And I am suspicious of the analysis that suggests that some schools can grow into a bigger footprint based on their acreage. It does not make sense to me why we would close some buildings for shortfall and expand others. I would also ask if there are data that support having 900 students in one k-8.school, other than operational efficiency, versus smaller neighborhood schools in terms of what is best for the children educationally? Also are there just less children or are a lot of children going to private school who might not have in the past? Is there any way to do an analysis of the impact of school vouchers?	
1727	Evansdale exists in a very stable, middle to upper middle community area. High school taxes that support an 8/10 level school. Splitting it up makes absolutely no sense. Renovation and expansion is the more practical use of the tax dollars this area pays. The stability of home ownership has greatly increased the property values and part of that has to do with the stability of the school and its academic standing. Closing the school will destroy that aspect. It then will affect the stability of the neighborhoods around the school and in time change the tax base.	3/5/2026 4:43 PM
1728	In my opinion, Evansdale Elementary should be renovated and remain in operation rather than closed. The school offers several unique advantages that make it an invaluable asset to our community. First, Evansdale sits on a large property with significantly more land than many neighboring schools. This generous lot size allows the campus to comfortably accommodate current and future needs, including increased enrollment and traffic. The school already has ample parking and space for safe drop-off and pick-up, which many other schools struggle to provide. Second, the campus provides excellent outdoor resources for students. It includes two well-maintained playgrounds, nature paths with running trails, and open green space used for activities such as soccer and outdoor learning. Importantly, the school is set back from major roads, creating a quieter and safer environment for children. Another key strength of Evansdale is its long-standing and highly successful French immersion program. For years, this program has attracted dedicated students and families who value language learning and cultural education. The surrounding community strongly supports the program, with active neighborhood and parent-teacher volunteers who help sustain and enrich it. Evansdale's location is also strategically important. It is close to Henderson Middle School, which continues the French immersion pathway. Maintaining Evansdale within the Henderson–Lakeside cluster would preserve this educational continuity and allow students to continue developing their language skills through middle and high school. Closing Evansdale would mean losing not only a well-located campus with excellent facilities, but also a thriving academic program supported by an engaged community. Renovating the school and keeping it open would protect these strengths while ensuring the campus continues to serve students for many years to come. For these reasons, I strongly urge decision-makers to renovate Evansdale Elementary, keep it within the Henderson–Lakeside cluster, and preserve the successful French immersion program that so many families rely on.	3/5/2026 4:42 PM
1729	The county should look that this as an opportunity to reduce classroom and school sizes.	3/5/2026 4:37 PM
1730	I am very concerned about the size of the consolidations being made if the children are all being placed together in one facility. Also, the quality of learning with bigger class sizes.	3/5/2026 4:30 PM
1731	Any consolidation and/or closing is difficult. I would strongly urge the district's central office to commit to consolidating wasteful administrative layers alongside any future cuts that impact schools and communities directly. The proposed consolidations are logical and match the demographic reality in DeKalb and many other districts around the country. The central administration at the district level is full of extraordinary administrative bloat at great cost; this is a good chance to right-size across the board.	3/5/2026 4:24 PM
1732	Seems reasonable	3/5/2026 4:20 PM
1733	Understand the scenarios when looking at the age/condition of buildings, enrollment, and cost of operations for smaller enrollment buildings.	3/5/2026 4:18 PM
1734	Just one school, Evansdale, is projected to expand to 600 students within 4 years. It makes no sense to close it. Plus, Evansdale's French program is unique to, and deeply rooted, in the Lakeside cluster. Older students mentor younger ones, and all benefit from this unique program.	3/5/2026 4:16 PM

1735	Consolidation seems unnecessary. Nothing wrong with smaller classroom sizes. Allows for better one-on-one with teachers.	3/5/2026 4:12 PM
1736	They need more space but they do work with what they have.	3/5/2026 4:11 PM
1737	Groupings are good but the north end should be impacted as well	3/5/2026 4:01 PM
1738	Oak Grove enrollment is above the stated goal of 88%. Oak Grove is 89% utilization with a projection of 96% for 2026/27.	3/5/2026 3:58 PM
1739	It appears that a large number of highly ranked elementary schools are slated to close, sending students a significant distance to the remaining school in the area.	3/5/2026 3:57 PM
1740	Like most parents and students who would be affected, my children and myself have built relationships and rapport with the administration at both locations. A change could cause a disruption in these relationships, as one of my students does require an IEP. As well as travel, work schedules, and activities after school would also be affected.	3/5/2026 3:54 PM
1741	Not happy to find out about this through the news first before the district started being more transparent about SAP.	3/5/2026 3:52 PM
1742	I feel that it is necessary so that we can provide the much needed resources for our children.	3/5/2026 3:51 PM
1743	Evansdale Elementary School is a desirable school, sought out by many who move to this area. Enough footprint of land to expand the facility.	3/5/2026 3:51 PM
1744	I am wary of any school closures happening, especially when it comes to smaller neighborhood elementary schools (like Evansdale or Henderson Mill). I think closures should be avoided as much as possible, because it closes the possibility of that school operating again and would greatly change the character of the neighborhoods where these schools are. I am more open to the repurposing of existing buildings to fit specialized learning needs. While I understand it would reduce maintenance costs, I am concerned for what larger, more condensed school populations would do when it comes to the overall quality of life surrounding school. I would imagine that fewer open schools would mean longer commute times for more students, and greater traffic volumes to the locations of these larger schools. I guess from my perspective, it is worth the maintenance cost of keeping smaller "less full" schools open. For full transparency, I attended Livsey ES from PK-3, and private schools from 4-8 grade and 9-12 grade. One of the reasons private school was chosen for me was because of the increase in class sizes in public schools. Smaller class sizes greatly benefited my educational experience and there is a lot of evidence out there to support that. I am concerned that school consolidation would lead to larger classroom sizes, and I would like to know how this would be handled. If consolidations were to occur, I am also concerned for the overall air quality inside of buildings. I would want to know the plans for making sure HVAC systems are updated and plans for implementing air cleaning/air purifying measures in classrooms to help protect students and staff from airborne diseases, dust, etc. (The less likely you are to get sick, the less likely you are to miss school, which also has a huge impact on quality of education).	3/5/2026 3:50 PM
1745	I realize that the consolidations are needed, but feel that one of the smaller schools (Oak Grove) imbedded in our community has a history of excellence when it come to teachers and administrative staff. the school is a very valuable asset to the community.	3/5/2026 3:44 PM
1746	Na	3/5/2026 3:41 PM
1747	I appreciate the thought processes and analytics being used to identify schools that should be folded into other locations.	3/5/2026 3:40 PM
1748	Not happy with most schools in south territory being closed/consolidated	3/5/2026 3:35 PM
1749	I see that it may be necessary financially but it is disruptive to students and families, teachers and learning.	3/5/2026 3:35 PM
1750	Brockett is a wonderful school that serves Tucker. The community is close knit and so many people being able to walk or bike to school is so enriching for students and families. Why not expand Brockett as there is a huge portion of undeveloped land behind the school. It seems that the expansion schools are for the more wealthy demographics vs helping communities grow.	3/5/2026 3:32 PM
1751	Why are there no expansion projects on the south side of the county? You want the south dekalb students packed in classrooms and then wonder why behavior is at an all-time high.	3/5/2026 3:27 PM

	How does the north side differ? Why are our children ALWAYS left out? I know you will say, "Oh they didn't come to the meetings", of course not. History has proven even when the south dekalb parents showed up, our children still suffered. Our voices were never taken seriously. Only on the other side! Check the history.	
1752	Keep clusters and communities that are working/performing together.	3/5/2026 3:23 PM
1753	N/A	3/5/2026 3:20 PM
1754	I understand they need to happen, but finding some of the ideas not ideal.	3/5/2026 3:20 PM
1755	I am strongly against closing oak grove elementary school. It is such an amazing school with great teachers and wonderful community. I have two children who attend the school, one is gifted and another with special needs. We intentionally bought our house in this zone because of how well the school supports students with disabilities in addition to it's great reputation and high academic performance. Having my kids move to another school due to the school closing would create significant distress and issues for both my children. Please reconsider this plan.	3/5/2026 3:10 PM
1756	Oak Grove Elementary should not close. This would be an outrage negatively affecting housing prices, community dynamics, and educational standards. Oak Grove is on track to have 97% enrollment in 2 years. We should not plan to create overcrowded, huge schools, but small community elementary schools where kids have enough teacher support to truly thrive. Kids need smaller class sizes in a post-COVID world where so much learning was lost. Raise taxes and improve the small, community elementary schools, but make them k-6th grade.	3/5/2026 3:09 PM
1757	thank you for your hard works for my kid	3/5/2026 3:08 PM
1758	I see many great schools on the list for consideration of closure.	3/5/2026 3:01 PM
1759	That is a significant amount of closures even if it is over a 6-8 year span. I am concerned about students and faculty members.	3/5/2026 3:01 PM
1760	The school kind of look maintained on the outside but inside, it’s super messy. Ceiling are fall off, some of the staircase don’t have a handle for kids to grab on for support and restrooms are missing doors or have big gaps that you can see someone.	3/5/2026 3:01 PM
1761	I believe chestnut is best located to help dunwoody with its future growth endeavors	3/5/2026 2:56 PM
1762	Do not look forward to school consolidations.	3/5/2026 2:55 PM
1763	The lack of consideration of the magnet programs in the initial round of scenarios is deeply concerning. Additionally, while I recognize the need to right-size the District for anticipated enrollment, it seems that inaccurate or missing information was used to formulate some of the initial recommendations. Further, limited consideration was given to the capacity of sites to actually expand (example, limited lot space at Sagamore and Briarlake to accommodate the planned expansions that would be needed to absorb the closure of Oak Grove). As a property owner, I am also concerned about the impact of closing Oak Grove on my property values. The District has stated that 600 student elementary schools are the goal, but no data has been presented to support superior educational outcomes for students in that size school. The District has lost all trust of community stakeholders, and to push forward with this process on a short timeline while the District is under the leadership of an interim superintendent feels tone-deaf.	3/5/2026 2:50 PM
1764	I understand the need for consolidations. I think keeping students as close to home or their origianlly zoned school as possible would be ideal.	3/5/2026 2:45 PM
1765	Proceed with caution. We moved to Dunwoody when enrollment was down, and empty nesters were moving out. Young families flooded the area and DeKalb was not prepared for it.	3/5/2026 2:45 PM
1766	In general, the initial facilities scenario seems reasonable. However, the potential closure of Ashford Park Elementary raises concerns. While the facility is small, closing it displaces nearly 900 students. There doesn't seem to be a reasonable path forward to keep the community together and move those students anywhere. If all the students, staff, and faculty could pick up and move to John Lewis Elementary, that could possibly work. But then where do those >800 students get moved to? And would it be as nice of a facility as they currently have? If JLE isn't an option, no other elementary schools are located a reasonable distance away from APE to get redistricted to. Traffic in the area is terrible, so driving to Montgomery or Huntley Hills would be insurmountable for anyone who lives below Peachtree. My preference would be to keep all of the APE community together and go to JLE -- with our teachers and	3/5/2026 2:45 PM

	staff. But if we can't do that, then I suppose making APE a grade band of K-3 could work, then we all go to JLE for 4-5, but only if JLE can be rezoned to the Chamblee Cluster. The top priority is staying in the Chamblee Cluster. If we move buildings, we would strongly implore DCSD to have the teachers and staff follow the students. We have invested so much time and money into APE teachers and would like to stay with them for the long haul. We know they love the APE community, so we should also factor that into any plans as we wouldn't want to deter teachers from staying on board with DCSD.	
1767	I feel like the drop in enrollment has to do with the vouchers being offered by the state to attend private schools and it is unfair to take taxpayer funds to cover these costs. Additionally I also feel as a magnet school parent that many families have to make challenging choices when they live near failing schools. I am afraid this will disproportionately affect our black and brown children in particular regions of our school district.	3/5/2026 2:45 PM
1768	Do not agree with the process!	3/5/2026 2:41 PM
1769	I understand the need for consolidation of facilities where we have empty seats.	3/5/2026 2:37 PM
1770	Ashford park elementary is located within a community that is historically built around the school and neighboring park. The community would rather see the school remain open, with grade structure changed if needed, instead of closing it. Closing it will hav significant ramifications for decades within this community.	3/5/2026 2:30 PM
1771	I strongly urge that Vanderlyn Elementary remain open and not be consolidated. Vanderlyn is not just a school. It is a community where children, parents, and teachers know and care for one another. Our kids are seen, valued, and supported every day. They know their teachers, their classmates, and the school staff, which creates a safe and nurturing environment where they can thrive both academically and emotionally. This sense of belonging is what makes Vanderlyn so special. While it is smaller than many other schools, that is exactly why it works so well. Children here are not just a number. They are part of a family. Our students consistently succeed, with Vanderlyn ranked number four in DeKalb County and in the top five percent of elementary schools in Georgia. Consolidating with another school would disrupt these deep, meaningful connections and the supportive environment that helps our kids grow. Vanderlyn is a place where students feel loved, encouraged, and inspired every day. Preserving this school is preserving a community that makes a real difference in the lives of our children.	3/5/2026 2:29 PM
1772	My fear is the result will be overcrowding in the schools that remain. Will the average kids per class go up or down or stay the same? I have not seen any data on that.	3/5/2026 2:27 PM
1773	Toney Elementary school has helped my son grow where he has been tested for being gifted and placed as a safety patrol officer. The amount of students to the teacher ratio works out for children to thrive. Redan High school has a great career path and my daughter has excelled with high honors and extracurricular activities there like soccer and beta club.	3/5/2026 2:26 PM
1774	Ashford Park ES is one of the oldest buildings and in need of renovation, yet has a strong teacher/parent relationship and produces high scoring students. Perhaps change APES to a PK-3 school and creating new space nearby for the 4-5 grade students.	3/5/2026 2:25 PM
1775	Make it more convenient for parents/guardians to navigate to and thru multiple sites. Have ALL information; apps, websites, ONE centralized locations. I.e, infinite Campus, DOJO, ParentTech, and any others that are required for parents/guardians utilization/access. It is extremely confusing and complicated for those who aren't tech savvy. Also NOT making the large amounts of homework and requirement nor part of the students grades. This school and possibly many others are NOT, viewing the students & parents lifestyle. Not all have a 2 parent household. Guardians also could be grandparents struggling to do the best they can. It is highly noticeable, if you are NOT part of thier cult/ organization/ Fraternity and Sorority Life you are be littled and treated horrible. The board, if they are truly concerned with these comments and concerns should be recommended to be investigated.	3/5/2026 2:25 PM
1776	Based on recent discussions, it appears the proposal affecting Vanderlyn is primarily driven by high school facility needs, rather than elementary enrollment trends or building condition. Given the planned opening of Sequoyah Middle and High School, it is important to understand whether current overcrowding pressures at Dunwoody High School are expected to persist over the next several years. Additionally, Vanderlyn's closure is contingent upon Chesnut's expansion, yet no cluster-level reassignment modeling or post-reassignment utilization data has been shared. Prior to any closure decision, families need to see clear boundary modeling,	3/5/2026 2:24 PM

	receiving school enrollment projections, and transportation impact analysis. We are open to collaborative, facility-aligned solutions, but decisions of this magnitude should follow transparent modeling, not precede it.	
1777	I can completely understand that the schools are not at capacity and the result is that the budget is being spread to cover empty seats. I don't want my kids going to schools that are very far from their community or being on a bus for over an hour to get to a school that's not in their community. The majority of the schools on the list are in South Dekalb county.	3/5/2026 2:21 PM
1778	Difficult to close community schools. Understand the pressures to consolidate but small elementary schools that feed middle and high schools hold the community together. Kepp the small elementary schools.	3/5/2026 2:21 PM
1779	I am concerned that some of the proposed elementary schools will become very large, and that the level of support available to students may decrease if staff-to-student ratios are reduced. Positions such as MTSS specialists, LTSEs, counselors, assistant principals, and special education resource teachers already carry significant caseloads, and those caseloads could become unmanageable in much larger schools. For example, a school with 1,100 elementary students and only two counselors, one MTSS specialist, one LTSE, and one assistant principal may reduce operational costs, but it may not provide the level of support our students need. While the stated purpose of consolidating schools is to allow more funding to go toward student supports, consolidation also reduces overall costs. I am concerned that part of those savings may come from consolidating positions, which could ultimately result in fewer supports available to students.	3/5/2026 2:20 PM
1780	I understand that the district is facing financial challenges, and difficult decisions must be made to address capacity and enrollment concerns. My primary concern, however, is the potential impact of relocating an entire school community in order to accommodate another school with higher enrollment. Moving one school to make space for another could be very disruptive for students, families, and staff. For example, Ashford Park Elementary has outgrown its current facility. In addressing that issue, it raises questions about whether another school, such as Dresden Elementary or John Lewis Elementary, would be relocated to make space for Ashford Park. If that were the case, there are several important considerations. Would a school like John Lewis be renamed to Ashford Park? What would happen to the current students and families from Dresden and/or John Lewis? These types of changes could significantly affect school identity, community ties, and continuity for students. Because of this, it would be helpful for the district to clearly communicate how such decisions might be made and what plans would be in place to support the affected school communities.	3/5/2026 2:19 PM
1781	I agree with the recommended consolidations	3/5/2026 2:15 PM
1782	I do not feel the need for it school to consolidate I love it close-knit community	3/5/2026 2:12 PM
1783	I'm concerned that there will be students of lower socio-economic status who are disproportionately impacted and have to travel far to go to school.	3/5/2026 2:11 PM
1784	I am glad to know that Chesnut will remain open. Expanding will cause havoc to transportation patterns.	3/5/2026 2:10 PM
1785	I do not support the shutting of schools and combining them. The elementary school already has a big population. My kindergartener has anxiety about how many people are in the school daily. If the schools are combined to be bigger, my child will not thrive and we would look at other options. This is why we like the DLI language option. It creates a smaller community within the bigger community to allow for our child to be more comfortable. The DLI program needs to continue to exist. If the schools get bigger, I imagine the public school system will lose more numbers. I do not want my high school cluster to change. I bought my house in the high school zone I wanted and don't want it to change.	3/5/2026 2:06 PM
1786	I feel that Ashford Park should have been addressed sooner rather than deciding to close it. I have high school students none that went through APS and this demographic has been gaining momentum for years way before the other new school was build down the road. It seems that this was always going to be a long term space issue. The same with CMS - there is no place for trailer to increase the footprint for more student.	3/5/2026 2:03 PM
1787	I sympathize with the need to consolidate. Are we also considering spreading students out for decreasing class size and maintain employment, or will consolidation also mean larger class sizes and less teachers? For instance, I'm at Chamblee HS where we have trailers and floating teachers.	3/5/2026 1:59 PM

1788	Overcrowded classrooms can negatively affect instruction, student learning, behavior, and teacher effectiveness. Reduced Individual Attention, Increased Behavior Challenges, Limited Differentiation and Small-Group Instruction, Space and Safety Concerns, Challenges for Students with Disabilities.	3/5/2026 1:57 PM
1789	I think the consolidations is a good idea and makes sense to support current enrollment.	3/5/2026 1:57 PM
1790	I don't care for it at all. I think that small children should be in small schools where they can develop some independence. I also think that moving schools out of neighborhoods will complicate transportation and attendance and parental involvement will plummet even further.	3/5/2026 1:54 PM
1791	Schools are more successful when they are seen as a part of the neighborhood. Consolidation into larger schools with more neighborhoods is a more institutional approach to education instead of a local community approach. Ultimately we want families to be invested in their neighborhood schools to improve the educational opportunities of the students.	3/5/2026 1:53 PM
1792	I am not in favor of consolidating our schools. I believe that this community values smaller neighborhood schools with smaller class sizes, and less students. This benefits children both academically and socially.	3/5/2026 1:52 PM
1793	I am disappointed that this scenario involves closing and consolidating elementary schools. You mention the triangle of Low Operating Cost, Robust Programming, and Small School Size, and the challenge of having all three. I understand this, and I understand that one must prioritize. However, right now your scenario prioritizes robust programming over small school size. And I would argue that for elementary children, a small, community school should be of higher priority than robust programming. At a young age especially, children need close community, a sense of belonging and safety, and a lot of hand-holding. This is much harder at a larger school. Furthermore, it would seem based on research that the ideal elementary school size is 300-400 students (https://educationnorthwest.org/sites/default/files/SizeClimateandPerformance.pdf). Your current scenario ignores the research and the anecdotal evidence of thousands of families with elementary aged children. You also mentioned the importance of having children close enough to their schools to be able to have a short bus ride. If you close and consolidate neighborhood elementary schools, more children will have to have longer drives to their schools instead of shorter ones. This doesn't make sense. And finally, families choose elementary school districts based on their small neighborhood schools. I have heard of families taking their children out of the Pleasantdale and Smoke Rise elementary schools in favor of smaller neighboring schools. We have families who have school-choiced into our school, Evansdale, for that exact reason. If DCSD no longer prioritizes small neighborhood elementary schools, I foresee that the families who can afford it will leave DCSD for other school districts, or for private schools. And DCSD will continue to decrease in value and attractiveness to families moving to Atlanta. Please prioritize small school size over robust programming when it comes to elementary school! This means investing funding into good quality 400-capacity elementary schools within smaller catchment areas, the way we currently have things, and not consolidating elementary schools into fewer and larger buildings.	3/5/2026 1:49 PM
1794	I am not in favor of consolidations because I believe that our community values smaller schools. I am not in favor of schools larger than 600 students especially for elementary school. I think our community values the smaller neighborhood schools, I know that I appreciate knowing almost all of the students and parents in my child's class. I think there is benefits socially and academically to have smaller schools and smaller class sizes.	3/5/2026 1:45 PM
1795	Closing schools, especially elementary schools is not food thing for kids when they are young learners, please see my comment about the grade band scenarios. It is a related answer.	3/5/2026 1:44 PM
1796	While I understand the district is facing challenges related to declining enrollment and underutilized facilities, I am concerned about the proposal to close neighborhood elementary schools such as Evansdale Elementary School. Evansdale is an important part of the local community and provides a stable, supportive environment for young students. Elementary schools play a unique role in building strong relationships between students, families, and educators. Closing a school like Evansdale would disrupt these relationships and force young children to transition to unfamiliar environments, which can negatively impact their sense of security and learning experience. In addition, Evansdale serves as a central hub for families in the community. Many families chose to live in this area because of the school, and removing it could weaken community engagement and neighborhood stability. Before considering closure, the district should explore alternative strategies such as adjusting attendance boundaries,	3/5/2026 1:43 PM

	strengthening programs that attract enrollment, or investing in the schools that already have strong community support. I strongly encourage the district to prioritize maintaining established neighborhood schools like Evansdale when evaluating consolidation scenarios.	
1797	The logic appears to be sound. Obviously something needs to be done about the situation. It appears that certain elementary schools will be consolidated. I think people will be fine with it as long as the school remains top-notch e.g., Austin elementary.	3/5/2026 1:42 PM
1798	I am for consolidating some elementary schools to mcNair middle school and Mcnair middle to Mcnair high school.	3/5/2026 1:36 PM
1799	They all make good points	3/5/2026 1:25 PM
1800	The school closing should be based on how old the schools are and community accessibility.	3/5/2026 1:25 PM
1801	Not sure what to think because my child is young, however security is a concern, increase in school shootings, and bus transportation which is in my opinion is highly dysfunctional. Larger more compact school leads to less one on one attention. More overwhelmed teachers.	3/5/2026 1:23 PM
1802	I think this was done without enough thought. This phase is only concerted about “buildings” but you cannot separate programs, students, and buildings. I do not want mega schools in elementary school. It is not appropriate for young children to be in a big school where they don’t know people.	3/5/2026 1:21 PM
1803	I believe small (neighborhood) elementary schools are an excellent model. Children are less likely to get lost in the shuffle and families are more likely to engage.	3/5/2026 1:19 PM
1804	Evansdale elementary kids should not be relocated outside of the neighborhood. It is a walk to school community.	3/5/2026 1:19 PM
1805	Me afecta por qué mis hijos asisten a brockett	3/5/2026 1:15 PM
1806	Would like to know more of the particulars as to selection of the schools. Ex: OakGrove because of facility age or maintenance needs vs enrollment.	3/5/2026 1:15 PM
1807	Oak Grove Elementary does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The districts's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is at 89%, utilization (447/504 capacity 10/25) & projected at 487 students in 2026-27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for 4 consecutive years. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed capacity within 2-3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills (91% utilization) & Briarlake (73%) . Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats, Briarlake approx. 130 available seats. Together they can't absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. The surrounding corridor is experiencing a lot of growth with the Old North Dekalb Mall being redeveloped & Corporate Square/Northbend redevelopment. The new children's Arthur Blank hospital, Emory Heart & Vascular expansion, and ongoing Emory Hospital Expansion is bringing new residents and families to the area. New homes are being built. There are over 200 students on the waitlist, including more than 100 kindergarteners. Oak Grove is one of the highest performing schools in the review. Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, is growing, doing so well academically, and has so much input from parents and the community as well as good teachers should not undergo any changes.	3/5/2026 1:15 PM
1808	It is my understanding that Oak Grove Elementary, a proposed closure, is already exceeding district utilization targets, is experiencing sustained growth, and is one of the highest performing schools in this district. It also appears from the presentation that enhanced efficiency is a large guiding principle behind these recommendations. I would argue that the years many of us parents have spent building community around a school for the development and well being of our children and the community at large, our work should matter just as much. Recommendations for Kittredge have not yet been made, so I cannot provide feedback yet.	3/5/2026 1:14 PM
1809	Same grade band is a requirement for safety of students. Other counties have theft issues, assault issues mixing bands of students. Kingsley needs to stay open providing east Dunwoody a normal school for elementary grades.	3/5/2026 1:11 PM
1810	Makes sense	3/5/2026 1:09 PM
1811	Closures of so many schools will result in busing children unreasonable distances, placing increased burden on parents and caretakers. Ultimately seems to be affecting the poorest in	3/5/2026 1:07 PM

	the community most, as their schools close first.	
1812	I do not like the initial facilities scenarios and feel that schools consolidations would work with clusters of students (PK-2) (3-5) (6-8) and high school.	3/5/2026 1:04 PM
1813	Why is enrollment down? It seems like many of the elementary expansions are in the northwest part of the county with several closures in the southwest part of the county, are we underserving that area in this scenario? Why are we basing closures today on forecasts for 2030? I'm also concerned about expanding Laurel Ridge - where would that expansion occur? Would they take down the woods behind the school? How will the neighborhood feel about that? Is this impacting magnet schools or programs?	3/5/2026 1:02 PM
1814	I understand and am in favor of the consolidation scenario in that it may help provide better resources for the students. Right now as it relates to sports, our sports teams (aka mostly the parents) are having to raise thousands of dollars so our kids can play school sports, because of how thin the funds are spread. This keeps many students from being able to partcipate and spreads parents' finances thin.	3/5/2026 12:59 PM
1815	it seems like the ratio of teachers and students is already bad and this will exacerbate the situation. many of these schools have established communities that will be disrupted by this process	3/5/2026 12:58 PM
1816	Thoughtful consideration for first round of discussions	3/5/2026 12:56 PM
1817	Stop with the threats. We have seen this over and over again. Learn how to manage your money and stop wasting it on huge contracts to corrupt executives. The board sucks and so does the management.	3/5/2026 12:55 PM
1818	I strongly support this scenario. As an educator at Lithonia High School, I see firsthand the significant space limitations we are currently experiencing. Class sizes regularly exceed 30 students, and many teachers must share classrooms because there is not enough space for each teacher to have their own room. In addition, the student population often feels overcrowded throughout the building. Redistributing students and staff to a nearby school with greater capacity could help alleviate these challenges and create a more effective learning environment for both students and teachers.	3/5/2026 12:55 PM
1819	The school my children attend is only affected in the current scenario through potential expansion and I would appreciate clarity on what that means for our community. We're excited to have additional students and families join us because we treasure our school, it's community, and it's academic outcomes, but don't know what this holds for the property - a new build? Trailers? More details regarding what expansion actually looks like would be appreciated for people to provide informed feedback.	3/5/2026 12:51 PM
1820	It is nice to see that DCSD is appearing to be cognizant of some areas where money is being wasted. After watching the video and looking at the 2025 budget on the DCSD website I think that the data might show some areas need to be addressed different than they have. I have no problem for consolidating but it seems like the North part of the district shows more growth in the buildings that the 2025 budget doesn't show for enrollment.	3/5/2026 12:50 PM
1821	I think that the consolidations are acceptable as long as older facilities are updated to accommodate larger and/or different populations or to improve the quality of life and educational experiences for populations already served.	3/5/2026 12:49 PM
1822	I understand the need to close some facilities due to cost and low enrollment, however, closing elementary schools which help mold the youths primitive years can hinder their overall growth.	3/5/2026 12:47 PM
1823	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district’s goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization	3/5/2026 12:47 PM
1824	Please please please do not close Evansdale. My spouse and I specifically bought a home on Townley Circle to start a family. We LOVED the elementary school being nestled in our	3/5/2026 12:46 PM

	neighborhood. For my future children to get to walk to school was going to be a dream. The school also adds so much value to our neighborhood.	
1825	Seem good	3/5/2026 12:45 PM
1826	It’s good initiative I think is a good idea.	3/5/2026 12:44 PM
1827	It is clear that buildings need to be consolidated- I hope that we can keep communities together.	3/5/2026 12:44 PM
1828	I am not opposed to the closing of some schools. It seems that they are already overcrowded.	3/5/2026 12:42 PM
1829	Do not close Evansdale. Evansdale should be expanded and renovated. The schools has ample land and space for expansion, is projected to have increasing enrollment numbers and is in need of updates.	3/5/2026 12:41 PM
1830	I support addressing overcrowding at Dunwoody High School and want strong long-term facilities planning across the cluster. Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends and utilization, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. Before any closure decision, it would be helpful to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications.	3/5/2026 12:41 PM
1831	I would love for Ashford Park to stay in the current location but be updated and upgraded. The close, tight knit neighborhood feel is a positive for the entire community. However, most importantly, I would like the current student body population to stay together and feed into the Chamblee Middle School and Chamblee High School cluster	3/5/2026 12:37 PM
1832	Schools due for closure: predominantly serving lower SES or disadvantaged communities? How will system ensure they are supported in new schools?	3/5/2026 12:34 PM
1833	I understand why this plan is being enacted. I think your presentation did a good job of providing me with the base facts.	3/5/2026 12:33 PM
1834	Evaluating any scenario based solely on "buildings” with zero concurrent discussion of programs, community impact or current student achievement is unrealistic. Facility cost can not be discussed in isolation - these facilities are intrinsically linked to the communities they serve. Traffic and housing market considerations, construction costs, already in-process school improvements, existing school achievements and community developments ALL play a role and must be examined holistically. The idea that facility cost should be leading the charge shows such a deep misunderstanding of/disrespect for the essential role elementary schools play in community sustainability. This process has not been transparent - the attempts at soliciting community feedback have felt disingenuous, poorly timed and communicated, and rushed. The lack of stable DCSD leadership, the absence of community-invested ownership of this process (ie: meetings run by outside consultants), and an all-time low level of trust in the current board are all reasons to slow this process down. If a project of this generational magnitude is to have any chance of success, there must be buy in from the community. And DCSD has not earned the trust necessary for that at this time.	3/5/2026 12:22 PM
1835	I think it is a good idea.	3/5/2026 12:20 PM
1836	detrimental to the communities where the children are	3/5/2026 12:18 PM
1837	I know we have been asked to only discuss buildings, but I really cannot talk at all about the building until I know where the 800+ students will be displaced. Ashford Park elementary school is one of the highest performing elementary schools in the county. It is without a doubt the reason the property values in the elementary zone are so high. If you look just outside the zone, property values are significantly lower. I truly believe that changing too much, separating too much of our community will negatively impact the schools ratings and the property values in the area, thus bringing in less tax dollars to the county. Ashford park as a building is a pillar in our community. This community is so very special to us. I know the physical building has its limitations and is not "ideal" but I truly believe my children will receive a better education here, even with it being overcrowded. If there must be a change, I believe the school should remain an early education center. Potentially expanding the preK programs and housing Prek-1st, then the rest of the Ashford Park zone in 2nd-5th could go to John Lewis. The population North of Peachtree street could be rezoned for Montgomery after their expansion but I truly value this community and would like for as many of us as possible to stay together. We would also need the cluster to remain together at Chamblee middle and Chamblee high. If you change this	3/5/2026 12:17 PM

	community too much, I truly believe you will lose great teachers, the school ratings will go down and you will not receive as much money from affected property value depreciation. Spending 25 million dollars on our current renovation and then not using the building for student education feels like a gross misuse of tax dollars.	
1838	Please do not foreclose Oak Grove Elem. It has been a last staple of this community and it means a whole lot to our neighborhood.	3/5/2026 12:16 PM
1839	The consolidations seem to be happening in mostly Black or low-income neighborhoods.	3/5/2026 12:15 PM
1840	We moved here specifically for Brockett Elementary. This only seems money driven and irrational	3/5/2026 12:14 PM
1841	Based on recent discussions, it appears the proposal affecting Vanderlyn is primarily driven by high school facility needs, rather than elementary enrollment trends or building condition. Given the planned opening of Sequoyah Middle and High School, it is important to understand whether current overcrowding pressures at Dunwoody High School are expected to persist over the next several years. Additionally, Vanderlyn's closure is contingent upon Chesnut's expansion, yet no cluster-level reassignment modeling or post-reassignment utilization data has been shared. Prior to any closure decision, families need to see clear boundary modeling, receiving school enrollment projections, and transportation impact analysis. We are open to collaborative, facility-aligned solutions, but decisions of this magnitude should follow transparent modeling, not precede it.	3/5/2026 12:12 PM
1842	I do not agree that Oak Grove is under utilized, we are not far from capacity sms have school choice applicants that could get us there if principal let them in. Also, the school has a healthy budget not from state/city but from parents	3/5/2026 12:11 PM
1843	Ashford Park is a community gem and should be improved instead of closed.	3/5/2026 12:09 PM
1844	Initial impression was that Elementary Schools that have less than 60.6% underprivileged students (DeKalb County School District average) are being closed to merge with Elementary Schools that have a higher percentage of underprivileged students.	3/5/2026 12:07 PM
1845	Son perfectas	3/5/2026 12:05 PM
1846	I think the plan is pretty well thought out and makes sense to consolidate to maximize the use of your resources while causing the least amount of disruption possible. The one thing I would like more information on is about the elementary schools, as this is the largest change. I work primarily with refugee and immigrant youth and would like to know if you have looked at the demographics of all of the schools you plan to close or reallocate to see what percentage may be English language learners or need more support due to disrupted education. I'm glad to see Clarkston HS and Indian Creek ELM remain largely the same but want to make sure that other who may not be in this school will still have meaningful access to programs that can address their linguistic and cultural needs. I just worry if they are going to be spread out to schools that will be less equipped to help them. On the other hand, if the consolidation efforts come with a more intensive program for helping ELL students that could be a boon and help to get kids on the right track and avoid some of the issues in school persistence.	3/5/2026 12:03 PM
1847	It seems they are based only on money, not the benefits of the students.	3/5/2026 12:03 PM
1848	I strongly oppose any scenario that would close or consolidate Oak Grove Elementary. Oak Grove is the heart of a thriving and highly engaged community. Families do not attend Oak Grove by default. They actively choose it. Our school consistently posts some of the highest academic performance results in the area, reflecting the strength of our teachers, leadership, and deeply involved parent base. From a capacity standpoint, Oak Grove does not reflect the underutilization challenges cited in the district's broader analysis. We currently operate at approximately 85% utilization, with projections approaching 96% by 2026. In addition, our waitlist exceeds 200 students, including more than 100 kindergarteners. These numbers demonstrate sustained and growing demand. Closing or consolidating a school that is high performing, nearly at capacity, and in strong demand would undermine one of the district's most successful community school models. Oak Grove benefits from exceptional volunteer engagement through our PTA and the Oak Grove Foundation, with parents contributing significant time and financial support. This partnership strengthens student outcomes and reduces strain on district resources. If the goal of the Student Assignment Project is to improve resource alignment, academic quality, and long term sustainability, Oak Grove should be viewed as a model to strengthen, not a candidate to disrupt. I urge the district to reconsider any scenario that negatively impacts Oak Grove Elementary and instead prioritize solutions	3/5/2026 12:02 PM

	that address true underutilization while preserving high performing, in demand schools that families overwhelmingly support.	
1849	It doesn't make sense to me to consolidate schools that are already overcrowded, especially without considering redistricting, attendance boundaries, and the traffic implications that will ensue. Additionally, it is not clear exactly what benefits will be achieved here. Vague notions of "consolidate resources and strengthen programs" are not clear enough - what resources/programs will be made stronger? Is there research that shows that the underlying facility assumptions are true (elementary schools must have at least 700 students or whatever the rubric was)?	3/5/2026 11:59 AM
1850	Consolidating schools to save funds can work, however change is difficult for people.	3/5/2026 11:58 AM
1851	Al ingresar se siente una calidez tanto de docente como administrativo. Lo que te hace sentir buenas vibra un ambiente totalmente familiar, dudas que tenía al inicio todas fueron disipadas con el tiempo. Me dio la confianza de siempre poder preguntar sin ningún temor lo mismo que con mi hija.	3/5/2026 11:55 AM
1852	Large elementary schools will be detrimental to our communities and ruin what makes DeKalb County special and a great place to live.	3/5/2026 11:54 AM
1853	The committee has developed a comprehensive plan based on the needs of the community.	3/5/2026 11:53 AM
1854	My feedback on consolidated Robert Shaw elementary school with other schools are a bad idea.	3/5/2026 11:51 AM
1855	Its very confusing. Huntley hills is old and needs work. There isn't enough teachers too many kids and economically needs to be more 50/50. Get rid of title 1 doesn't help. Ashford park and Montgomery schools school be all mixed in. Huntley hills gets low grades because it's isnt economically equal. People should be able to place there kids in better schools that are close to where they live. Montessori should only be prek-2. Third -5th should be traditional learning. Montessori should include traditional concepts. Kids are not set up for unnecessary at Huntley hills. ES students shoukd be at different schools at its slows down learning for other students.	3/5/2026 11:51 AM
1856	I do not want to make changes that would make class sizes bigger or reduce the feeling of a community school. I am very pleased with the sizes of the classes currently and I feel the school community is very strong and getting stronger.	3/5/2026 11:44 AM
1857	I feel that it is unfortunate that there’s potential for the closing or consolidation of facilities due to decreasing enrollment and DeKalb County. Have to get an important thing to consider, is the root cause for the decreasing enrollment and how the remedy is going forward.	3/5/2026 11:43 AM
1858	I live in a neighborhood where children can walk to Brockett Elementary. As original homeowners age out of our neighborhood, young families are moving in. We have several families in my cul-de-sac with babies and toddlers. The number of children going to Brockett Elementary will increase in the next 5 years.	3/5/2026 11:43 AM
1859	Oak Grove elementary is an integral part of my community and education.	3/5/2026 11:40 AM
1860	Actually the best elementary school ever. It is what I found my best friends, felt safe as a child, and had the best teachers ever	3/5/2026 11:36 AM
1861	This appears to be a large undertaking. I have trouble seeing how you can use all the facilities that will be vacant in a meaningful way. I also am concerned for longer bus rides. For example, our grandchildren do not ride the bus in the morning to school now because they would have to get up 30-45 minutes earlier and be on a bus. They do ride it home. With these changes, I do not see how bus rides would be shorter when they have further to go.	3/5/2026 11:30 AM
1862	None	3/5/2026 11:30 AM
1863	I was surprised to see Ashford Park listed as a school to close. This school had been previously identified as overcrowded. I used to have a child attend this school and it was crowded. This school has a very strong parent community. It does not seem like it would be a good idea to close this school.	3/5/2026 11:26 AM
1864	The initial plan for consolidation makes sense to me.	3/5/2026 11:21 AM
1865	I feel like many elementary schools on in the Chamblee Cluster are in very poor condition. There should be a concerted effort to improve schools throughout the county. That being said, closing high schools and repurposing them as middle or elementary school is a good idea.	3/5/2026 11:21 AM

	Other considerations could be made into repurposing high schools to house magnet programs so that they can run through middle or high school if there are available facilities.	
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1868	Oak Grove Elementary is an excellent school with a decades long history of success. It is vital to this community and I am against closing it.	3/5/2026 11:14 AM
1869	The facilities are old and could use updating. With the help of the PTA the school has made updates to accommodate. The school is amazing, the teachers and staff are great.	3/5/2026 11:13 AM
1870	I don’t think that putting young kids as pre-K and elementary school with middle school students is a good idea. I also think that Middle School and high school students sharing a facility is going to effect the academic schedule and after school activities. I think it will give less opportunities for the students.	3/5/2026 11:13 AM
1871	Process is long overdue	3/5/2026 11:12 AM
1872	As a parent, teacher, and coach in DeKalb I understand that money is being wasted on buildings that are being underutilized. I'm an Art teacher in a building with only 1 actual art classroom, but 3 art teachers. We float and share sinks. We make it work, but it does take away from what we can offer our students. I am also a coach needing transportation to matches for my players, but bus drivers are stretched so thin I always have to have a plan B in case our bus doesn't show up on time. We don't have the facilities to have our JV program at the school. I'm a parent with kids at the school where we make things work, but know we shouldn't have to "make things work" with what we have and the opportunities they are missing out of, because money is spread thin to keep underutilized schools open. From a business standpoint, it's a no brainer, but from an emotional standpoint, I understand the hurt that families face who could lose their school and the potential that we lose more families due to these changes.	3/5/2026 11:12 AM
1873	n-a	3/5/2026 11:09 AM
1874	Concerned. Vanderlyn is a key part of our community and offers children the ability to attend schools that are nearby and high quality. The additional commute will put a strain on families and students.	3/5/2026 11:08 AM
1875	It makes sense to close schools, but in the end I believe that you (DCSD) will screw it up due to your unbelievable ineptitude, bureaucracy, and cronyism. You'll take years to make a decision because you lack foresight and courage. It will cost taxpayers millions of dollars. DCSD is more concerned about keeping themselves employed and fleecing as much money out of the taxpayers as possible by awarding contracts to incompetent yet connected contractors. There is ZERO accountability. Please don't think I'm MAGA, because I am NOT! I'm fatigued, disheartened, and saddened by your inability to properly run a school district. Even basic necessities like a properly running HVAC system (ex. Chamblee High or Kingsley Elem.) are ignored or delayed. I'm tired of you. I've stopped caring.	3/5/2026 11:08 AM
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1877	I think that trying to make facility decision without taking other factors, such as redistricting into account seems irresponsible. The buildings are important and utilization is important but how communites and families will be affected by closing buildings and redistricting makes the picture different. Closing high performing schools does not make sense from an educational standpoint.	3/5/2026 11:06 AM
1878	Do not close oak grove elementary	3/5/2026 11:03 AM
1879	I think this is a terrible idea. You are going to overcrowd certain schools with this consolidation. You are proposing to close some schools that are highly rated and help drive property values in those areas because people want to live in those areas. I think you need to reevaluate what you are trying to accomplish. Focus on the portions of DeKalb that are underperforming . Midvale just underwent a building expansion for ADA which I'm sure cost the taxpayers a significant amount of money and now you are talking about closing it. Residents do not want empty school buildings sitting in the middle of their communities. Do better DCSD.	3/5/2026 11:03 AM
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1882	I agree that the current building for Ashford Park Elementary School is not sufficient for the student population or long term goals for Dekalb County Schools. However the community involvement at the school is strong and that leads to increased program offerings at the school	3/5/2026 10:55 AM

	and academic achievement. Keeping the student body and community together is best for the students. If is not feasible to build a new school at the current location due to lot size, students should be moved to a building that can accommodate the entire Ashford Park population rather than splitting them up into several different schools. John Lewis opened in 2019 to relieve over crowding at Woodward, Montclair and Dresden. Since then 2 new schools were built (Doraville United and Dresden) A lot of students are driving further to attend John Lewis than their closest elementary school. Dekalb should look at redrawing boundaries in the area now that there are 2 newer/larger schools. Also when John Lewis was built, the neighborhood where it is located was once part of the Ashford Park Elementary School attendance zone and Chamblee Cluster. There were also conversations during the redistricting process in 2018/2019 that Ashford Park may eventually close and those students would be sent to John Lewis. Moving Ashford Park students to the John Lewis building would be a solution. I also think John Lewis should be moved to the Chamblee Cluster with a feeder to Chamblee Middle and High since the current Ashford Park Elementary School feeds into Chamblee. I know that this part of the process is mostly focusing on buildings and not zones. However the schools in the North are full or over capacity. It is not a simple as closing 1 school and combining 2 schools into one. I don't believe that we can close schools in this area, especially an over populated school, without a plan on where to send those students.	
1883	If you close one school close them all and allow parents to home school and get compensated for teacheing their own child. It will pro be best since that this is all about money... if you stop school choice we wouldnt have this problem. Yes school choice was a way of better learning but now it no difference kids are kids and they are going to do whatever they want it doesn't matter the school. Take school choice away and it will fix the empty seats kids go to their own neigjborhood school.	3/5/2026 10:54 AM
1884	I’m OK with focusing funds & reducing locations. However, I do not believe it makes sense to close Vanderlyn which has amazing scores and full student population. It’s also an asset for the Neighbourhood.	3/5/2026 10:49 AM
1885	strongly support keeping Evansdale Elementary School open. My granddaughter currently attends Evansdale and is part of the Dual Language French program, which is a valuable and unique educational opportunity for students in the district. Programs like this promote bilingualism, cultural awareness, and global competency, which are essential skills for the future. Consolidating or closing Evansdale could disrupt students’ academic progress and weaken a program that benefits many families. I believe the district should prioritize preserving successful academic programs and maintaining stability for students and families.	3/5/2026 10:49 AM
1886	I understand the purpose and support the need to consolidate. The goals of utilization are fair. Our concern is when a school is a pillar of a community and it is closed....it will affect our community without a clear understanding of what is next for our families	3/5/2026 10:46 AM
1887	I have concerns about expanding elementary schools and closing others. First, statically elementary students are more successful with smaller schools. Second, for many of the elementary schools you want to expand there is no room for expansion. These schools are located in neighborhoods with homes on most sides. Finally with these buildings being in the middle of neighborhoods, using them as office buildings, specialty education, etc. could put the neighborhood at an uneasiness. People don't typically want strangers in their neighborhoods. If they are demolished, the construction and effects of that on the neighborhood can be negative. Not only causing noise pollution but also environmental.	3/5/2026 10:39 AM
1888	I hate the idea of mega schools instead of smaller, neighborhood based elementary schools. Young kids will do better in smaller schools. The traffic impact for the neighborhoods with mega schools and the commutes for the families who are farther away will be horrible.	3/5/2026 10:36 AM
1889	My initial feedback regarding the proposed school consolidations is that I am concerned about the potential for overcrowded classrooms in several schools. When student populations increase without a proportional increase in space or staffing, it can impact the quality of instruction, classroom management, and the overall learning environment. It is important that we carefully consider how consolidation may affect class sizes and ensure that students and teachers still have the space and resources needed to be successful	3/5/2026 10:35 AM
1890	I think that the consolidations are a bad idea right now. The district isn't even a year out from a failed superintendent - the parents I'm talking to don't have any faith in district leadership and already considering pulling their kids from the district to put them in private school (as a we). Another half-baked, knee-jerk major project from the district is not what we need right now. We need a district that hears parents and is will to establish trust. Having been on the PAC during	3/5/2026 10:34 AM

	the pandemic, I know first hand that a non-trivial chunk of the decline in enrollment is driven by parents pulling their kinds because they don't trust the district (I'd warned the principle that this was happening, she didn't believe me and said that enrollments would bounce back - she was wrong). Assuming that is still true (and my read is that it is), this change would result in fewer students, fewer jobs, and - because these are the same families that are generally driving up the districts performance - the district will fall even further behind the national average in SAT/Scores and Proficiency Rates (which are already pretty abysmal at 31% in reading and 24% in math). I don't understand why the district won't focus on education instead of just finances. Seems like more fallout from Horton's failed tenure as superintendent: thinking about finance and the good of the district over thinking about students and their education.	
1891	Oak Grove is a growing area with a strong community and high performing schools. It would be a big mistake to close any school in this area.	3/5/2026 10:32 AM
1892	Midvale as well as some of the other schools in the Lakeside and Tucker cluster should not close. Theses elementary schools are successful BECASUE they are small and work for the community.	3/5/2026 10:31 AM
1893	I support the scenario 1 proposed.	3/5/2026 10:31 AM
1894	I disagree with the consolidation. In my professional opinion, elementary students benefit from smaller classroom sizes. They are able to receive the academic attention they need to grow and close the achievement gaps.	3/5/2026 10:28 AM
1895	I’m not on board with school closing in our south DeKalb area. However I do appreciate the other scenarios that were presented to us such and do consider closing schools that are uninhibited for students and staff	3/5/2026 10:27 AM
1896	Our tax dollars have to be efficiently used. The school system has told us that the allocations of seats per students is inefficient. It is very obvious!	3/5/2026 10:24 AM
1897	The impact of school closures will disrupt community & families. An immediate impact on housing will disturb hone value & a direct effect on schools population decreasing even more.	3/5/2026 10:21 AM
1898	I think consolidation is a bad idea because from what I understand, it would put very small children (preK) in the same building with much older children (middle school) . This is bad because already in the elementary school there is a huge gap in age and little kids are exposed to language and knowledge that is highly inappropriate for their age. This could only get worst if elementary and middle school would consolidate. Little kids need to be in little schools.	3/5/2026 10:20 AM
1899	Evaluating any scenario based solely on "buildings” with zero concurrent discussion of programs, community impact or current student achievement is unrealistic. Facility cost can not be discussed in isolation - these facilities are intrinsically linked to the communities they serve. Traffic and housing market considerations, construction costs, already in-process school improvements, existing school achievements and community developments ALL play a role and must be examined holistically. The idea that facility cost should be leading the charge shows such a deep misunderstanding of/disrespect for the essential role elementary schools play in community sustainability. This process has not been transparent - the attempts at soliciting community feedback have felt disingenuous, poorly timed and communicated, and rushed. The lack of stable DCSD leadership, the absence of community-invested ownership of this process (ie: meetings run by outside consultants), and an all-time low level of trust in the current board are all reasons to slow this process down. If a project of this generational magnitude is to have any chance of success, there must be buy in from the community. And DCSD has not earned the trust necessary for that at this time.	3/5/2026 10:20 AM
1900	I think Montgomery is a great school building to expand.	3/5/2026 10:18 AM
1901	I understand the need for consolidation within our district due to the low enrollment. However, I am concerned about the employment of teachers since the schools will be downsizing.	3/5/2026 10:15 AM
1902	There is no need for consolidations	3/5/2026 10:14 AM
1903	They should not be done. Why not make the school system better with smaller class sizes.	3/5/2026 10:11 AM
1904	I support the district in the process, as difficult as it is. I think Vanderlyn Elementary should be shut down and those kids send to Austin or Dunwoody. Dunwoody High needs that space!	3/5/2026 10:09 AM
1905	I feel the Redan should stay open, because its one of the oldest schools in the area.	3/5/2026 10:07 AM

1906	None	3/5/2026 10:06 AM
1907	Neighborhood elementary schools are what makes Dekalb County different from those that have mega schools. If those schools are properly run (even if incrementally more expensive), it is a huge boost to housing values and thus property taxes. Additionally, poor leadership (or even appearance of it) has caused families with the means to go to private schools or home schooling and thus removes students from DCSD. Therefore, keeping as many well-run schools open will boost numbers.	3/5/2026 10:05 AM
1908	The facilities scenario for consolidation seems like it would still benefit some areas and not all. Small class sizes are ideal for some learners and increasing sizes for teachers isn't ideal.	3/5/2026 10:00 AM
1909	I am unable to see the proposed plan - the county should make it easier to understand the proposed scenarios. My feedback is the magnet program should continue to be mapped to Chamblee Middle and High School. Also, Oak Grove Elementary School should remain open as it's central pillar of the neighborhood.	3/5/2026 9:59 AM
1910	The scenarios do not seem well thought out, through, or sensible. HPM should not be involved in this process period. Start from scratch.	3/5/2026 9:59 AM
1911	Vanderlyn is a high performing school with very involved families. It is the reason why so may move into the area, so it could lead to a decrease in local property values and disrupt the stability in the area.	3/5/2026 9:54 AM
1912	Oak Grove Elementary is the core of the community. A top tier school that is centrally located and easy to access. A consolidation to another location would be very disruptive.	3/5/2026 9:53 AM
1913	Very dissapointed in the elimination of community schools which have been in exsistence for years as well as a lack of closures in the north end of the county.	3/5/2026 9:53 AM
1914	Great	3/5/2026 9:53 AM
1915	Understood the need to address declining student numbers. I think the process needs to account for (a) the quality of schools proposed to be closed and (b) the impact of those closures on the related communities. My sons both attended Oak Grove Elementary and Lakeside High. Oak Grove is a key part of our community and should not I believe be closed. Actual usage is trending upward from the Covid trough, and is higher than projected amount used in the analysis.	3/5/2026 9:53 AM
1916	Consolidation at the elementary level may make sense given the small size of some area schools. Although our specific high school, Lakeside, is overcrowded and needs relief to resolve parking issues and maybe they could actually use the lockers!	3/5/2026 9:52 AM
1917	I would encourage the district to be very cautious about consolidating schools. Stability for students and families is extremely important, especially for those already established in a cluster. Consolidation can create overcrowding, longer commutes, and disruption to established school communities. If consolidation is considered, the district should prioritize minimizing disruption for current students and maintaining strong neighborhood school clusters.	3/5/2026 9:50 AM
1918	There is definitely a need for a redistribution of students and there are buildings that are not up to standards. Closing some schools and moving students to better/newer schools is a good solution. However, just listing school closures without any information about where those students would be moved to is leading to more questions that answers.	3/5/2026 9:49 AM
1919	I do not agree with it schools will become over crowded and farther in travel	3/5/2026 9:47 AM
1920	While I understand that there is a resource issue, consolidation, especially at the elementary school level would be to the detriment of the schools. For elementary school aged kids, having smaller schools allows for a stronger, closely knit community. I feel safe sending my child to Brockett. She is known and at least knows of most the staff and administration. If schools consolidate, there is less opportunity to build strong connections, and I fear the teachers and staff would be overwhelmed with the volume of students.	3/5/2026 9:45 AM
1921	Fire middle management and consultants. Us savings to serve children	3/5/2026 9:43 AM
1922	Consolidation makes sense for schools that are significantly under capacity. Ashford Park Elementary is over capacity, has strong parent & community support - so it should not be considered for consolidation.	3/5/2026 9:42 AM

1923	My main concern with closing Vanderlyn is that sending students to another elementary school is going to cause horrendous traffic issues. The traffic down Mount Vernon is already very congested, as well as the school traffic to Austin which backs up on Roberts Dr./Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. Although close in proximity, there is not a good path for Vanderlyn families to get to Austin without adding to the already bad traffic. Also, Vanderlyn is a special school with excellent teachers and students are thriving in that small school environment. It would be a shame to close Vanderlyn.	3/5/2026 9:42 AM
1924	I don't think it bad because our community is changing greatly more Caucasian are moving in our area and if they do have children they do not put them in our local schools.	3/5/2026 9:41 AM
1925	I understand the consolidation because of aging facilities. However, I think one of things that make our elementary schools great is having small neighborhood schools. I know my children enjoyed that environment.	3/5/2026 9:40 AM
1926	It would be a massive mistake to close down Oak Grove Elementary. The school is community-minded, oriented, and focused. The utilization of the school is at near capacity, and makes no sense to merge with other schools. It's not a broken school. Please don't break our children by breaking the school.	3/5/2026 9:40 AM
1927	I think Yal SHOULD NOT CLOSE THE SCHOOLS	3/5/2026 9:35 AM
1928	I do not agree with the consolidations.	3/5/2026 9:33 AM
1929	As much as our family has loved the small ES model in the Lakeside cluster, I knew that it was no longer sustainable operate that many buildings with fewer and fewer students. The reduction in enrollment in an already small actually created its on challenges in resourcing and programming. I support the initial scenario with the caveat that I'd need to see how all the students from closed schools will be reassigned	3/5/2026 9:32 AM
1930	Two elementary schools near me are marked for closing even though they are over full. Our local elementary school is marked for expansion although it is already very full with mobile units.	3/5/2026 9:31 AM
1931	Henderson Middle & Lakeside High are the largest in DeKalb County, so I think it would be foolish to close them. Evansdale Elem is a Magnet program with a French Program and is at a high capacity with sufficient land to add more trailers if needed (other schools don't have this option).	3/5/2026 9:30 AM
1932	I understand why the consolidations are necessary, but have concerns about the equity in the process.	3/5/2026 9:30 AM
1933	Congratulations on putting out a plan to get rid of trailers. That has never been done before.	3/5/2026 9:28 AM
1934	Very negative! There has been substantial population growth in the Ashford park / chamblee cluster in the last decades. These schools are performing at a high level with significant parental involvement and community fundraising support of the schools. Closing Ashford park and changing the middle school trajectory away from chamblee to underperforming middle and high schools is illogical and does not create a good long term fix. Money should be invested in Ashford park's physical campus to support the needs and keep the community and most importantly the kids and their friendships connected. Sending Ashford Park students to a cluster where English as a second language is the majority would be a travesty. Spanish speaking students deserve a quality education as well but a classroom environment mixing dual language speakers will NOT be effective and school performance will suffer. Look at the models used in Europe when American families live overseas. They go to "American schools" for their educations with other English speaking kids and are in time assimilated into the local culture as they are more able to particulate in the local language and be positive contributors.	3/5/2026 9:25 AM
1935	Very educational	3/5/2026 9:24 AM
1936	I do not want Midvale Elementary to close or consolidate. This is an IB school with an IB track from Pre-K through high school. The only one in this cluster.	3/5/2026 9:24 AM
1937	I do not want Miller Grove Middle school to become an elementary school.	3/5/2026 9:20 AM
1938	I believe the current facility structure is working well for our community. Brockett Elementary serves students in the K–5 grade band and offers the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, which provides a strong and consistent academic foundation for young learners. The current setup allows students to remain in one supportive environment	3/5/2026 9:20 AM

	throughout their elementary years, which helps build stability, strong relationships with teachers and staff, and a sense of community among families. The facility is already structured to support the needs of elementary-aged students and the IB learning model, which focuses on inquiry, collaboration, and whole-child development.	
1939	I think it is completely misguided to make decisions based just on building condition and proximity to other facilities without discussing programs. I strongly disagree with the idea of closing schools to consolidate into mega schools of 800-1000+ students. If DCSD truly invested into the neighborhood schools, families wouldn't leave for charter or private schools and then the schools would not be underenrolled. Mega schools are a terrible idea for student success, for community building, for traffic, etc.	3/5/2026 9:17 AM
1940	I like scenario one, expanding chesnut elementary and closing vanderlyn in order to hopefully one day expand dunwoody high school	3/5/2026 9:16 AM
1941	I am very concerned with the proposed closing of Evansdale. We have a strong school community with caring teachers, parents and community members. We have an amazing diverse population of students that work hard everyday to be successful in the classroom. We also have a great DLI French program that all 4 of my children are currently a part of a the school. I feel that the opportunity for them to learn French at an early age has been amazing for their language and brain development.	3/5/2026 9:16 AM
1942	I DO NOT support closing elementary schools. Younger children benefit most from personal attention they get in small schools and small class sizes. I DO support the consolidation of middle schools and high schools. In middle and high school, classes are more specialized and so it makes sense that adolescents could still get a personalized experience even in a larger school and benefit from enhanced programming.	3/5/2026 9:15 AM
1943	I think it generally makes sense	3/5/2026 9:13 AM
1944	I understand the idea behind it and support the changes.	3/5/2026 9:11 AM
1945	I think Ashford Park Elementary School should not be closed.	3/5/2026 9:11 AM
1946	I do not agree.	3/5/2026 9:11 AM
1947	i think its a great idea, concerned with transportation. Few schools mean more kids bussed and the time to and from school will be extended. Already have late buses nearly every week at Princeton elementary.	3/5/2026 9:05 AM
1948	I'm confused how Ashford Park is undergoing a multimillion dollar renovation and that would not be enough to accommodate the needs. This is a large piece of property in the middle of a residential neighborhood so of course we would love to see our children stay at this location. If that cannot be done, can the school be reimagined on this property ? We bought this house (Tobey Road) bc of the elementary school being in the neighborhood. If the AP cluster gets moved to John Lewis Elementary, I would want the community and teachers to be there too. It doesn't seem right to break up a strong school and its performance without brining the teachers along. Can the entire AP community be accommodated at John Lewis?	3/5/2026 9:05 AM
1949	I think consolidations of elementary schools are a horrible idea. People move to (and buy houses in) areas for the elementary school.	3/5/2026 9:03 AM
1950	I would like to see fewer consolidations and I would not like for middle and high schools to be combined. There is such an age discrepancy among middle and high school students that I do not believe they should be housed together.	3/5/2026 8:58 AM
1951	Great neighborhood school	3/5/2026 8:54 AM
1952	I think you all need to reconsider combining the South DeKalb elementary schools into one building.	3/5/2026 8:53 AM
1953	Why isn't Druid Hills Middle School listed?	3/5/2026 8:52 AM
1954	I believe everything should stay the same I believe it will cause a lot of issues merging students together. I do believe that there are buildings that should be torn down and upgraded.	3/5/2026 8:52 AM
1955	As a parent, you try to make the best choices for your children. Our home school is Dunwoody Elementary School, but through school choice, we chose Vanderlyn because there is something special there that can't be replicated in a big school. We toured several schools and the sizing of Vanderlyn creates a family dynamic, which has been proven in the education	3/5/2026 8:52 AM

	Vanderlyn kids are receiving. Speak to the families and listen to the community. Vanderlyn is one of Dekalb's top elementary schools. Don't make a short sighted decision based on money.	
1956	I do not agree with shutting down so many schools and believe it will grossly hurt our communities, schools and children.	3/5/2026 8:49 AM
1957	I am not opposed to the facilities scenarios.	3/5/2026 8:49 AM
1958	No , closing of the schools, causing problems of traffic and transportation along with mixing older kids with elementary is not good.I oppose this.	3/5/2026 8:47 AM
1959	Do not close Evansdale. Figure out another plan. Also, do not close the schools on the south side of DeKalb. Figure out another plan.	3/5/2026 8:47 AM
1960	I am a fan of closing some of the schools listed as the schools are suffering - Stone Mountain Elementary being one of them. But others such as Brockett Elementary are thriving and shouldn't be touched.	3/5/2026 8:45 AM
1961	Great. Larger schools can provide more opportunities for students. (larger group of people to find friends, full-time staff for support at elementary schools(ie: OT, speech, band) and also a larger school can offer a wider variety of classes.	3/5/2026 8:45 AM
1962	I support scenario 1 which includes the expansion of CES.	3/5/2026 8:36 AM
1963	Your plan to close Kingsley Elementary in favor of creating a megaschool at Chestnut does not seem feasible. The entire front side of the building at Chestnut needs to be replaced and Chestnut does not appear to have adequate space for expansion. Kingsley has a wide open area for expansion and only needs a new HVAC, which you have repeatedly delayed for almost a decade.	3/5/2026 8:34 AM
1964	I understand that some schools need to be consolidated. It doesn't make sense to consolidate schools that are high performing and to send kids to schools that are already at capacity.	3/5/2026 8:32 AM
1965	I think if a facility is not being used to an effective capacity, then there should be consolidations. I think it would be more appropriate looking at schools that are over capacity and how those could be moved so that overall schools are more balanced. For example, Cross Keys and Chamblee high schools are over their building capacities. It doesn't make sense to be closing facilities and keeping other schools over their capacities.	3/5/2026 8:32 AM
1966	As a current teacher, I want you to know that class sizes are big enough as is. Teachers have to share rooms because the infrastructure of the school does not support each individual teacher having their own classroom. Schools are already packed and I am against packing them in with even more students and even more teachers when the current facilities cannot house those already there.	3/5/2026 8:31 AM
1967	The plan presented by DCSD seems to be focusing on building management without taking in consideration students and family wellbeing. Large elementary schools of 1000+ stufents is not what we want for our children. Parents will pull their students of DCSD even more. Things are going to fast , we feel rushed and not heard	3/5/2026 8:29 AM
1968	I believe Lakeside has way too many students for the space and staff we have. Redistricting to achieve a more even student distribution would benefit Lakeside specifically.	3/5/2026 8:26 AM
1969	Ashford Park Elementary is an wonderful school and a center of our community. It provides an excellent education and environment for nurturing growth. While my child attends GLOBE, we participate in Ashford Park Elementary support events with our neighbors and friends, and benefit from the culture the school enables. Given the current 100%+ enrollment, and the full enrollment of other elementary schools nearby, I can't imagine a realistic scenario where closing this excellent school improves the education and community experience of the children in the neighborhood. No evidence has been provided regarding why a 900 student enrollment is required to be "operationally efficient", and no justification has been provided as to why Ashford Park Elementary could not be expanded to approach that enrollment, as our neighborhood continues to grow with young families attracted by the school.	3/5/2026 8:25 AM
1970	Specifically affecting the Laurel Ridge ES and neighboring School communities, I do not support the plan to close what looks to be 3 nearby elementary schools to then increase enrollment at Laurel Ridge by building expansio. I think the Board and County have spent enough money renovating buildings to make them somewhat functional to now need to increase capacity so 3 nearby schools can close doesn't sound economically reasonable. It	3/5/2026 8:24 AM

	seems more reasonable to keep at least 1 of these schools, which 1 or 2 looked to be on the higher performing list, to then mitigate the need for additional construction. Having a plan to increase existing facility use that is being underused by now creating construction to increase capacity doesn't seem correct. This part of the plan should be revaluated.	
1971	I think it makes sense to consolidate schools so that larger schools can offer more to their students. I have a special education student who was not well-served at his school for grades 1-3 (Oak Grove), which I attribute to the small size of his grade. The special ed support teachers and staff were inexperienced, and the principal and vice principal were not effective. I feel like there are too many schools and not enough strong leadership to go around. I hope that fewer, larger schools would alleviate this.	3/5/2026 8:24 AM
1972	Don’t close neighborhoods schools as they have less bussing cost , Ashford Park is a highly ranked school with over capacity of study close it .close low preforming schools with low attendance	3/5/2026 8:23 AM
1973	I feel that Rock Chapel should remain open. We have an amazing staff that are committed to the community and the students.	3/5/2026 8:22 AM
1974	I agree with said consolidations IF they will appropriate schools MORE per pupil funding.	3/5/2026 8:20 AM
1975	I am concerned that the school board has not thought through the logistics of closing so many schools and combining into super schools or splitting across districts. If evansdale is closed, the community could be split into two different districts. This would lead to a fracture in the community that would be detrimental to involvement. I have spoken with several other parents who agree that they are seriously considering private schools if evansdale is closed. This is counter to the whole problem that the school board sees: an absence of filled seats within the schools. In fact, I see these empty seat growing larger as more parents opt to get out of the public school program due to the poor communication and distrust of the school board and DeKalb county. Additionally, Livsey elementary, for example, is located on chamblee Tucker. This is one of the busiest roads during rush hour and leads to several cut-throughs through our neighborhood that have almost led to accidents with children. By consolidating so many students at this one school location, I anticipate traffic becoming unbearable, and actual accidents occurring on a regular basis. Have traffic patterns been considered in all of these scenarios? When considering Evansdale, we have two parking lots for parents, and the ability to park and walk your child to school from various neighborhood roads. This is lacking from Livsey elementary, and I do not see how this would be resolved. Evansdale also contains a larger acreage than the proposed schools that it would be split between. Why not consider this school as an option for consolidation? There is already enough distrust with the school board given that the superintendent was arrested and now there is an interim. In addition, some school board members will be leaving come the end of the year. This is the worst time possible to try to assert yourselves and create new scenarios. We asked the school board to step back, and actually consider all of the different scenarios without throwing out blindly those schools that they feel are inadequate. If buildings are in disrepair, then come up with a plan to fix them rather than shuttering them and forcing larger schools in inadequate areas. There is even more feedback I have regarding specialized programs at schools, specifically the DLI program at Evansdale. There needs to be an option for communities to come together and discuss with the school board. Their schools should not be shuttered. The school board should make an effort to visit with the communities of every single proposed school closure to understand the school's benefit and value.	3/5/2026 8:15 AM
1976	prioritize Chamblee Cluster. Keep Ashford park together on the path to Chamblee middle and HS. Our community is stronger together.	3/5/2026 8:13 AM
1977	None	3/5/2026 8:11 AM
1978	I am concerned that the closure of Vanderlyn will negatively impact the scores and academic achievements of this communnity. Vanderlyn has proven that a smaller school can be robust in learning achievements.	3/5/2026 8:09 AM
1979	Needed but not oak grove	3/5/2026 8:07 AM
1980	I was very disappointed to hear that Ashford Park was on the initial list of closures. APES is a fantastic neighborhood school with great community support. That said, the building is small and old and thus I understand it initially being included in the closure list. My preference would be that the immediate neighborhood of Ashford Park be zoned for the school (re-zoning some further away parts of the neighborhood) to manage the overcrowding at the school today. I	3/5/2026 8:06 AM

	would also like the school to get the $25M of funding for fixes/enhancements currently slated and then for the school to remain in the Chamblee cluster as it gets renovated (while still being open). Getting enrollment down to 600-700 with renovations would continue to make APES a great, community-supported school in the heart of the neighborhood. If it is untenable to maintain the current building in a slightly re-zoned manner my next choice would be the pathway voted on by the Ashford Park Education Foundation. This would mean closing the Ashford Park school (or re-purposing) and shifting the entire school attendance zone to the John Lewis facility which is close by. As long as this would preserve the Chamblee middle and high school cluster this option would work as a compromise. Ashford Park is such a great neighborhood and strong community which supports DeKalb public schools. The kids there have formed tight bonds and it is very important for their development to be able to maintain those friendships with classmates that are also neighbors. Removing the Ashford Park neighborhood from the Chamblee cluster would do real long term damage to the area which serves as a big tax base for DeKalb county. Thank you for your consideration.	
1981	I think it’s not a safe idea at all.	3/5/2026 8:05 AM
1982	This process was designed by a corrupt administration and approved by an incompetent board. Remove both first before permanently impacting the system.	3/5/2026 8:03 AM
1983	Excited for the recommended changes!	3/5/2026 8:01 AM
1984	6-9	3/5/2026 7:59 AM
1985	Do not close Brockett Elementary. This is an amazing school community.	3/5/2026 7:58 AM
1986	Very disappointed with the closing of Ashford Park. Our community has poured in money and support over the years to make this school great. I understand the building restrictions associated with this property, but many feel this will break apart the community and remove parts of us from the Chamblee HS cluster. Closing the school, splitting up the current Ashford Park Community and removing from the Chamblee cluster will cause people to move and/or find another alternative for school. You will lose the best resources and kids that help these schools to thrive.	3/5/2026 7:58 AM
1987	We are really horrified that Robert Shaw is slated to be closed. This is a wonderful, high performing school that serves a community that faces a lot of inequities. Our daughter has been welcomed and cared for so well there. Her teachers are phenomenal and the support staff have been wonderful in easing her transition to school. This school is a much needed gem and is NOT the school to close.	3/5/2026 7:55 AM
1988	It makes no sense to close Ashford Park Elementary. Its high performing, over-enrolled, and instead of closing, the county should be investing in its high performing schools	3/5/2026 7:54 AM
1989	Oak Grove is a wonderful school with a great sense of community. A top performing school. Closing it is detrimental to our community.	3/5/2026 7:53 AM
1990	Ashford Park is a great community school. I think it is important for our community to stay within the Chamblee cluster.	3/5/2026 7:49 AM
1991	I understand it needs to be done to maximize the use of tax dollars. With immigration enforcement and the cost of living going up, more students will be lost, and revenue will be decreasing, sadly.	3/5/2026 7:48 AM
1992	Children need the best and positive experiences starting their education. Keeping the elementary level the same is important for them and surrounding neighborhoods.	3/5/2026 7:48 AM
1993	This is so insulting. If you want to save money, put some of these useless county office people back in classrooms! Dekalb parents are so SICK of mismanagement of funds in this county.	3/5/2026 7:45 AM
1994	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary.	3/5/2026 7:42 AM
1995	Why should schools be condensed down adding mores students into one classroom and or buildings. Students are already not learning well and adding additional students will not be beneficial. While non consolidated schools will have smaller classroom sizes.	3/5/2026 7:40 AM
1996	There are a lot of students in my son’s class already. I feel it will be overcrowded and overwhelming for teachers and staff.	3/5/2026 7:35 AM
1997	I am not opppsed to Ashford Park closing, but do fear where the students would go. I am in	3/5/2026 7:34 AM

	favor of our students going to John Lewis, but only if they stay in the Chamblee cluster.	
1998	I do not believe closing Oak Grove is in the best interest of the community surrounding Oak Grove.	3/5/2026 7:33 AM
1999	The clusters and building large schools in the cross keys cluster does not make economical sense. The elementary schools in this cluster are under capacity in old buildings. So building a 1400 seat elementary when the existing 600 seats cannot be filled makes no sense. This cluster has a historically transient population. However, schools such as Ashford Park, Vanderlyn, and Kingsley have a steady and growing population. The investment needs to go in new buildings in these clusters.	3/5/2026 7:33 AM
2000	Agree with closing vanderlyn and kingsley, more equitable	3/5/2026 7:28 AM
2001	I think it's short sighted to make judgments based on a 5 year estimate. I think the scenario overlooks and ignores the educational and social benefits of the size of some of these schools. I think the plan will also negatively affect housing markets in some communities - which will further the issues the you have now.	3/5/2026 7:27 AM
2002	I wish you were more focused on why enrollment is down and why families are opting for private school or homeschool (e.g., dissatisfaction with screens in school, not enough recess, too much testing, etc.) BEFORE jumping to the conclusion that you need to close all these schools	3/5/2026 7:20 AM
2003	Closing or consolidating schools should not be considered as long as there are students enrolled in them. Schools are essential community spaces, and reducing them disrupts students, families, and neighborhoods. According to the district's own projections, enrollment will shift in the coming years, your plan is for 6-7 years. By then, the students currently in elementary school will have moved on to high school. Closing schools now to address a temporary shift in enrollment may create new capacity problems later and unnecessarily disrupt current students.	3/5/2026 7:15 AM
2004	I understand why this needs to happen and the cost saving with the decline in enrollment. My hope is it happens gradually starting with older high school kids. The elementary kids have formed their relationship and learning the basic fundamentals to life/learning/friendship. I believe it will disrupt their learning/trust and they will have to start over. Such as in kindergarten. Most of the elementary kids have been in the same school since 4 years old and that's all they know. They're already nervous about middle school. I just believe elementary schools should be off the table. Start with Middle/High School kids are more adaptable by this age.	3/5/2026 7:11 AM
2005	Consolidating schools will cause overcrowding and less reasonable class sizes.	3/5/2026 7:07 AM
2006	Great	3/5/2026 7:03 AM
2007	I think this is crazy and will make crime rate go up in dekalb county	3/5/2026 7:02 AM
2008	I am not sure how some of these schools are going to be expanding students and if that is going to involve renovations. It seems like a lot of students being added to schools that already have limited space physically.	3/5/2026 6:53 AM
2009	I understand the need to update districting lines as well as school allocation to meet the needs of a changing population, however closing this many schools and creating mega schools is not the right approach. Children need a smaller learning environment where all teachers and faculty know their students. This is something lost in these bigger schools. Further Midvale is absolutely one of the highest achieving elementary schools and would be a total travesty to have that school taken away. Recent renovations has already taken place and Midvale and if there absolutely had to be an expansion Midvale has the space and a large field to do it. Midvale and other surrounding schools MUST stay small for the sake of communities and parental support. If resources are a bigger issue I'd be willing to pay more in taxes to allocate to the resources needed to provide for our changing population. I am such a big supporter of the public school system and want to see it thrive. We can do better.	3/5/2026 6:52 AM
2010	Dunwoody High School is over crowded and out of space. Trailers have been used for years to deal with the overflow but the facility is too small for the number of students enrolled.	3/5/2026 6:51 AM
2011	Brockett is in my neighborhood and is an important part of our community.	3/5/2026 6:45 AM
2012	Facilities always need to be updated.	3/5/2026 6:45 AM

2013	I don’t think you should close Oak Grove Elementary. It is a very good school that is currently at full capacity. Families move to Dekalb County to be part of this school based on its reputation. If you close it, it will have a negative impact on the housing market and will displace many families.	3/5/2026 6:40 AM
2014	We need more teachers different learning aspect, bring in more opportunity for the kids as far as home economic learning about credit	3/5/2026 6:31 AM
2015	I believe that the schools selected for Dunwoody for closure and expansion are great choices.	3/5/2026 6:21 AM
2016	As a long term Dekalb resident, Why in the world would you close a top 10 Elementary School in Dekalb. Why wouldn't you study why that school is successful and take it to other schools? It makes no sense.	3/5/2026 6:19 AM
2017	the student participation is going to drop the teachers are going to leave there are already to many kids in one class and they are worried about having ieps and what others are saying not only that it is inconvenience the parents that are products of the community and the community as a whole now we have to worry about how they are going to get there what about parents with two or more children. its not a good idea.	3/5/2026 6:19 AM
2018	I think it’s going to bring a lot of violence with students and over crowded classes	3/5/2026 6:19 AM
2019	Base	3/5/2026 6:16 AM
2020	Muy buenas instalaciones	3/5/2026 6:02 AM
2021	Ashford Park Elementary School has grown because of the tremendous support and partnerships the school has developed with the Brookhaven community. Closing this school does not alleviate the district's need to close underpopulated schools.	3/5/2026 5:49 AM
2022	I believe moving to larger schools, while more efficient, does not make schools more effective, especially in the primary grades. A model of smaller neighborhood schools provides a culture that meets the needs of younger students.	3/5/2026 5:27 AM
2023	I don’t agree at all. Ok many school closures effecting black and brown children. This will lead to overcrowding.	3/5/2026 5:22 AM
2024	I understand that it is prudent stewardship of public funds to anticipate consolidation in light of decreased enrollment. A school facility not being fully utilized due to decreased enrollment must be addressed.	3/5/2026 5:20 AM
2025	I do not understand why Evansdale Elementary is targeted to close. It serves several nearby communities and it does bot have empty seats.	3/5/2026 5:17 AM
2026	It seems as if the schools are closing more in the south end of Dekalb. Why are those children being asked to be uprooted from the community in which they reside. Also working parents have to drive further to attend school events or just to pick their children up from school.	3/5/2026 5:09 AM
2027	No comment	3/5/2026 4:39 AM
2028	I want to understand why most of the school are in African American communities	3/5/2026 4:25 AM
2029	I do not think that the approach that DCSS is taking is correct. Education needs to be the first consideration. DCSS needs to look at the cost of Central Office, etc. Tremendous waste has occurred in the last quarter century with corrupt superintendents. Neighborhood schools are crucial in education.	3/5/2026 4:08 AM
2030	My concern with consolidation is higher student to teacher ratio, these kids are already struggling with the number of students in a classroom now, the impact will be detrimental to their learning. my second concern is safety of having babies (PK) with older kids can cause safety concerns.	3/5/2026 2:22 AM
2031	I feel as though the school is overcrowded and not enough attention is put on the students	3/5/2026 1:47 AM
2032	Do not combine middle school with high school students.	3/5/2026 12:52 AM
2033	Schools in nearby neighborhoods should not be closed, according to predictions. Other activities (school breaks, summer school), should be provided on school breaks.	3/5/2026 12:52 AM
2034	The initial scenarios start from the premise that facilities should drive decisions, but that approach ignores the real issue families are raising: trust and educational quality. Closing	3/5/2026 12:36 AM

	neighborhood schools to consolidate students into larger buildings may reduce operating costs, but it risks worsening the very problems that are already driving enrollment decline—large class environments, weaker school communities, and declining academic outcomes. Families are leaving the district because they want stability, accountability, and strong instruction, not larger and more impersonal campuses. Before pursuing closures and “cascading use,” the district should focus on improving instructional quality, restoring effective teaching practices, and rebuilding community confidence. Without addressing those root issues, consolidation will likely accelerate the loss of students rather than solve it. Our family specifically has already decided to send our children to private school (although they‘ve attended our local Dekalb public schools since Pre-K, for over 8 years but we‘ve had enough).	
2035	The Tucker cluster for the most part has a great group of elementary schools so my concerns are not of the mindset that we should remain open, while others close. I’m sure my kids would receive a quality education at either Midvale or Livsey. We have friends at both. With that said, I can’t emphasize enough the value a neighborhood school plays in the overall health of a community. When the opportunity to purchase a home within walking distance of Brockett became available a few years ago, we jumped at the chance. The benefit of being able to walk as a family to/from school each day has had so many benefits for our family- the quick walk helps my daughters mentally prepare for the day and burn a little energy so they are able to focus when they get to school. The walk home has a similar effect allowing them to do the same after sitting in a classroom all day. We have some of our best family bonding during these 10-15 minutes. Furthermore, these walks have enabled us to build our own community by meeting and engaging with neighbors and other Brockett families that we likely wouldn’t get to know as well. We came from a school in Florida that had over 700 kids and despite my efforts to engage through volunteering with the PtA and in the classroom, we were not able to build a similar community and support system. Instead we were treated as a number. The initial argument for closing schools is the cost of upkeep, however we’ve been told that the buildings will be repurposed and used to house other programs run by the district. As such, one would assume that the district would still be faced with the costs to maintain these buildings. This contradicts the districts primary argument for closing schools. Finally, along those lines, I worry about the impact on our property taxes closing schools will have. If special attention and care is not given to what happens to the closed buildings, thee is a high chance that these abandoned buildings will encourage graffiti, breaking and entering, and trespassing.	3/5/2026 12:32 AM
2036	Disappointed on the potential school closure of McLendon Elementary. Wondering where we will be rerouted.	3/5/2026 12:29 AM
2037	I support scenario 1	3/5/2026 12:09 AM
2038	Consolidation proposal is ok.	3/5/2026 12:09 AM
2039	Too many elementary schools on the list and too many in South DeKalb. I do not like the idea of pushing more students whom many are already failing into larger environments where they will continue to be left behind and underserved.	3/4/2026 11:55 PM
2040	We would not like our school Ashford park elementary to be closed down. The school community, students and teachers are doing a great job and it would be a shame to close it down. The strength of school is too big to be consolidated to other schools without affecting the learning integrity and progress which students are achieving at this school.	3/4/2026 11:49 PM
2041	Seems great	3/4/2026 11:41 PM
2042	A lot of homes are being built all around dekalb county with a lot of new homes. What happens in the future if our population booms due to the affordability within the county and proximity to the city. Are we limiting our ability to scale in response to real estate expansion?	3/4/2026 11:39 PM
2043	Small, neighborhood elementary schools have been shown to positively impact learning outcomes. Perhaps we should consider reducing programming in an effort to preserve small schools. I also think that the proposed ES closures in Tucker should be re-examined with an eye to current crowding, space to expand, community investments, ending the IB program at Midvale (which would auto automatically be eliminated since authorization is site-dependent) and momentum in academic success, as comparing Midvale to other Tucker ESs.	3/4/2026 11:33 PM
2044	This is absurd and careless. You expect me to trust decisions made my criminals and those that harbored them?	3/4/2026 11:25 PM
2045	Would like to see redistricting in tandem with the closer scenario 1.	3/4/2026 11:18 PM

2046	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/4/2026 11:07 PM
2047	The school is not good with telling the truth to parents that is not good at all.	3/4/2026 11:04 PM
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2049	I think its a bad idea to close majority of the elementary schools in Tucker to create a mega elementary school that will have huge class sizes and not enough support for each individual student.	3/4/2026 10:53 PM
2050	School closures or consolidations can have significant ripple effects, including: Disrupting established school communities and relationships among students, teachers, and families Increasing travel time and transportation challenges for families Affecting specialized academic programs and extracurricular opportunities Potentially increasing class sizes in receiving schools If consolidations are necessary, I encourage the district to prioritize the following considerations: 1. Protecting Academic Programs Schools with strong academic programs, magnet programs, or specialized offerings should be preserved whenever possible to maintain educational quality and choice for families. 2. Minimizing Student Disruption Where consolidations occur, the district should aim to keep students within their existing clusters or feeder patterns to maintain continuity through middle and high school. 3. Community Impact Schools often serve as anchors within neighborhoods. Before closing or consolidating a facility, the district should consider the broader community impact and explore options for repurposing buildings in ways that continue to benefit the community. 4. Transparent Data and Communication Families should be provided with clear data on enrollment trends, facility utilization, and financial impacts so that the rationale behind consolidation decisions is transparent and understandable. Overall, I support thoughtful, data-driven planning that ensures district resources are used efficiently while also prioritizing student outcomes, stability, and strong school communities.	3/4/2026 10:44 PM
2051	I think it is smart to use the cascade method.	3/4/2026 10:43 PM
2052	I am okay with consolidation of elementary schools in my area but DO NOT want kids in my neighborhood being bussed over to Hightower elementary.	3/4/2026 10:38 PM
2053	Since I am not directly impacted, I don’t have any feedback.	3/4/2026 10:37 PM
2054	It doesnt make sense for resources to be scarce the capacity available is 110K and you have 92K student? Was this a typo? If not, then there is a concern on how are the resources are being used	3/4/2026 10:37 PM
2055	Robert Shaw has made some building improvements and we really like seeing the changes	3/4/2026 10:31 PM
2056	Kittredge building is awful. They need a new building	3/4/2026 10:21 PM
2057	While understanding that SOMETHING has to happen, the Ashford Park community was SHOCKED by the initial scenario to close the school. We have such high performing kids and well-equipped teachers and outstanding overall PERFORMANCE. Why would you break that up? This APS community is amazing - from the neighborhood, to the school administration and staff to the kids who walk the halls there. We are hopeful you will LISTEN to our feedback as we to stand together as a community and come up with a scenario that is even BETTER than what we currently have. Keeping this community together is KEY! Keeping this school in its current cluster is KEY! Ashford Park Elementary is thriving...we are lucky that our public school is as amazing as it is and we do not want that to change. If you do, you will loose WAY more families in this area to private school. The uncertainty the DCSD has put on this community trying to slice and dice us up, the rumors the indecision has been horrible. There are so many discussing just leaving DeKalb bc of all the unknown. Don't you care about the schools that are doing WELL? Don't you care about the positive outcomes of your students? All that said, this community can survive this as long as you allow us to stick together. We would be willing to sacrifice our sweet APS to just stay the course to CMS and CHS. Our Ashford Park community put out a survey to our extremely involved parent community. The results were eye opening - by a large majority, we stand behind "giving up" our existing elementary school so that this community can stay together and stay within the Chamblee Middle School and High School Cluster - WE NEED TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.	3/4/2026 10:21 PM
2058	Evansdale is the only elementary school in DeKalb worth keeping open. Livsey is a close second. Lakeside is the only high school worth keeping open, too.	3/4/2026 10:20 PM
2059	Shutting down Kingsley doesn’t make any sense whatsoever. Vanderlyn and Austin are overcrowded and some students could shift to reduce the burden on those schools and fill the need better for Kingsley.	3/4/2026 10:20 PM

2060	I don’t see how the children will benefit from over sized class rooms in buildings that are similarly aged	3/4/2026 10:18 PM
2061	Oak Groce’s utilization and capacity data do not support closure. The district’s stated goal is ~88% elementary utilization. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447/504) and projected at 96% (487 students) in 2026–27. Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years, showing sustained growth. At the current pace, Oak Grove may reach full capacity within 2–3 years. Closing a school already meeting or exceeding utilization targets does not address district-wide underutilization. If Oak Grove closes, students would primarily be absorbed by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 91% utilization (413/456) → only 43 available seats • Briarlake: 73% utilization (350/480) → ~130 available seats Redistributing students here would likely create new capacity pressures rather than improve efficiency. Oak Grove is operating near capacity. Enrollment projections used in closure discussions conflict with the principal’s official budget enrollment. There are over 200 students on the waitlist, including more than 100 kindergarteners — clear evidence of demand. Families are choosing Oak Grove. Oak Grove is our community. This is not a passive community - it is an active partner in public education.	3/4/2026 10:14 PM
2062	I understand and support the scenarios	3/4/2026 10:13 PM
2063	I agree with the Dunwoody scenarios.	3/4/2026 10:10 PM
2064	Oak Grove is one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap. Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district’s goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake’s current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake’s enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity.	3/4/2026 10:10 PM
2065	Neighborhood schools are what public schools attractive. If you take the community out of the school, parents will not be invested and it will have nothing left to make it attractive, ultimately losing more kids to private.	3/4/2026 10:08 PM
2066	As a parent in the Robertshaw Elementary School cluster within the DeKalb County School District, I am concerned about how consolidation may impact our children and families. Robertshaw is more than just a building—it is part of our community. Closing or merging schools would disrupt relationships, routines, and the sense of stability our children rely on. Young students especially need consistency to feel safe and supported. I am also concerned about larger class sizes, longer bus rides, and whether receiving schools will have enough resources to properly support all students. If consolidation is necessary, I ask the district to	3/4/2026 10:08 PM

	prioritize student stability, clear communication, and a smooth transition plan that protects academic quality and emotional well-being. Thank you for considering parent voices in this decision.	
2067	I don’t see the rationale behind closing both Kingsley and vanderlyn or even expanding chesnut. In particular vanderlyn makes little sense. And how on earth do you close ashford park which is so in demand and so full?	3/4/2026 10:05 PM
2068	I think that closing 2 schools would overcrowd the other schools. Kingsley should stay open since they have a higher rate of students attending.	3/4/2026 10:04 PM
2069	Agree that some schools need to close and students move to underutilized buildings. Concerned that no information was given for how that would impact faculty and staff though. Seems like some people may lose their job, especially media specialists and counselors.	3/4/2026 10:04 PM
2070	Parents didn’t feel heard at the last meeting. I’m concerned what it will do to traffic on Womack and Chamblee Dunwoody. Surely others feel the same in their districts and busy streets.	3/4/2026 9:59 PM
2071	Feel closing schools and building onto other schools is going to cause overcrowding and wasted money to build onto these school on small plots of land	3/4/2026 9:56 PM
2072	Oak Grove should not be closed. It’s been a high performing school for years. The consolidation plan includes expanding Briarlake, which is already over capacity. An area that used to be a ball field became a parking lot years ago. Trailers have been added to accommodate more students. The school site is not large enough to expand, nor are the other nearby schools like Sagamore. Keep Oak Grove, Briarlake and Sagamore as they are. If needed, rezone kids from Briarlake and Sagamore to make them all the right size without trailers.	3/4/2026 9:50 PM
2073	We love Oak Grove elementary. It is part of the community. We would be devastated if it close. It’s such a staple in the neighborhood so many children have grown up there and so many children in our neighborhood attend.	3/4/2026 9:50 PM
2074	Very concerned about how it will be feasible to find a new school for all of the 700+ Ashford Park kids if the building is closed. There are 3-4 schools in close proximity (John Lewis, Dresden, Montgomery, Doraville United, but dividing this community doesn't geographically make sense. The commute to Montgomery would be very stressful(trust me I used to sometimes take that route to work during morning drop off time and it's already horrible). Sending more kids that way would be unsustainable to the community. Shifting some of our kids to other nearby schools, John Lewis and Dresden, gives me concern that they are lower performing schools. and worried my kids wouldn't get their needs met there (my oldest is currently in the gifted program). In the presentation at noon last Thursday, the HPM guy acknowledged that there is risk in change (ie risk of people not being happy with the change). In our area, there is a serious risk for losing so many families to other options if we are rezoned into a poorly performing school which would leave the schools underutilized and break apart our amazing community. If the Ashford Park building must get closed, I would ask that we are able to stay within the zone of Chamblee HS, are able to move somewhere together as a community (ie not change the current boundaries that tie our student corhort together). If you would consider keeping the school open with goal to reduce overcapacity, you could consider sending kids north/northwest of Peachtree to Montgomery (they would keep access to a well performing school). In this option it would also be important to keep Ashford Park in the Chamblee cluster with rezoning.	3/4/2026 9:49 PM
2075	Ashford is overcrowded we need to expand the school not closed!	3/4/2026 9:47 PM
2076	Dear DCSD Reps, Evansdale Elementary has been a shining star in my life this year. After years of anticipation, my child started Kindergarten there this year. Every time I enter the school, I feel the pulsing heart of our community. I know you can't place numbers on the value of community, so I do have feedback that is specific and targeted as requested, but I also want you to understand how much more than a dot on a map our school is for my community. The diversity, the cultural exchange at school events, the incubator environment that provides elementary age students a place to feel safe while preparing for success in middle and high school. I do feel like there was a missing piece of community engagement earlier in this process, but as it is, here is my feedback on the initial scenario presented: 1. Evansdale Elementary is above the threshold for attendance set by the district. In fact, enrollment is projected to increase by 2030. 2. Evansdale Elementary School sits on a large lot (10+ acres) and is an excellent option for renovation and expansion as it does not sit on a busy street. 3.	3/4/2026 9:45 PM

	Redirecting current Evansdale families to the proposed expansion schools (Livsey, Hawthorne) greatly impacts traffic in areas that are already gridlocked during school drop-off and commute times. In fact, Tucker recently reduced lanes on the primary route to Livsey Elementary to reduce traffic volume, but the now two-lane road is at a standstill from the time school is out through early evening. There will be more than the school communities impacted by this shift. 4. The French DLI program continues to grow and has taken root in our community. The French teachers have been stellar and we need Evansdale to remain in the French pathway in the Lakeside cluster. What a unique experience Dekalb offers for students here, so much work has gone into setting it up for success and sustainability. 5. Our school has been passed over several times for capital improvements, yet this is now being counted against us. We have a strong support system at the school who are passionate about finding funds and will be happy to work with Dekalb to find partners in funding for any needed improvements. This community of parents and supporters just want to be heard. We share a passion for the success of children and the ways that schools create an identity for a community. We want face time with decision-makers and not to worry that our concerns being painstakingly entered into this survey are just entering the void. Will anyone read this? Please consider real engagement with our communities before moving forward. I thank you for your time and consideration.	
2077	We need oak grove - such a great achiol	3/4/2026 9:43 PM
2078	Smaller classroom sizes is also beneficial to students learning. Please make sure all cons are also being considered that impacts education.	3/4/2026 9:39 PM
2079	Wanted to express concern over the potential closing of our community elementary school, Oak Grove Elementary. My sister and I were students in the 2000's-2010's, our parents built their house across from Lakeside High School so they could send their children to this school district. Though I understand upper grades of Oak Grove Elementary struggle meeting numbers due to the presence of local charter and private school institutions like The Globe, Cliff Valley, Kittredge Academy, Woodward, GAC, etc. , there is surely not a lack of resources or financial support from the community or PTA. Oak Grove, situated within the proximity of Sagamore, Hawthorne, and Briarlake elementary schools, is higher socio-economic area, with many parents working at emory healthcare, the centers for disease control, and children's healthcare of atlanta— which has opened their new campus in fall of 2024 even closer to our community, bolstering new construction projects, housing, and economic opportunities in our neighborhood. The Oak Grove community is lucky to benefit from being so close to the I-85 corridor, with access to key points of industry and education around the atlanta area. Generations of oak grove eagle alumni care about the forward progress and prosperity of the school, and it would crater our small but prosperous community if the institution were to be shuttered. To keep upper grade elementary students at oak grove, increasing rewarding, mentally stimulating activities and programs would be beneficial. More gifted program opportunities, more 4H field trips within the state to promote immersion and hands on experiences with our state's ecological diversity, and access to quality for the STEAM program like at Henderson mill elementary school. Increasing unique opportunities, learning and bonding experiences for students will heighten their propensity to stay within the school system through their graduation. Also, heightening the quality of safety, security, and learning at the feeder middle school (Henderson Middle School) will increase parents comfort levels and they will be more willing to let their children finish their time at Oak Grove instead of searching for alternative options for their student's middle school transition. There are surely more opportunities for further funding for extracurricular activities, learning resources, and student support within our community that have yet to be harnessed. We strongly ask that you reconsider the proposition to close Oak Grove Elementary, and appreciate your attention to the matter.	3/4/2026 9:39 PM
2080	I don't like idea please keep school open	3/4/2026 9:38 PM
2081	I'm unsure about it	3/4/2026 9:37 PM
2082	The neighborhood schools are what make DeKalb special. My kid has thrived at Oak Grove. He has had access to lots of programs and activities. The principal knows his name and cares about him. His former teachers still look out for him and check on him. Small schools create community and culture that builds up to the high school.	3/4/2026 9:37 PM
2083	I'm in favor of it but understand the concerns of parents who would be directly affected. I also believe that concentrating resources would be helpful, but class size is most important to me.	3/4/2026 9:29 PM
2084	I'm shocked that Oak Grove Elementary is in the list. Its enrollment is growing and expected to be at 96% next year. I give school tours and there are so many in the waitlist hoping for a	3/4/2026 9:26 PM

	spot. It is one of the top schools in the county. The parent involvement is amazing. The scores are high. The neighboring schools (Briarlake and Sagamore) do not have enough space for all the students.	
2085	I would like to understand what research has been done to identify the reasons for declining enrollment. What review of curriculum, staff, school calendar, and school resources have been reviewed in this process? I also do not see a definition of the term “educational adequacy” - if this is a primary reason for potential school closures, what does it mean and why do certain schools have lower educational adequacy? What is the root cause?	3/4/2026 9:22 PM
2086	I do not think more students should be added into a school together.	3/4/2026 9:21 PM
2087	I believe if cedar grove get minor changes to it to hold 6-12 it would be good to me. If the money can save up, it can be use for transportation, nutrition services	3/4/2026 9:20 PM
2088	I would prefer that the two tier system be PK-6 and then 7-12. Seems the right kind of balance all around and how schools used to be organized. Please consider teachers who are parents and how possibly teaching at a different school from the one your children attend could also stretch and place stress on that staff member who must deal with multiple campuses regarding transportation and extracurricular activities.	3/4/2026 9:18 PM
2089	Horrible idea	3/4/2026 9:17 PM
2090	If it benefits the students and staff then I’m all for it	3/4/2026 9:16 PM
2091	Why not expand some of the strong neighborhood schools. Evansdale has land and the space to expand.	3/4/2026 9:16 PM
2092	The closure of Vanderlyn gives me concerns that you will be over crowding both Dunwoody Elementary and Austin Elementary. The data provided shows that Vanderlyn sits at ~85% capacity, with Dunwoody and Austin both between ~78-82% capacity. You are proposing to move ~450+ children to schools that “may” be able to handle the load. This type of move if it doesn’t work out perfectly has an outsized impact on children - compared to older students that may have to balance moving between a main school building and other buildings (trailers or other). I’m also generally concerned with the projections purely based on what I see happening in my neighborhood. I have two children who will be attending Vanderlyn, with no less than 7 homes within a block of me turning over from families who’s children are grown to families with additional prospective, future Vanderlyn attendees (infants and toddlers). Couple that with a broader movement to Dunwoody and the usual movement of empty nesters out to young families and my concerns about the potential closure of Vanderlyn placing too much stress on 2 other schools is exacerbated.	3/4/2026 9:16 PM
2093	Please do not close Ashford Park Elementary!! This school is a staple in the area and a wonderful place for kids to learn. We have lived in Ashford Park for half a decade and the school is the heart of the neighborhood and so important to the health of the neighborhood and surrounding area. Please do not close the school but consider building it out further, investing in a place that invests in future generations.	3/4/2026 9:16 PM
2094	I think it all depends on how the consolidations are handled. I understand the need, but I also believe that access to schools needs to remain equitable across all regions. We live in a low income area and our elementary school is one of many schools in low income areas that are being considered for closure. I think that it would be catastrophic for communities that are already at a disadvantage (economically, socially) to be further estranged from educational opportunities and so if consolidation is the most viable solution, the process of rezoning needs to be handled carefully and with broad, diverse community input. I fear that schools in more affluent areas will be the ones kept open because their test scores are higher, the community has more time/energy to spend combatting closure, etc. This would be, in my view, a worst case scenario and would only further exacerbate the structural inequities that are part of ATL’s infrastructure.	3/4/2026 9:14 PM
2095	I am concerned that school consolidations would lead to “mega schools” which would take away individuality and would decrease effectiveness of instruction.	3/4/2026 9:12 PM
2096	While I do understand that measures need to be taken to make our district more cost effective, I do not believe that many of the round 1 scenarios are in the best interest of the students across the district. While many south end schools are underutilized and need consolidation, that is not the case with the north end schools. The north end of the county is growing at a	3/4/2026 9:12 PM

	much faster rate that your data suggests and the county needs to look at growing facilities in area 1 not closing any of these schools.	
2097	Transportation becomes the main issue in this scenario. How are families that are currently able to walk to school or get on a quick bus able to get to school if it is not local? Are there plans to keep the unused buildings / facilities updated in case enrollment increases again?	3/4/2026 9:10 PM
2098	Horrible plan	3/4/2026 9:09 PM
2099	I support the plan as long as the potential traffic issues will be adequately addressed.	3/4/2026 9:09 PM
2100	Crowding and Capacity: Concerns exist regarding whether consolidated sites can adequately handle the influx of students without significantly increasing class sizes.	3/4/2026 9:09 PM
2101	Need to keep the best rated schools. Older and small schools looked at to repurpose	3/4/2026 9:08 PM
2102	It makes more sense to redistrict than it does to close some school and expand others. The savings could be more effectively used for renovations.	3/4/2026 9:04 PM
2103	It seemed ok. I think it is important to consolidate schools because it allows more funds to go to education and less to facilities maintenance. Closing poorer performing schools and schools with less students nearby makes sense.	3/4/2026 9:04 PM
2104	As a teacher in a building that is over 60 years old and slated for replacement, I believe the health and safety of our students and staff should be the first determining factor on school closures.	3/4/2026 9:04 PM
2105	It is not a good idea to close these high performance schools. These schools that have very good milestones results, uplift our community, keep students in public schools and increase property values. The schools in the area on the expansion list, need more infrastructure support beyond just. expansion. Huntley Hills lacks reliable HVAC and plumbing. The school needs to be rebuilt from the ground up. I also don't quite see why both Montgomery and HH need to expand. these two schools are both close together. If anything it makes more sense for either HH or Montgomery to close and keep AP.	3/4/2026 9:03 PM
2106	While equity is an important goal, simply moving students from one school to another does not guarantee improved outcomes. Investments should be targeted toward school improvement, not penalizing successful schools and families	3/4/2026 9:03 PM
2107	I appreciate the thoughtful scenarios	3/4/2026 8:57 PM
2108	I would like the DeKalb County School Board to recognize that there are real children and families affected by these changes. Previously, I served on the principal advisory committee before the onset of Covid. I have four children; currently, two are enrolled at Vanderlyn, one is a graduate of Vanderlyn, and one is a hopeful future student of Vanderlyn. My seven-month-old daughter was diagnosed with stage four cancer at the beginning of Covid. The DeKalb County School Board opted to remain closed longer than any other school district, even after a safe and effective vaccine became available. My family was forced to enroll our third grader in private school, which was extremely costly and stressful, as I had to work as a Covid frontline physician to afford two years of private education so that we could take my daughter to chemotherapy, surgeries, and appoinments. Now that my daughter is in kindergarten and can attend Vanderlyn, she is flourishing. She is now a wheelchair user, and we reside directly across the street from the school, making accessibility crucial for her self-esteem and ability to thrive. We specifically chose not to relocate to Fulton County because of our proximity to the school. Forcing a disabled wheelchair user to attend a large school with busy hallways on a special-needs bus, which, due to county regulations, is separate from the other buses, is not in my daughter's best interest. In fact, compelling children to attend large mega schools at this age is not in the best interest of any elementary school child. Furthermore, there are 450 children attending Vanderlyn at 86% capacity. There are insufficient spots at Austin and Dunwoody Elementary combined, so where do you intend to place our children? I would be amenable to the expansion of Vanderlyn, as we had significant enrollment numbers prior to Covid. I am awaiting a response from someone at the School Board who will consider what is best for our children rather than what appears favorable on a numerical chart. Our children are not merely numbers.	3/4/2026 8:53 PM
2109	Facilities are great! Elementary school still feeling new. Great gathering spaces. I will there were more analog clocks instead of digital in hallways. Peachtree gifted programs isolated in trailers which is nice	3/4/2026 8:48 PM

2110	Please, do NOT close Oak Grove Elementary	3/4/2026 8:47 PM
2111	I do understand the need to consolidate resources because of the lack of students. In some cases, I feel it is smart to do so for example closing some elementary schools with lowerenrollment and moving those students together to one school. However, as a veteran teacher, my concern is overloading classrooms. In some school districts were 32 is a normal size for an elementary classroom. I feel is too large to have successful learning 25 to 27. Students is an optimal number for elementary.	3/4/2026 8:47 PM
2112	I think that before the decision to close schools is made the district needs to consider rezoning. Also another scenario to consider would be to make elementary schools K- 7, high schools 8-12, and put all pre-k students in their own schools.	3/4/2026 8:44 PM
2113	I don’t like it! Coralwood helps so my many children with disabilities. The teachers and staff at both Coralwood and Midvale are amazing at their jobs and great with our children.	3/4/2026 8:43 PM
2114	Ode estudia mi ijo es la escuela 🏫 mejor i esta serca de mi por lo tato es lamejorqe ay	3/4/2026 8:42 PM
2115	More info will need to be collected to make a decision.	3/4/2026 8:41 PM
2116	I do not like the idea of consolidations. The schools all have communities that have been built and developed over many years around the school community.	3/4/2026 8:41 PM
2117	I think the school system should concentrate on areas where schools that are under enrolled and have been for the last 10 years have cost DCSD approx $1B or more in lost state funding. The enrollment projections do not take residential and rental development in many areas where school closure is proposed. Closing schools in District 1 will result in a further decrease in enrollment when dissatisfied parents leave DCSD for private options and take the schools choice money with them. The cost will be monetary and will result in collapsed community identities across the the north end of the county.	3/4/2026 8:38 PM
2118	DHS is considerably overcrowded and landlocked.	3/4/2026 8:35 PM
2119	I think Vanderlyn should be closed and the land given to Dunwoody High School. The kids at Vanderlyn should be distributed between Austin and Dunwoody Elementary.	3/4/2026 8:34 PM
2120	I'm all for consolidating facilities. It would be ideal to be able to put resources into fewer buildings but you actually have to maintain the schools you keep.	3/4/2026 8:34 PM
2121	The consolidations are strategic and supported.	3/4/2026 8:34 PM
2122	I’m concerned about crowding at Montgomery as we already have trailers	3/4/2026 8:33 PM
2123	I live right next to Kingsley and just started sending my daughter there for Kindergarten. My biggest concern is the HVAC system. It was supposed to be fixed this year and then just before the SAP was announced, they cancelled the project? So are we supposed to wait 6-8 years, my child's entire elementary career, without a working HVAC system? It's horrible that she has to learn and teachers have to work in these conditions, especially when it was about to be fixed! I would rather you just close the school next year than continue with a broken HVAC! Planning for the aging of buildings is something that will always have to be considered. Unless the building will be torn down soon, I don't understand why the project to fix the HVAC was withdrawn and where that money is going to go now. It is situations like this that push parents to remove their kids from the public schools and lead to the declining enrollment in the first place. Crowding kids into fewer schools is not going to fix that.	3/4/2026 8:33 PM
2124	I support this change if it benefits the greater good.	3/4/2026 8:29 PM
2125	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district’s goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove us already at 89% utilization(447 students / 507 capacity) and projected at 486 students in 2026-27(96).	3/4/2026 8:29 PM
2126	Best for the students l	3/4/2026 8:28 PM
2127	I think it’s great that buildings will be newer and remodeled, but I don’t think students learn effectively when elementary schools have over 500 students. Keep schools small. I don’t understand how empty seats cost money since there is not a child in that seat you aren’t spending any additional money on that child other than facilities. If the county can afford 6 million in office space, they can afford to keep schools small. Admin can work remotely. We also need more speciality schools so parents don’t have to enter a lottery for a charter school.	3/4/2026 8:28 PM

2128	We moved to our current residence for the SOLE purpose of having our children attend Oak Grove elementary. Putting the school on the chopping block is heartbreaking.	3/4/2026 8:27 PM
2129	I think closing several elementary schools seems like a necessary. Even in my area of dekalb county, where schools are at higher capacity, buildings are too small (all have trailers) and buildings are in disrepair. Transitioning middle schools to elementary schools and etc. seems like a good plan.	3/4/2026 8:26 PM
2130	This is a bad idea.	3/4/2026 8:26 PM
2131	Keep Ashford park open!	3/4/2026 8:25 PM
2132	I believe schools should be closed only if resources only if consolidated resources is used to maximize performance in areas of underperforming schools.	3/4/2026 8:25 PM
2133	Close vanderlyn for DHS expansion	3/4/2026 8:22 PM
2134	Keeping the neighborhood model of elementary schools and smaller schools/ classrooms is preferred to create a sense of community.	3/4/2026 8:22 PM
2135	Fear of overcrowding	3/4/2026 8:20 PM
2136	Please do not close Midvale Elementary School - we love our community and our small school. Consolidating Midvale with other schools will negatively impact our students and their experience.	3/4/2026 8:17 PM
2137	I understand the need for school closures and the desire to reallocate funds to meet greater needs and opportunities. However, I'm not in favor of this decision because my daughter attends McLendon and has truly thrived there since being selected through the lottery. We are zoned for Idlewood, and it simply did not meet her needs. While I realize my perspective is personal, I want my daughter on the Druid Hills career pathway. Since I cannot afford to live in that area, McLendon has provided her with the best opportunity to access that path and succeed.	3/4/2026 8:14 PM
2138	Evansdale Elementary has a bigger lot size and facility for students, faculty and community especially for extra curricular events. Better parking and safety in a neighborhood that can accommodate increased cars during events. People move to this neighborhood because it's community with Evansdale school. That means more families and more children that will attend Evansdale.	3/4/2026 8:13 PM
2139	I believe it is a terrible mistake to alter one of the greatest things about the DeKalb County School System - neighborhood schools. I believe that the closure of neighborhood schools will lead to an exodus of young families and accelerate the declining enrollment.	3/4/2026 8:12 PM
2140	it's hard to believe 2 two refenced schools which are nearly at capacity and have wail list for new students are considered for closing to meet requirements of other local schools.	3/4/2026 8:11 PM
2141	Data-driven	3/4/2026 8:11 PM
2142	Ridiculous to close Ashford Park when it's been the shining star of DeKalb County schools for many many years. It has tremendous community support, great faculty, and what should be most important, is delivering a high quality academic experience to the students.	3/4/2026 8:09 PM
2143	I don't like it. I think it will make class sizes larger.	3/4/2026 8:08 PM
2144	Please don't close Vanderlyn	3/4/2026 8:04 PM
2145	I think the consolidations will significantly have a negative effect on the county, parents, and neighborhoods. The proposed closures are based in neighborhoods and meet the needs of those residents' children. These closures will 1) negatively impact the ability for parents to work if they have to drive further than a few miles to their current zoned school; 2) negatively impact the home values of the homes surrounding the schools. Dekalb county does not maintain the currently closed schools, an example of this is the old Globe school on Haywood Drive, trash is everywhere and there is no upkeep of the building or surrounding land. The impact to schools forced to get larger will significantly negatively affect the residents in those areas. With a significant increase in car volume for drop off - those roads will become unsafe for walkers and bikers and likely lead to student injuries. It will create significant congestion for residents in those neighborhoods to commute to work. These are neighborhood schools and the roads surrounding them were designed for local residents. All of this will increase costs to Dekalb county and lower home values. And there is no plan put forward for how the shuttered	3/4/2026 8:04 PM

	school buildings will be used and will likely sit shuttered for years. Dekalb County residents do not want our tax dollars spent in this fashion. It is not cost effective and it will not improve the education of our students or the communities of shuttered or expanded schools.	
2146	I support data driven decisions and am fed up with rich parents pushing back to undermine decisions that help the whole system.	3/4/2026 8:02 PM
2147	I worry that closing small community elementary schools, like Midvale, only push those kids into already overcrowded schools with trailers. That also increases student size and teacher to student ratios, which are already too big.	3/4/2026 8:02 PM
2148	I am deeply heartbroken at the possibility of Kingsley closing. When I joined Kingsley, I did so with the full intention of making it my “forever school”. Over time, this school has become far more than a workplace — it is a community built on trust, relationships, and continuity. Generations of families have entrusted us with their children’s education, well-being, and sense of belonging. Parents return year after year with younger siblings because they believe in the culture and care that define Kingsley. The connection between staff, students, and families here is truly special and unlike anything I have experienced elsewhere in my career. It is a community that has been intentionally cultivated and is worthy of preservation and investment. While I understand the broader logistical considerations that may be influencing this decision, I see firsthand the daily impact of this school on our children and families. The uncertainty has been deeply unsettling for our community. On a personal level, this potential closure affects not only my professional future but also my family’s stability. As both a teacher and a parent at Kingsley, I have been working diligently balancing two part time jobs to establish long-term roots in this area because of how strongly I believe in this school. The possibility of closure creates profound uncertainty about the path forward for my child and for me. I respectfully urge the district to carefully consider the lasting impact this decision would have on the students, families, and educators who call Kingsley home.	3/4/2026 8:01 PM
2149	Why are most of the schools slated to be closed considered Horizon schools? How will students who are behavioral challenged be affected. How does look for class sizes and teachers?	3/4/2026 8:00 PM
2150	No clue what this is	3/4/2026 7:59 PM
2151	Oak Grove has been a great school and the students have high test results there. I don’t believe it should close.	3/4/2026 7:59 PM
2152	I feel that Oak Grove is an amazing school and i don’t believe it should close.	3/4/2026 7:59 PM
2153	I strongly oppose the closing of Ashford Park Elementary. I strongly recommend a new construction building on the same site. Alternatively, move the Ashford Park Elementary zone IN ITS ENTIRETY to Kohn Lewis Elementary. Move the current John Lewis students elsewhere.	3/4/2026 7:58 PM
2154	I agree to Scenario 1 for the Dunwoody cluster.	3/4/2026 7:57 PM
2155	The initial facility if great, but it could desperately utilize upda.	3/4/2026 7:56 PM
2156	Ashford Park elementary is overcrowded with terrible facilities. All of the students should be consolidated into John Lewis elementary beautiful new school.	3/4/2026 7:55 PM
2157	Some consolidations may be needed. Or maybe it is better to repurpose some Schools.	3/4/2026 7:55 PM
2158	If Oak Grove closes students would need to be absorbed by Briarlake & Sagamore Hill .Sagamore only has 43 seats available. Briarlake has approximately 130 seats available. Together they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students, without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding or facility expansion.	3/4/2026 7:55 PM
2159	I think Kingsley elementary should remain open and close Chesnut. The traffic on N Peachtree is terrible with the middle school. Chesnut land could be used for sports facilities. Would vanderlyn land be used for Dunwoody high school? Will Hightower elementary be rezoned for Doraville? This would help with overcrowding at middle and high school.	3/4/2026 7:49 PM
2160	I like utilization of cascading for HS to MS and MS to ES. I like that Sagamore Hills remains and would be expanded, its in a nice central area to many neighborhoods. It could also use some updates and security	3/4/2026 7:49 PM
2161	I understand why it needs to happen but how does it affect the teachers?	3/4/2026 7:48 PM

2162	In theory it makes sense to consolidate, but family size does tend to fluctuate. I think right now people are keeping their families small because costs are so high. Also, there is a higher amount of people leaving the country than coming in. This is due to the current political climate, which is likely to change with a new administration.	3/4/2026 7:44 PM
2163	I am agreeing with the school scenarios.	3/4/2026 7:41 PM
2164	DO NOT CLOSE THIS SCHOOL.	3/4/2026 7:40 PM
2165	N/a	3/4/2026 7:39 PM
2166	I agree that some consolidations are necessary for funding and adequate/modern more updated facilities. But politics should not play a role as to where students should attend school.	3/4/2026 7:39 PM
2167	These recommendations were ill-advised at best. The exact financial goals of this exercise / SAP have not been shared explicitly. The inputs were inaccurate and drove false outcomes. Furthermore, releasing any scenario without fully vetting with the local SAP members / board members was tremendously short sighted and bordered on mass incompetence. The feasibility of closures does not explicitly share where that student body goes and what the different allocation pathways / options are. Finally, the firm selected to do this work is a construction management advisory company. You are impacting student learning, communities, and financial outcomes that the “leadership” in DeKalb nor the consulting firm have the ability to comprehend. TLDR: this process and quality of the recos are a joke.	3/4/2026 7:39 PM
2168	Concerned about all of the closures in South Dekalb	3/4/2026 7:37 PM
2169	Please don't close Ashford Park.	3/4/2026 7:34 PM
2170	schools will be too big.	3/4/2026 7:33 PM
2171	Initial thought: why put a school on the list to close when you are doing $20M in renovations?	3/4/2026 7:32 PM
2172	Rowland Elementary is a school where the students are thriving. The students are excelling in test scores. The teachers love the students and vice versa. It is a sense of community. I would hate for that community to be broken apart. My child is thriving in an environment where reading is the focal point to make these students successful. It would be a disservice to close both schools in an already underserved part of Dekalb.	3/4/2026 7:31 PM
2173	Brockett is a neighborhood school with a growing population. The small size allows teachers and students to feel safe and protected. By moving our kids to a bigger school would break that since of community.	3/4/2026 7:29 PM
2174	I don’t understand consolidating if Ashford Park is currently overcrowded and needs updates to accommodate its current student body.	3/4/2026 7:26 PM
2175	I understand the purpose for them, the proposed consolidation for Kingsley and Vanderlynn. I think it poses challenges to the families of those immediate school communities. I’m curious to see what that means for the chestnut Austin and Dunwoody Elementary School communities that will likely absorb those students I believe all of the boundaries for those elementary schools in that cluster will shift. I’m also interested in what it will mean for the chestnut facilities specifically given that it’s been marked for an enhancement.	3/4/2026 7:25 PM
2176	Students should go to closest school, enabling them to take part in school extracurricular activities.	3/4/2026 7:24 PM
2177	Oak grove elementary is the backbone of our community. Generations have attended. Please please do not close it	3/4/2026 7:23 PM
2178	i feel it's a good idea.	3/4/2026 7:21 PM
2179	I believe that Flat Rock Elementary serves best as an elementary school.	3/4/2026 7:19 PM
2180	Please keep.magnet schools ope	3/4/2026 7:18 PM
2181	Strongly oppose making massive 900 seat Elementary schools. Understand closing some schools but building more out while closing nearly full ones is insane.	3/4/2026 7:17 PM
2182	I don’t agree. But understand. I believe we can be more creative with a solution	3/4/2026 7:15 PM
2183	Some sort of consolidation effort is needed, but I have little confidence that DCS can	3/4/2026 7:14 PM

	successfully pull it off. 20k empty seats didn't happen overnight. This has been trending for quite a while. The presentation seems to be biased away from small schools with no regard for the community unity they provide.	
2184	Please keep Oak Grove ES an elementary school!	3/4/2026 7:13 PM
2185	Sought after school with a wait list of 100 students.	3/4/2026 7:12 PM
2186	Some Ok but this is too many	3/4/2026 7:11 PM
2187	I have very serious concerns about the thought of closing McClendon and expanding Laurel Ridge given the fact that the Lula Hills development alone is expected to have 2000 housing units added to the area. It is concerning to me that a smaller school like Laurel Ridge would be over expanded and become a large school like Fernbank when so many parents selected to live near McClendon or Laurel Ridge with the intention of having a smaller neighborhood school.	3/4/2026 7:11 PM
2188	I support addressing overcrowding at Dunwoody High School and want strong long-term facilities planning across the cluster. Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends and utilization, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. Before any closure decision, it would be helpful to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications.	3/4/2026 7:11 PM
2189	I think closing vanderlyn would make sense to use on the Dunwoody high campus.	3/4/2026 7:08 PM
2190	Vanderlyn should be closed so Dunwoody High School can use that land.	3/4/2026 7:08 PM
2191	Oak Grove is a strong, high-performing school serving a strong, close-knit community. It should not be divided.	3/4/2026 7:06 PM
2192	Don’t put kids into old school buildings that are not up to date or in neighborhoods with high crime rates	3/4/2026 7:06 PM
2193	I support the Scenario 1 proposed plans as they relate to Chestnut Elementary School and the elementary schools in the Dunwoody cluster. CES sits on the largest acreage of land available to DCSD to expand compared to the other elementary school sites in our cluster. ● As traffic on North Peachtree has been questioned as a potential issue, we feel it important to share that due to the CES site location, any redesign could easily include a reconfiguration for new access point(s) off Peachford Rd. This is something the PAC has previously advocated for to improve overall school safety and traffic conditions. ● CES’s geographical location creates the most equitable access to elementary schools across the City of Dunwoody. Based on Scenario 1, the three remaining elementary schools would be geographically spread out to best serve students across Dunwoody [i.e.: northeastern side of Dunwoody (via Austin), central Dunwoody (via DES), and the southeastern side of Dunwoody (via CES)]. ● Removing an elementary school from the southeastern side of Dunwoody would adversely affect, and potentially impact educational outcomes, for a large number of Dunwoody residents that reside in the thriving multi-family communities of our city. These families are an important part of the CES community, and many of these families can best engage with their elementary school due to the walkability and public transportation corridor that CES’s location provides. ● CES’s proximity to Peachtree Middle School further enhances our thriving educational corridor in the Dunwoody cluster by allowing efficiency in shared resources and facility utilization. ● The CES community deserves to be served by a facility similar to the other schools in our cluster. CES has the lowest Building Adequacy Score (67.4%) of all Dunwoody cluster schools. The Building Adequacy Score is a measure of how well a facility aligns with desired standards by school type. Meaning, DCSD can continue to fix issues at our ageing building, but the building itself no longer best fits the needs for delivering exceptional educational services to our students. ● CES knows how to successfully deliver exceptional educational services to a diverse population. CES is one of the most diverse elementary schools in the Dunwoody cluster, and we believe it is extremely important that CES continue to execute what it knows how to do for these families. As evidence of this, CES is a GA Distinguished School and in the top 5% of all Title 1 schools in the state of Georgia. I support expansion opportunities for Dunwoody High School to help alleviate its overcrowding, which would help ensure that all families in the City of Dunwoody could be served by one high school, which strengths our entire Dunwoody community. As all Dunwoody cluster elementary schools roll up to the same middle and high school, we want the best opportunities and outcomes for our students even	3/4/2026 7:04 PM

	after they leave CES. Better utilization of the available land around DHS would best serve all families within the City of Dunwoody.	
2194	I believe that Scenario 1 provides the greatest benefit to families in my neighborhood.	3/4/2026 7:04 PM
2195	It does not impact my children or anyone I know well, so I don't have a negative response to current scenario.	3/4/2026 7:04 PM
2196	You all are speaking on the closures but not where the children will go if all these closures happen, and it's all the major schools in mostly one district it's not widespread throughout DeKalb County.	3/4/2026 7:03 PM
2197	Closing Ashford Park would be a devastating mistake. The Ashford Park community is one of the best and strongest. We moved here for this school. We never would have bought our home here had the school not been here. Closing this wonderful neighborhood school would have dire consequences. We strongly believe this school can be renovated. The land might be smaller than other schools, but it can absolutely be done. Ashford Park should be rebuilt before other schools are expanded. We have seen examples of other schools on the closure list being rebuilt. It feels completely backwards that a school overflowing with families would be closed down. This neighborhood loves its school. Dekalb county is trying not to have empty seats. Closing Ashford Park would lead to a massive amount of families leaving the dekalb public school system.	3/4/2026 7:03 PM
2198	No consideration has been given to the communities involved or to the quality of some of the schools involved.	3/4/2026 7:02 PM
2199	My children attended Oak Grove Elementary and its small size is appropriate for the age group of children. They had an excellent experience with teachers and a had a strong feeling of community there. They developed good fundamentals for the future. Young children need to go to school close to their home and benefit from parent volunteers. They can meet neighbors and form lifelong friends. Oak grove has always ranked well in academics. It is well attended. There is no reason to close it or any of the surrounding elementary schools.	3/4/2026 6:59 PM
2200	I do not agree with closure.	3/4/2026 6:58 PM
2201	Consolidations make sense.	3/4/2026 6:58 PM
2202	It is not a wise decision we need neighborhood schools	3/4/2026 6:58 PM
2203	Clean, bathrooms old and dirty	3/4/2026 6:58 PM
2204	I hate to see a beautiful SchoolMint like McNair Middle be repurposed it was meant for students. McNair Middle could be K-8.	3/4/2026 6:51 PM
2205	Please do not close Oak Grove Elementary. It is the reason many people have moved or will move into the neighborhood.	3/4/2026 6:48 PM
2206	It appears that the southern end of the county is more impacted than the northern end. This continues to perpetuate the practice of hurting our children in terms of resources (school facilities, resources, faculty, etc.)	3/4/2026 6:47 PM
2207	There is value in children attending schools in their neighborhood. When you close neighborhood schools, you are cutting out the very foundation of a neighborhood. Parents, teachers, churches, police officers, small businesses, etc. is what holds neighborhoods together. It's not fair to the children to bus them to other children's neighborhoods. It's not fair to the parents who have to go outside their neighborhoods, not by choice but because someone thought their school didn't make the cut to exist. When that child needs the be picked up early, due to illness, etc. remember parents have to go farther and will not be able to just be there in 5 minutes. If the child miss the bus then it would be a lot harder to get the student to school if the school is farther away. I'm not sold on the root cause of the problem, as presented. I think more work needs to be done to show enrollment per grade level. The district needs to root cause why parents are pulling their children out of school and at what grade is the mass exit occurring. I can see this being an endless cycle because the district hasn't truly determined the root cause of the issue at hand. The major elephant in the room is taxes. Will the school tax line item decrease because of these measures? If the answer is no then I'd rather work with the inefficiency than continue to pay sky high taxes while at the same time hurting parents, children, and teaches.	3/4/2026 6:47 PM
2208	The cascading concept may not be the only framework for decision making. It seems to	3/4/2026 6:47 PM

	introduce problems that then require changing grade band scenarios. Some questions: 1. How have decisions been made in the past about closing schools and deciding which schools deserve maintenance and building improvement? 2. Why has academic performance of existing schools not been considered? 3. Why have teachers not been considered in the decision process? Some changes may mean losing the best teachers. 4. To what extent are the various scenarios locking in past errors in school facilities planning?	
2209	DeKalb County will jeopardize the number of students that attend its schools, as many parents in high performing schools (like Oak Grove Elementary) whose children are moved to other schools in this consolidated scenario will move their kids to private school, therefore threatening DeKalb County's academic performance. Oak Grove also receives significant philanthropy from the families in the neighborhood - this will also be threatened. Oak Grove and other schools in this plan have a longstanding ties and links to their neighborhoods.	3/4/2026 6:45 PM
2210	I live in the community serviced by Oak Grove Elementary school. Losing this wonderful community school would be devastating for the community.	3/4/2026 6:44 PM
2211	Where will the smaller children go if the scenario closes all the schools in the area? Why take the kids so far away from home??	3/4/2026 6:43 PM
2212	Closing oak grove elementary doesn't seem to make sense. From what I can tell, it's a high achieving school with strong community support and in close proximity to its students and high school. The other closures seem to be focused on low adequacy and far proximity, which makes more sense to me.	3/4/2026 6:43 PM
2213	The initial scenario is a travesty... timing of the release with the February break, lack of transparency around meeting purpose/timing, rushing of timeline into Phase 2, use of entirely inaccurate data, suggesting closing schools without providing any plan (and budget) re where all these students would go, lack of attention to actual school performance, initiation of potentially massive changes with a temporary superintendent, hiring a firm with a clear conflict of interest who stands to benefit from construction... the list could go on. People buy homes for the elementary schools. We stayed during COVID for OGE. To close one of your best elementary schools... there is no rational argument to do so.	3/4/2026 6:43 PM
2214	It's hard to evaluate without a proposal of what happens to the closed elementary schools. Why would overcrowded Ashford Park be closed? Where is there capacity to absorb those students?	3/4/2026 6:41 PM
2215	In Dunwoody, if this proposal is driven by high school facility needs rather than elementary inefficiency, and if future enrollment shifts may relieve this pressure, closure should not be assumed as the default solution. The Dunwoody cluster cannot be evaluated using the same framework as clusters with multiple under-enrolled campuses.	3/4/2026 6:40 PM
2216	you can just copy paste this: I support the Scenario 1 proposed plans as they relate to CES and the elementary schools in the Dunwoody cluster. CES sits on the largest acreage of land available to DCSD to expand compared to the other elementary school sites in our cluster. ● As traffic on North Peachtree has been questioned as a potential issue, we feel it important to share that due to the CES site location, any redesign could easily include a reconfiguration for new access point(s) off Peachford Rd. This is something the PAC has previously advocated for to improve overall school safety and traffic conditions. ● CES's geographical location creates the most equitable access to elementary schools across the City of Dunwoody. Based on Scenario 1, the three remaining elementary schools would be geographically spread out to best serve students across Dunwoody [i.e.: northeastern side of Dunwoody (via Austin), central Dunwoody (via DES), and the southeastern side of Dunwoody (via CES)]. ● Removing an elementary school from the southeastern side of Dunwoody would adversely affect, and potentially impact educational outcomes, for a large number of Dunwoody residents that reside in the thriving multi-family communities of our city. These families are an important part of the CES community, and many of these families can best engage with their elementary school due to the walkability and public transportation corridor that CES's location provides. ● CES's proximity to Peachtree Middle School further enhances our thriving educational corridor in the Dunwoody cluster by allowing efficiency in shared resources and facility utilization. ● The CES community deserves to be served by a facility similar to the other schools in our cluster. CES has the lowest Building Adequacy Score (67.4%) of all Dunwoody cluster schools. The Building Adequacy Score is a measure of how well a facility aligns with desired standards by school type. Meaning, DCSD can continue to fix issues at our ageing building, but the building itself no longer best fits the needs for delivering exceptional educational services to our students. ● CES knows how to successfully deliver exceptional educational services to a	3/4/2026 6:40 PM

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2217	We hope to keep the school as a whole party and move to the current John Lewis Elementary School facility.	3/4/2026 6:37 PM
2218	Undecided	3/4/2026 6:36 PM
2219	I believe the consolidation is about more than just low enrollment. It seems like the majority of the schools being closed are in African American neighborhoods.	3/4/2026 6:36 PM
2220	I think expanding Chesnut is a great idea and I think current Chesnut families shouldn’t be moved to another school!	3/4/2026 6:33 PM
2221	I don't like the idea of closing elementary schools and moving kids to an already crowded school. My son has learning needs which is already hard enough in a class of 24 kids. It's going to be harder to learn in a class of 28 or more kids, test scores will go down, and enrollment will drop further.	3/4/2026 6:33 PM
2222	One of the most crowded schools (Ashford Park) in the county is one you want to close? We need more seats in this area, not less. Some of the schools with majority empty seats should be the ones to close and consolidate. The crowded schools need more in the area.	3/4/2026 6:32 PM
2223	While I understand you're starting with just facilities. It's hard not to think about how this is going to impact students - especially those who have more support needs (neurodivergent, IEP, 504, physical disabilities, cognitive disabilities) Having larger schools seems to always lead to these children having a harder time getting needs met.	3/4/2026 6:31 PM
2224	I am not a fan of the consolidation of our elementary school. The class sizes currently feel perfect without any fear of overcrowding. The teachers are able to better develop meaningful relationships with their students. If the plan is to add 250+ students to elementary schools under 500 students, then overcrowding and class sizes will certainly become an issue.	3/4/2026 6:31 PM
2225	The traffic is going to be catastrophic with this plus the mall.	3/4/2026 6:27 PM
2226	I am in support of the proposed facility changes	3/4/2026 6:27 PM
2227	Laurel ridge seems to be a healthy size unsure what expanding would do to the surrounding playground and woods and things	3/4/2026 6:23 PM
2228	Oak Grove Elementary is an essential neighborhood school, creating connections between children, families & other community members. I strongly support keeping Oak Grove open.	3/4/2026 6:22 PM
2229	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary. They are serving the needs of the community and have a waitlist for enrollment.	3/4/2026 6:20 PM
2230	Robert Shaw is a very prominent school and it is very important to keep it up and alive. This school has raised, taught and educated families, children and communities. In doing so, they have created leaders, doctors, nurses and more that I know personally and now my child is attending Robert Shaw Theme School. This school is immensely important and valuable to parents, teachers and students. This would break the hearts of the community and students as well as parents who have attended Robert Shaw and now having their own children attending this school.	3/4/2026 6:17 PM
2231	The cascading use makes sense in addition to consolidation.	3/4/2026 6:15 PM
2232	Some do not make sense. Ashford Park is a newer building with a large population. Oak Grove has rising enrollment. It could not possibly be combined with Sagamore without significant expansion there. Plus it is one of the highest performing ESs.	3/4/2026 6:14 PM
2233	I'm sad that the district has made decisions that make it an unpopular choice for parents but understand that adjustments need to be made.	3/4/2026 6:13 PM

2234	I think the consolidations do not consider the impact of neighborhood schools especially in the southern end of the county where the majority of changes will take place. I think that the changes will negatively impact students because it only considers building numbers and not the demographics/social economic/races affected. It's very tone deaf to the idea that there are "two Dekalbs" separated by race and finances.	3/4/2026 6:13 PM
2235	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. As a new resident moving into the community, I plan to send my children to Oak Grove Elementary, contributing to the increasing trend. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/4/2026 6:12 PM
2236	I do not support the proposed school consolidation scenario. I am concerned that closing or combining schools may negatively affect students, especially African American children and other vulnerable groups, by disrupting learning environments, community connections, and access to resources. I believe the district should explore other options that maintain school stability and promote equity for all students.	3/4/2026 6:12 PM
2237	Worry about having kids in classes in trailers	3/4/2026 6:11 PM
2238	This is ridiculous to close so many schools in the same zones.	3/4/2026 6:10 PM
2239	Schools need to be closed	3/4/2026 6:09 PM
2240	Not enough information has been given. You suggest closing schools based on small capacity and others can be expanded. Overcapacity schools that draw in new high- achieving students and successful teachers should not be punished. Why expand a school like Montgomery ES over Ashford Park? The parking situation is not much better and the constraint of a massively transited road is not a positive to prospective parents.	3/4/2026 6:08 PM
2241	Please don't close the school we drive out of our way to attend	3/4/2026 6:07 PM
2242	I am in agreement that Kingsley and Vanderlyn should close and Hightower should leave the cluster. It makes sense. Chesnut should be made bigger and the vanderlyn campus should be used for expansion at Dunwoody high school	3/4/2026 6:05 PM
2243	My grandchildren attend all the schools I've checked. This will effect there education and not in a good way.	3/4/2026 6:05 PM

2244	I do not feel that combining the elementary schools into one building at McNair Middle. KLES has traditionally performed well due to the small community feeling. The staff has been more than welcoming and they know each and every student.	3/4/2026 6:03 PM
2245	Closing Ashford Park is not well thought out. The school is bursting and is over capacity. It is full of parents who are involved in the neighborhood. The foundation provides where the county cannot. A combining with John Lewis could be a better option with a lower and upper school. Splitting Ashford Park between lower performing schools will only send more families to private and ultimately hirt the middle and high school. Chamblee High school is one of the top performing high schools in the County and that does not need to be sacrificed.	3/4/2026 6:03 PM
2246	I'm not convinced that the initial facilities scenario has been planned with the community in mind. I understand that we are trying to conserve resources and do what's best for all students, but combining community/neighborhood schools into mega elementary schools is not the answer.	3/4/2026 6:03 PM
2247	I think they could use some improvements to the green areas and some of the facilities.	3/4/2026 6:03 PM
2248	Where will the students go? How will the staff being divided, especially the elective teachers? Some students are fully involved in certain programs at their school and the teacher is the glue that keeps the student involved.	3/4/2026 6:01 PM
2249	I think Chesnut is perfect for expansion. It's on 11 acres of land and those kids should feed right into peachtree middle	3/4/2026 6:00 PM
2250	Oak Grove elementary was such a special place to me. So many memories and great teachers. I would hate to see this wonderful school, not be available to future students. June June 8 is the 12th see Easton play have you ever played in Cooperstown? We can only play that when you're 12 you should go play that you should go play this summer cause you can you can you can still do it Coopertown if we're gonna go see Easton play and then we're gonna go to baseball Hall of Fame and we're gonna go see Niagara Falls	3/4/2026 5:59 PM
2251	N/a	3/4/2026 5:56 PM
2252	I strongly disagree with Ashford Park being on the list, especially with no logical plan on where those students would go. The domino effect of closing Ashford Park on the community, home values, the educational opportunities for students, public school enrollment (many kids would go private or move), and Dekalb tax revenue would be immense. I acknowledge that the building itself is old and overcrowded. It seems a better plan would be to change the $25M renovation to a more robust rebuild that would expand capacity or to shift the Ashford Park zone to the current John Lewis Elementary facility while maintaining the Chamblee cluster alignment. I would be open to either of these pathways. My top priority would be keeping our trajectory to Chamblee MS and HS.	3/4/2026 5:56 PM
2253	I am fine with it	3/4/2026 5:49 PM
2254	See below	3/4/2026 5:49 PM
2255	I think it makes sense where utilization is very low, but I strongly do not believe that creating mega schools for elementary age students is what is best for the kids or families.	3/4/2026 5:46 PM
2256	I don't support it without more explanation around how it will reduce inequity.	3/4/2026 5:43 PM
2257	It's a shame, but understandable in terms of operating a large school district. However, it's concerning as to the cause of the lack of enrollment.	3/4/2026 5:43 PM
2258	While closing elementary schools near me would probably negatively impact my home value, I agree that change needs to be made. I encourage changes to be thoughtful, though, and consider long term impacts.	3/4/2026 5:41 PM
2259	It's not clear how money will be saved or diverted with school closures. The whole premise of the plan seems flawed	3/4/2026 5:40 PM
2260	This this scenario has lots of negative impact. The traffic around the new bigger schools will be huge worse than it already is! People like us who bought our homes in a neighborhood based on the schools we have decreased property value if we no longer have those schools students will have to travel further, and it will be a bigger burden on all the parents.	3/4/2026 5:39 PM
2261	Keep Oak Grove Elementary.	3/4/2026 5:39 PM

2262	The proposals are based on suspect and arbitrary data. Mr Richter at HPM has a history of making the same types of proposals over and over again, with little proof of success. Proposing to close high-performing schools with significant parent and guardian involvement (not to mention significant financial investment through the school foundation) makes little sense. Oak Grove may need some basic improvements to things like HVAC but to close it completely and instead expand Sagamore Hills would harm the communities in both districts. Oak Grove's enrollment is steadily growing.	3/4/2026 5:39 PM
2263	I understand the need to close schools that do not have the acreage to expand, however, Vanderlyn is the #2 elementary school in the district. I worry that closing it means losing that ranking in thr state-wide data. Ashford Park is exploding and desperately needs tk be redone/right-sized it it doesn't get closed.	3/4/2026 5:38 PM
2264	I understand the need to operate facilities efficiently. I think it's very important we keep the schools we feed into for middle and high (Ashford park to feed Chamblee middle/high). I could support if we move to a very close by school (like John Lewis for AP) but major shifts stands to harm the quality of education and the property values in the area. I fear the lack of attendance will get worse and many will wind up opting for private options instead given the affluent area.	3/4/2026 5:38 PM
2265	No concerns	3/4/2026 5:37 PM
2266	Our school has a very high utilization rate but is proposed to being closed. It is also high performing and I worry that closing it will disrupt that.	3/4/2026 5:37 PM
2267	The initial facilities consolidations look OK	3/4/2026 5:30 PM
2268	I think traditional elementary cluster k to 5 should be separated. There is too wide of a range of physical and developmental gap.	3/4/2026 5:29 PM
2269	My initial thought as a educator in a parent is that it has lessened the classroom sizes and made them smaller, which is a good thing for instruction, even though it may not be cost-effective for the county it's good for the children	3/4/2026 5:26 PM
2270	I feel that the property values of the vacant properties (from the last round of closures and consolidations) could provide addl revenue to keep schools at lower class sizes.	3/4/2026 5:26 PM
2271	one concern is what happens if the housing market rebounds and there's an influx of students in the future. will the kids be reshuffled again? will additional schools be constructed?	3/4/2026 5:26 PM
2272	I am disappointed in learning that Ashford Park Elementary is on the school closure list BUT I understand that it is a very old and small school. I honestly would be ok with relocating the school staff/students to another location and would be ecstatic if they could all stay together as a community. We have staff/educators who have been at the school for many, many years because the parents work really hard to support them. They are excellent teachers who genuinely care about our children. ABOVE ALL ELSE!!, I want the community to remain in the Chamblee high school cluster. My husband and I moved to Brookhaven before we were married and purposely purchased our home here in 2011 before having our first child in 2013 mainly because we firmly believe in public education and wanted our children to attend Chamblee high school. If we thought that we could possibly be redistributed to another cluster we would have purchased in Chamblee.	3/4/2026 5:26 PM
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2274	This entire plan is LUDICROUS! Does Dekalb County think employees are totally BLIND to how many worthless county office people they have been hiring (while the schools are constantly short handed). Are they purposely TRYING to run off all of our great teachers to other counties? Not to mention the families that are leaving in droves because of total mismanagement. Evansdale is a very successful neighborhood school and needs to remain OPEN!	3/4/2026 5:25 PM
2275	Keep Vanderlyn!!! Vanderlyn is an amazing elementary school and is in a great location on a shared campus with Dunwoody High!	3/4/2026 5:24 PM
2276	It seems like certain areas of Dekalb were targeted.	3/4/2026 5:24 PM
2277	Consolidating schools to cram kids like sardines into these buildings may be good for the budget but it is not good for the kids. Please remember that your job is not to manage a real estate portfolio but to manage the education of children. What is best for the kids may not always be what is best for the pocketbook but what is best for the kids needs to outweigh the pocketbook. I understand budget constraints and needing to work within those; at the same time, punishing neighborhood schools for buildings that you have neglected and then cramming them into buildings that may have enough "seats" but do not have enough ROOM - carpool, lunchroom, playground, auditorium for performances, etc. is not okay. Evansdale already has lunch starting at 10:15am because there isn't enough room in the lunchroom regardless of how many "seats" are in the school. and to be clear I'm not advocating for closing Evansdale, I am advocating for leaving these smaller, neighborhood schools as they are and investing in the building updates they need. Smoke Rise combining with Idlewood has been a disaster and families are fleeing that school in droves because it does not have the infrastructure to support the "seats". Please stop looking at seats and dollars and start thinking about the entire experience for the children attending these schools.	3/4/2026 5:23 PM
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2279	I don't believe it would help the students by moving them around and closing schools.	3/4/2026 5:22 PM
2280	I am ok with certain consolidations, but the district needs to be sure that these consolidations will not displace or put low income families at a strain for resources and transportation.	3/4/2026 5:21 PM
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2282	I feel that the potential closing of APES is not the correct path. I certainly agree that the facilities are old however the need and location of the school is right in line with the neighborhood and the families that the school supports. I feel that updates can be made to the existing school on the existing property while the school stays in operation that will serve the community for many years to come.	3/4/2026 5:20 PM
2283	Closing high successful elementary school with high parent involvement does not seem to make sense - please keep Oak Grove Elementary open - fantastic neighborhood school - kids walk and ride bikes - loyal longtime teachers	3/4/2026 5:19 PM
2284	There seems to be a concentration of closures in the south dekalb area. I would like a plan that includes keeping South dekalb area active.	3/4/2026 5:19 PM
2285	I think it's time.	3/4/2026 5:19 PM
2286	Very unhappy with how this was done. Schools are a lot more than buildings. Making these decisions without considering the impact on the programs in the schools, the communities, even traffic patterns is not logical.	3/4/2026 5:18 PM

2287	I strongly oppose the DeKalb County School District's (DCSD) proposal to close 27 schools as part of the Student Assignment Project led by HPM, without first exhaustively exploring alternative cost-cutting measures. This hasty approach risks unnecessary disruption to communities, especially when evidence shows consolidation often fails to deliver promised benefits. First, the academic literature on school consolidations is clear: it does not reliably support significant cost savings or improvements in student achievement. Studies, such as those from Arkansas and Mississippi, reveal null or modest financial gains at best, often offset by hidden costs, including increased transportation costs and administrative inefficiencies. Academic outcomes fare even worse, with research indicating short-term disruptions and no long-term boosts in proficiency or graduation rates. In DCSD's context, with enrollment declines tied to broader trends, closures could exacerbate inequities without addressing root issues like chronic absenteeism or low reading scores. Moreover, HPM's plan is fundamentally flawed in its projections. It primarily relies on declining birth rates while ignoring major drivers of DeKalb County's population growth, such as immigration and in-migration from urban areas. The county has seen a 1% annual population increase, fueled by diverse families and economic opportunities, which could reverse school enrollment drops. The proposal also neglects traffic patterns, potentially worsening commutes and absenteeism, and overlooks ongoing multi-family housing projects that will add hundreds of school-age children in high-growth zones like Doraville and Stonecrest. Instead of closures, DCSD should prioritize non-disruptive savings: energy-efficient upgrades (saving 10-20% on utilities), optimized transportation routing (cutting 5-15% from budgets), shared services with neighboring districts, and streamlined procurement. These could yield $50-100 million annually without uprooting students. I urge the board to demand a comprehensive, inclusive analysis before proceeding—our children's education deserves better than a shortsighted plan.	3/4/2026 5:18 PM
2288	I am disappointed in the list of closures as most are, I think the lack of information on where students would be rezoned to is making the situation more stressful and frustrating	3/4/2026 5:18 PM
2289	Strong, stable elementary environments are important for students and communities, and I would like to better understand how this proposal supports long-term cluster planning. I support solutions for high school overcrowding, but it would be helpful to see complete modeling on reassignment, receiving school enrollment and capacity, transportation, and feeder impacts before decisions are finalized.	3/4/2026 5:15 PM
2290	Worried about the closing date of primarily schools on southside of county and bussing minority students across the district. I wish we could put money into these schools since north side of county has several foundations to support. Don’t like the idea of 900-1,000 students in elementary schools. Keep as many 400 neighborhood schools as possible	3/4/2026 5:15 PM
2291	Too many schools being considered for closure. I am concerned about overcrowding and the ability to handle more students in the future. I do agree that Laurel Ridge could be expanded to accommodate more students in the immediate area.	3/4/2026 5:14 PM
2292	We have many children in our neighborhood who attend Oakgrove Elementary and our 3 children went to this school. Excellent school with very well qualified teachers who provided a great learning experience for our children.	3/4/2026 5:14 PM
2293	It would be a mistake to close Oak Grove Elementary	3/4/2026 5:12 PM
2294	I would like to know what will happen to the staff if this happens at these schools	3/4/2026 5:12 PM
2295	Please dont close our neighborhood schools, and please allow the matriculation to stay static	3/4/2026 5:11 PM
2296	I think the initial facilities scenario makes sense. It seems to be balanced and take into effect the realities of demographic changes. It affected schools throughout Dekalb County.	3/4/2026 5:11 PM
2297	It seems reasonable but I am not sure of all the ways this impacts parents/students/ the community	3/4/2026 5:05 PM
2298	Closing Ahsford Park makes little sense given the ongoing improvements and community engagement	3/4/2026 5:04 PM
2299	I am open to what the district plan is.	3/4/2026 5:03 PM
2300	If the district’s objective is to right-size elementary schools toward the 600-student efficiency benchmark, Vanderlyn should be evaluated as a candidate for expansion rather than closure. The school is already operating efficiently and, given its shared campus, presents an	3/4/2026 5:02 PM

	opportunity to explore coordinated facility solutions that support Dunwoody High School's needs while preserving elementary access.	
2301	I understand the need.	3/4/2026 5:01 PM
2302	If consolidation allow for more teachers that are better incentivized, smaller classroom sizes (less than 25 students to a class), and a higher quality of maintenance at the schools then I am for it.	3/4/2026 5:01 PM
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2304	Public messaging around SAP has emphasized whole-school transitions, yet discussions indicate Vanderlyn students would likely be split between neighboring schools, if closed. This is not comparable to combining two half-capacity schools and would create significant feeder disruption and transportation impact. If this proposal is driven by high school facility needs rather than elementary inefficiency, and if future enrollment shifts may relieve this pressure, closure should not be assumed as the default solution. The Dunwoody cluster cannot be evaluated using the same framework as clusters with multiple under-enrolled campuses. Before moving forward, families need cluster-specific reassignment modeling, receive school utilization projections, and a clear explanation of why expansion or shared-campus options were not prioritized.	3/4/2026 5:00 PM
2305	I am not in agreement on consolidations. DeKalb is the biggest county in metro Atlanta we need more quality schools not consolidations.	3/4/2026 5:00 PM
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2307	I don't feel the schools should close at all this will affect the kids at the schools	3/4/2026 4:56 PM
2308	keep Oak Grove Elementary school open	3/4/2026 4:54 PM
2309	This set of scenarios reinforces inequities that already exist within DCSD. Closing schools in areas with lower enrollment, leads to fewer families moving into the area, leading to event lower enrollment. Turning McNair Middle into an Elementary School would be a major resource loss for the community - on top of being incredibly expensive to retrofit for elementary students. Getting MMS was a major community battle. The former building was falling apart before students got the new building - and it was built with the promise of access to the best of the best - labs, technology rooms, courtyards for outdoor classrooms, dance class space, etc. To take that from the community and turn it into an Elementary school (when our community already has a brand new elementary building) is disrespectful. If space is an issue - consider limiting the number of out of neighborhood students attending Obama. If that is not a consideration, it makes me wonder what the actual goal here is. It seems like the district finds ways to take the best of our community and offer it up to others. Only to leave us with leftovers.	3/4/2026 4:54 PM
2310	I agree that some of the elementary need to close. Also we need more middle schools. I think if children live within a 3 radius that they should continue attending the schools in their radius.	3/4/2026 4:53 PM
2311	I am in favor of closing some schools, particularly the oldest, most aging facilities in our district. But rather than being repurposed, they should be razed. Don't throw any more money at these aging facilities!	3/4/2026 4:50 PM
2312	Specifically for this north cluster I understand why you want to close schools However I don't see how building mega schools will help children as compared to smaller localized neighborhood schools (specifically elementary).	3/4/2026 4:49 PM
2313	I understand the financial strain but am not a fan of having such a wide range of ages (older teens and young kids) together under one roof. It seems unsafe as their needs and maturity levels are so different that it would lend to having un-supportive environments. As an example, Bullying is such a big problem and I can't imagine what a senior in high school could do to a little 6th grader. Just an example. But just developmentally thinks it's great that they are all not together.	3/4/2026 4:48 PM
2314	I am impressed with the level of effort that went into this initiative and with the amount of information that is available for families, staff, and community members to view. Absent any other data, I don't see major issues at this time. However, I do think that in order to be okay with closing 2 of the 5 elementary schools in our city (I know cities are independent of the school system), I would want to know why one was proposed over another, how the system plans to accommodate the expansions, and specific plans for the closed school buildings.	3/4/2026 4:46 PM
2315	it is fine, but you need to increase the size of Dunwoody High School. It is VERY	3/4/2026 4:44 PM

	overcrowded.	
2316	I strongly oppose the closure of Vanderlyn Elementary. This is a community school that serves the needs of the immediate neighborhood. A consolidation with other schools would negatively impact the student experience.	3/4/2026 4:43 PM
2317	I like the consolidations. While it will be sad to see our elementary school closed (Vanderlyn), I am hopeful that the space and facilities can be used for the ever-growing needs of Dunwoody HS.	3/4/2026 4:43 PM
2318	The traffic going to and from Sagamore Elementary is already problematic. It will need to be addressed prior to increasing enrollment at that school.	3/4/2026 4:42 PM
2319	I'm in favor of the consolidation as long as building improvements can be made. Specifically for my area (Montgomery, Chamblee MS, and Chamblee HS), Montgomery needs major upgrades and expansion to remove portable classrooms. Ideally, it would be great to utilize both the 1663 East Nancy Creek Drive school (the current Dunwoody Elementary-which is not in Dunwoody) and Montgomery School campuses as a Primary (PK-3 school) and an Intermediate (4-5th grade school). Move the "Dunwoody Elementary" students from 1663 E. Nancy Creek Drive to Kingsley Elementary in Dunwoody. Closing Ashford Park and repurposing into a Rec Center or another park would be great!	3/4/2026 4:41 PM
2320	The county should be making best possible use of resources and the current numbers support some type of restructuring. The more data the process can gather and share with stakeholders the better the solution. And there won't be a pain-free solution, so all stakeholders being happy should not be a consideration.	3/4/2026 4:40 PM
2321	Oak grove elementary should stand. Very important for the community	3/4/2026 4:39 PM
2322	Don’t care for it as small classrooms support better learning.	3/4/2026 4:38 PM
2323	Consolidation might make sense of there are under utilized schools, but resources and space would be required at the repurchased facilities and future population projecting would have to confirm the change would be necessitated in a decade at least.	3/4/2026 4:38 PM
2324	Oak grove elementary should stand. Very important for the community	3/4/2026 4:36 PM
2325	Closing Oak Grove Elementary will not accomplish the goals stated by the SAP objectives. OGE already maintains a higher utilization score than the schools targeted for closure. OGE's projected student body numbers for next year are 487 students with only a capacity of 504. In fact, OGE already gained extra points to hire another teacher to create a 4th 3rd grade classroom because so many students come and stay. Likewise, trying to send OGE kids to Briarlake and or Sagamore seems ill advised. Neither school is equipped to handle absorbing that number of kids. Having lived in the immediate vicinity of these schools for more than 10 years at this point, I have seen a tremendous amount of new construction and have witnessed the growth of the area. To stunt that growth would negatively impact Deklab as a whole. Likewise, closing OGE does not make sense as it is one of the district's highest performing schools.	3/4/2026 4:35 PM
2326	Consolidations do not make sense to me especially the elimination of Elementary schools in Dunwoody which has always been over populated. The only thing that would make sense is if Vanderlyn was repurposed to support a very over crowded Dunwoody High School and become a 9th grade academy. those students could easily move. However, the closure of Kingsley to an already over populated Chestnut and soon to be over crowded Dunwoody Elementary makes zero sense for a very very crowded community.	3/4/2026 4:34 PM
2327	Please do not close Oak grove elementary. It is a wonderful community / neighborhood school and many families choose to move here and send their kids to this public school rather than residing outside of DeKalb county. We need the tax revenue from areas like oak grove to help all of DCSD.	3/4/2026 4:32 PM
2328	Some of the facilities being closed need to be temporarily used so that schools slated for being added on to can be completely replaced rather than patching up the older sections of the buildings and adding on. For example, in Dunwoody if you close Kingsley and / or Vanderlyn, but want to expand Chesnut. You should relocate students to Kingsley and Vanderlyn, while you completely demolish and build a brand new Chesnut. We patch together too many facilities in DeKalb that should have been replaced with brand new buildings a long time ago. Our	3/4/2026 4:31 PM

	facilities are in an embarrasing state of disary compared to facilites in other metropolitan Atlanta school district.	
2329	It will be too many students for the teachers to handle. There needs to be reassurance that doing this will be a good benefit for the kids. Also look at the cost of living in the surrounding areas of the schools!!!! The costs are way to high for families to maintain! That's the reason why you have the decline in numbers!	3/4/2026 4:30 PM
2330	Briarlake is already incredibly crowded and adding more students to an already crowded school is not beneficial to anyone.	3/4/2026 4:29 PM
2331	I find it disappointing that you are targeting good performing schools like Vanderlyn and Kingsley. Why close schools that are showing good performance/improvement? It is also disappointing to be doing improvements on schools and then close them. That is a waste of money. Also, you note that Chesnut will be expanded to cover the shift in students, but Chesnut already has too many trailers (as do many schools).	3/4/2026 4:29 PM
2332	I believe redistricting should happen first before closures are considered. Redistricting is at least 10 years overdue. For example, we would not have overcrowding at Dunwoody High School today if the district had been courageous about cluster changes. There have been around 8000+ open high school seats at times.	3/4/2026 4:27 PM
2333	If all you're doing is closing schools and moving students, you will not restore public support for DeKalb School System.	3/4/2026 4:27 PM
2334	Elementary schools should be an extension and not a mega school. Additionally, there will be layoff's.	3/4/2026 4:25 PM
2335	Having children busses for minute than 20 minutes in elementary school is a terrible idea. At a high school level, how will those without transportation participate in after school programs?	3/4/2026 4:23 PM
2336	Keep the same	3/4/2026 4:22 PM
2337	Maintaining a good balance of staff to students and space to students seems important. Consolidating seems unnecessary and possible harmful to the students. Oak Grove Elementary is a historically high performing school and should certainly remain open. In addition, closing such a school can have negative economic impacts on property values in the area.	3/4/2026 4:21 PM
2338	It's hard to judge this sccenarion when you all are only providing a fraction of the information or plan that would be needed to truly evaluate it.	3/4/2026 4:18 PM
2339	I agree with some of this but it will affect the students negatively by separating them from their friends and families.	3/4/2026 4:16 PM
2340	• Oak Grove already meets the district's utilization target today (about 89%) • The school is projected to reach ~96% capacity next year • Enrollment has been increasing, not declining • Significant new investment and development in our area has likely not yet been reflected in projections • Academic performance, test scores, and teacher retention were not included as closure criteria.	3/4/2026 4:15 PM
2341	Oak Grove school is very high-performing and important to DeKalb County. Oak grove school is a draw for potential employees moving to the Atlanta area - CDC and Emory faculty applicants typically ask about the public school systems in the area. .Closing or consolidating, the school would be a mistake.	3/4/2026 4:14 PM
2342	I do not agree with closing so many schools. I would never have wanted my kids to go to a large elementary school. I think closing the small neighborhood schools will decrease enrollment further.	3/4/2026 4:14 PM
2343	I do not think the schools should be closed or consolidated. Otherwise, it will cause too many students in a school and possible social eruptions (fighting/negativity due to combining various gang environments).	3/4/2026 4:14 PM
2344	I am sad to think about Oak Grove Elementary school closing. It is part of the community. I attended Oak Grove myself from 1969-1974. I intentionally moved back into this area for the community.	3/4/2026 4:12 PM
2345	Very happy you say nothing is set in stone. It appears that the vast majority of your excess space is in South Dekalb. This is because you have focused all your money there building	3/4/2026 4:09 PM

	beautiful schools and ignoring the northern end of the county that was and, in some cases, still is very overcrowded. For example, the plan does absolutely nothing to address the overcrowding at Dunwoody High. Also, the plan to close small schools in favor of large schools is a mistake. The best things come in small packages. This applies to neighborhood schools. I raised 3 children in Vanderlyn Elementary and I taught for 11 years in a huge school in Gwinnett County. Smaller is better.	
2346	I am very concerned about class size and amenities in the current plan. We selected our home in order to have a local community school - one that we coukd walk to, one with small class sizes, one with amenities and activities for my children. The current plan does not address this concern. Dumping everyone into Livsey will not create a community atmosphere.	3/4/2026 4:09 PM
2347	I would like to strongly advocate for maintaining Evansdale Elementary as a standalone school imor for expansion . Evansdale is not an under-enrolled school according to the State of Georgia’s enrollment benchmarks. Additionally, it is a Magnet school with a thriving Dual Language Immersion program that serves as a signature offering for the district. Our DLI model attracts and retains families, supports multilingualism, and contributes to academic achievement and global readiness for students. Evansdale is also recognized as a 5-Star School Climate school, reflecting a strong culture of safety, belonging, and high expectations. The family-centered environment, combined with consistent school improvement efforts, has resulted in strong community trust and engagement. We have sustained positive momentum through continuous improvement practices and a deeply committed staff. Our diversity is also what makes us unique and special. Closing Evansdale would not only disrupt a high-performing, specialized program, but would also diminish a school community that is stable, supportive, and aligned to district priorities. Evansdale represents a model of how magnet programming, strong culture, and community partnership can coexist successfully within a neighborhood school setting. I respectfully urge the district to carefully consider the academic, cultural, and community impact of any consolidation decision. Preserving Evansdale protects not just a building, but a thriving educational ecosystem that is serving students and families well.	3/4/2026 4:09 PM
2348	I do not support closing any of the local elementary schools. Smaller, community-based schools provide significant value for children at that age, fostering strong neighborhood connections and helping families and students build relationships early on. I would encourage the district to carefully evaluate any proposed changes through the lens of what is best for students and educators, rather than focusing primarily on enrollment counts or capacity metrics. While future family movement is inherently difficult to predict, prioritizing educational quality, community stability, and the overall student experience may better position DeKalb County to retain and attract families over the long term.	3/4/2026 4:08 PM
2349	Ok	3/4/2026 4:05 PM
2350	Quite drastic announcement without any explanation of "how" the initial scenario would be accomplished.	3/4/2026 4:05 PM
2351	I think closing so many schools on our side of town would be a great disservice.	3/4/2026 4:05 PM
2352	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing under utilization. The District's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students/504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026-2027 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2-3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: Sagamore Hills: 413/456 (91% utilization) Briarlake 350/480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2-4 miles includes: Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units: $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. Corporate Square/Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 Planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55-145 additional elementary student over several years. If Briarlake gains: +50 students - 83% utilization +100 students - 90% utilization Continued build out - potentially 90-95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid	3/4/2026 4:03 PM

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2353	My first impressions: In favor of the proposed consolidation scenario. While it may mean Chesnut Elementary expands in student size and facility size, I see this as an opportunity to eventually bring more programs/resources to the school with more space available and better logistics.	3/4/2026 4:02 PM
2354	High performing neighborhood elementary schools in Dunwoody should NOT be closed.	3/4/2026 3:58 PM
2355	I appreciate that change must happen. The status quo isn't sustainable and schools must close. I am grateful to all the work that went into to this process.	3/4/2026 3:57 PM
2356	-With Evansdale Elem. on the closure list, I am concerned about being redistricted from Henderson Middle /lakeside high to tucker middle and high school. We moved to the area for this school district and want our kids to attend Lakeside High School, not Tucker High. Also concerned about the commute to a new school. -concerns for changes in home values as area schools close and assigned schools are changed or redistricted from Lakeside to Tucker -what would the new district maps look like? -major concerns about TRAFFIC PATTERNS on already busy single-lane roads - Chamblee tucker road (livsey elementary and tucker high) and Henderson Mill Rd (Henderson Middle and Henderson Elementary) are already congested with zoned families approaching the school for drop off and pick up. With more families from wider distances coming to the schools, the traffic will be impossible to navigate on these single lane roads. -What happens to the French DLI program at Evansdale Elementary and the building itself within the neighborhood?	3/4/2026 3:57 PM
2357	I believe Oak Grove Elementary should remain as it is, not part of a consolidation.	3/4/2026 3:53 PM
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2359	movement of staff student rezoning support services, connections courses, AP courses, extracurricular	3/4/2026 3:44 PM
2360	While I understand the need for consolidation, the closing Oak Grove Elementary would not be positive for this community.	3/4/2026 3:38 PM
2361	The initial facilities scenario are not in the best interest of families, faculty, and staff in some areas. Our school meets capacity. Closing schools that are under numbers should be examined more closely rather than others that are at capacity. Closing our school to move us to another school and make a larger school doesn't consider the community and the impact for the future. Families move into specific areas because of schools. Changing those schools could potentially make numbers plummet even more.	3/4/2026 3:38 PM
2362	N/A	3/4/2026 3:33 PM
2363	I am not in favor of closing three elementary schools: Henderson ES, Midvale ES, and Brockett ES, in the Tucker area. Tucker is a growing community and these schools will be needed in the foreseeable future.	3/4/2026 3:33 PM
2364	Has enough thought been given to all possible future scenarios, not just contraction of student quantities, but also expansion (additional students). Need more evaluation not just of student quantities per school and possible scenarios, but also school infrastructure, commutes, etc.	3/4/2026 3:32 PM
2365	I do not think schools should be closed. That will put more children into classes and they are already crowded	3/4/2026 3:29 PM
2366	I think it's absolutely ridiculous. Mega schools is clearly what we are going towards. Research shows this is not good and it hinders the ability to make meaningful connections with students. We still have a lot of students. My room is full and elementary schools should stay 600 or less.	3/4/2026 3:27 PM
2367	The charm about Dekalb county is the small schools. Overcrowded schools, more classes, etc. is not student focused.	3/4/2026 3:26 PM
2368	HMES should stay open for or children.	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
2369	I don't want my school to close	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
2370	What does it look like? How will that effect class size?	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
2371	Henderson Mill Elementary should not be closed.	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
2372	I rather keep the school population small	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
2373	N/A	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
2374	Do not close Henderson Mill ES!	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
2375	Please do not close oak grove elementary school	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
2376	I understand that the district is trying to address declining enrollment, underutilized facilities, and the need to invest resources more efficiently. However, I strongly encourage the district to reconsider closing or repurposing Oak Grove Elementary. Oak Grove is an important neighborhood school that provides a stable, close-to-home learning environment for students and families. Closing the school would likely increase class sizes at nearby schools such as Sagamore Hills and Briarlake and could reduce the sense of community that smaller neighborhood schools provide. Many families value the ability for students to attend a school within their immediate community, and that connection contributes to family engagement and student success. While the building adequacy score is listed as a concern, closing the school may not be the only option. Renovations, targeted improvements, or partial repurposing of space could be explored while keeping the school open. In addition, Oak Grove could potentially serve specialized programming or expanded early learning initiatives while maintaining its role as a neighborhood school. The district's goal of strengthening academic programs and reinvesting resources is important, but maintaining strong community schools like Oak Grove should remain part of that strategy.	3/4/2026 3:22 PM

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2379	I don’t want Henderson Mill ES closed	3/4/2026 3:21 PM
2380	I have none.	3/4/2026 3:20 PM
2381	Facilities need work.	3/4/2026 3:19 PM
2382	Consolidation of facilities is going to hurt/ negatively impact the schools that are already struggling with academic performance. Utilizing these other buildings and making classroom sizes smaller should be the focus or intent moving forward to have the opportunity for success.	3/4/2026 3:19 PM
2383	Oakgrove is safe for kids and families and heart of community neighborhood.	3/4/2026 3:16 PM
2384	Some buildings need to close to make sure the class sizes go down.	3/4/2026 3:15 PM
2385	Please do not expand Briarlake elementary. The area is already crowded enough and traffic is terrible.	3/4/2026 3:14 PM
2386	Poorly planned out and lacking actual needs and wants of your taxpayers. Most of us in Dekalb chose our home area based on school zone. Where is the money coming to consolidate schools? Who hired the firm to study this and who hired the construction firm planned? Friends of the fired CEO's perchance? There is so much mistrust from the board's mishandling of affairs, that most people in the community will not support this because of recent events. I have heard that those in the roundtable discussions over the past year have not been heard and that the county is doing what it wants, per usual. I have been a parent for over 20 years in this district and these discussions have torn communities apart. You need to separate each region as each region has its own needs and stop trying to fit us all into the same plan at large. The northern side is overcrowded because it is more desired, so why would you consolidate and shatter strong community support. Why not expand growth here? If the southern portion needs consolidation, look as to why. Graduation rates... Also, let's cut these top-heavy administration roles and admin only facilities before closing 50-year-old community schools. You will tank property values, and parents will continue to pursue private or move into other counties that have more reliable outcomes. Let's take a step back and focus on each region and let's break into those needs. You are doing a disservice to close successful schools in the name of equity, because the tax dollars will come down and that will hurt all of Dekalb County schools. Let's hire a trustworthy CEO and give them a year or two under their belt before investing millions of dollars into mega schools that our small neighborhoods don't support and physically cannot support. Have traffic studies been done? Has the expansion of 285 and that mess been considered? This is why each region, or cluster, needs its own plans so that Dekalb can be better as a whole. With what I have seen so far presented, I have no faith in the plan. The company even called Lakeside High, "Lakewood", in one of their presentations. That is shameful that they can't even get that right. If you asked local families to give their time and input, which you did, then those are the experts that you should be listening to, because they know their micro community best. We should be aiming for the best and highest outcomes of each region, not a one size plan fits all. And, if this has to do with budget, then you should look at the top-heavy admin costs, not to mention the lawsuits and the ex CEOS that are still in our pocketbook. Be good stewards of our tax money. Make each region desirable based on the needs of each region by actually using input from folks in those regions and stop trying to build mega schools in small historical neighborhoods where they don't fit and aren't desired. Also, you really need to start high school later across the board. Studies show that teens of high school age naturally stay up later and they need their sleep. My high schooler isn't tired until after 11 pm but has to get up at 6:30 to catch a 7 bus to get to school that starts at 8:10 that is less than 4 miles away. You readjusted school hours by 10 mins later, but the buses are still coming at the same time. High school should start close to 9 and middle at 8:30 and elementary no earlier than 8. And lastly, you can't even maintain new facilities after they are built, so building new is not the answer. How about checking for residency throughout the school year in the overcrowded regions. There are so many other options, but closing successful desired schools is an unwise choice. Why do we have to address the county all at once? Seriously, consolidate the schools that are underenrolled or figure a way to boost their enrollment before throwing out the baby with the bath water. You have some facilities that are magnet and charter schools that you haven't even considered, as well. And what will become of the empty schools? Blight? Abandoned? Or will they become more admin offices?	3/4/2026 3:14 PM
2387	I am unsure but trusting	3/4/2026 3:11 PM
2388	I hope that the numbers of school closings changes. Larger numbers equal larger class sizes	3/4/2026 3:08 PM

	that will not be beneficial to students.	
2389	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary!	3/4/2026 3:06 PM
2390	I do not agree with closing the school. Less students in a class room will allow teachers to truly focus on the students individually. The resource that are being provided are not enough even at this capacity. Bringing these schools together would make it worse and the schools will now have another excuse not to be able to afford more for the students. Parents are already asked to come out of their pocket a lot to help now.	3/4/2026 3:06 PM
2391	Oak Grove Elementary is a high performing school. Let’s close schools that are not performing well, they can only be better served by change.	3/4/2026 3:06 PM
2392	I think some consolidating schools will add more stress to teachers and classrooms will become more crowded	3/4/2026 3:05 PM
2393	Could be upgraded. The gym is old and outdated. Roof leaks so when it rains there are puddles in the gym	3/4/2026 3:04 PM
2394	I feel that community schools would work better because the consolidation plan could lead to overcrowding.	3/4/2026 3:03 PM
2395	Closing Oak Grove Elementary does not align with the project's stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district’s goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization and projected growth for next year is at 96%. Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. Sagamore Hills and Briarlake do not have the capacity to absorb displaced Oak Grove students without severe overcrowding, which would be hugely detrimental to our students.	3/4/2026 3:03 PM
2396	N/A	3/4/2026 3:02 PM
2397	When multiple ES's are consolidated, the school's current student performance should be considered. For example, the schools with higher performance in terms of benchmark testing and other measures should be kept and expanded. This will preserve the school culture and parent involvement, which will benefit all existing and newly brought-in students.	3/4/2026 3:02 PM
2398	Not aware	3/4/2026 3:00 PM
2399	Not looking forward to consolidations of schools.	3/4/2026 3:00 PM
2400	Do not like it.	3/4/2026 3:00 PM
2401	I understand the logic of the consolidations.	3/4/2026 2:59 PM
2402	The initial facilities scenario seem to focus only on closing schools in the south DeKalb area.	3/4/2026 2:59 PM
2403	As the district considers consolidations, it’s essential to protect and strengthen the original open-campus model that served DCSD for decades. Open Campus is not “just another program"; it is a needed school structure for students who are not succeeding in a traditional setting due to attendance barriers, life responsibilities, or academic/behavioral setbacks at their home school. The flexible class format and clearer attendance expectations create a pathway for students to re-engage, regain consistency, and earn credits toward graduation. Consolidation plans should preserve Open Campus as a districtwide support option, not reduce its access or dilute its structure.	3/4/2026 2:59 PM
2404	I understand changing population numbers but I think shutting down one of the best elementary schools in Dekalb is short sighted. This elementary school is also not losing large amounts of students.	3/4/2026 2:57 PM
2405	I believe it would be a benefit.	3/4/2026 2:57 PM
2406	I think it is great plan, in order to better use what we already have.	3/4/2026 2:56 PM
2407	There are apparently some buildings that are not low in enrollment that are closing.	3/4/2026 2:56 PM
2408	Too many schools are being considered, I feel we need some newer schools in the district.	3/4/2026 2:56 PM
2409	Im very upset to see Oak Grove Elementary on the list of proposed eliminations. This is a highly rated school and the primary reason we moved to this area.	3/4/2026 2:54 PM
2410	Seems like it might overburden smaller schools and create hardship for those living further	3/4/2026 2:53 PM

	away from new locations.	
2411	I have no school age children	3/4/2026 2:52 PM
2412	While it may not be cost efficient, I prefer smaller schools.	3/4/2026 2:52 PM
2413	I think this consolidation will negatively impact out community.	3/4/2026 2:51 PM
2414	I think consolidations is a terrible idea. Many students fell behind due to COVID-19 and no program were put in place for catch up educationally. So smaller class is great for every student.	3/4/2026 2:51 PM
2415	It seems counter-productive to me. Community schools should be community schools. We already have issues with people not believing in their community schools and going private. This makes that worse. You're giving people more of a reason to leave the public school system if there's not a school in their community to choose from or if their school is incredibly over-crowded. For Evansdale specifically, I think it's crazy that it's on the close list when we just went through the pre-K lottery process and we're 13th on the wait list. So there are at LEAST 13 families worth of students who are being turned away and you're saying with this closure proposal that enrollment is declining. We're trying to go to our school and we can't.	3/4/2026 2:50 PM
2416	I am Cedar Grove alumni, so that part made me sad that the name/legacy would not even exist anymore, but I understand	3/4/2026 2:50 PM
2417	Redan ES is a special place with students and families that need a smaller total population for the students and the families.	3/4/2026 2:50 PM
2418	The initial facilities are perfect for the school	3/4/2026 2:49 PM
2419	The Cedar Grove ES and HS are right next to each other. I don't believe this would be the best option to consolidate due to many students having siblings and parents right across the street from each other. I do believe the consolodations may be for the best but realistically we (parents, students, and staff) are the ones witnessing the day to day environment of our schools. We are always promised support but it never pans out the way the district intends. Elementary classrooms are already overcrowded with one teacher for every 25-38 students. While possible this is extremely stressful for all parties. Students cannot realistically received education they deserve this way.	3/4/2026 2:49 PM
2420	Consolidation makes sense only for schools that are under capacity. Schools that are at or over capacity should not be considered for closing as they serve their communities efficiently.	3/4/2026 2:49 PM
2421	none	3/4/2026 2:48 PM
2422	I believe that the county needs to consolidate most of the schools so we can have more teachers and paras.	3/4/2026 2:48 PM
2423	I understand that in order for Dunwoody high school to expand they will need to close Vanderlyn and consolidate that school.	3/4/2026 2:47 PM
2424	I agree with the choice.	3/4/2026 2:46 PM
2425	I feel that if needs to be carefully thought out. Also, consideration should be given to staff to transfer to schools that are convenient to their location and grade preference. Involve teacher input early for selecting schools they would prefer to teach with when changes are finalized.	3/4/2026 2:46 PM
2426	Schools should be merged if the enrollment is low and the receiving school has room and staff to accommodate another school population	3/4/2026 2:46 PM
2427	Need improvement	3/4/2026 2:44 PM
2428	Close some elementary	3/4/2026 2:44 PM
2429	Not too sure about this as well.	3/4/2026 2:44 PM
2430	Its very discouraging news that Ashford Park is being considered for closure. One of the reasons we chose to buy a home in our current neighborhood was because of the school and being part of such a great community. Closing the school will affect property values and have a negative impact in the community.	3/4/2026 2:44 PM
2431	Very thorough	3/4/2026 2:43 PM

2432	I am concerned about students and families that have invested years into magnet programs and how these schools (Chamblee and KMS) will be effected	3/4/2026 2:43 PM
2433	I do not believe in consolidating in schools. It is my belief that community schools work better.	3/4/2026 2:43 PM
2434	Agree	3/4/2026 2:42 PM
2435	Ashford Park could go to Montgomery Elementary and Kittredge	3/4/2026 2:42 PM
2436	I think small class sizes are finally here and the teachers/staff can control the students	3/4/2026 2:42 PM
2437	This would not be a good thing. Our kids will.suffer	3/4/2026 2:42 PM
2438	Community schools have been a major part of the positive learning environment that Dekalb Schools has been able to maintain for an extended period of time. Creating large, overpopulated area schools would hinder the academic success of the district and education experience for students.	3/4/2026 2:42 PM
2439	It has students having to go to new schools with bigger classrooms	3/4/2026 2:41 PM
2440	n/a	3/4/2026 2:39 PM
2441	I like the Pre k through 8th grade scenario. I believe, as a teacher, that elementary teachers could learn a lot from working together with middle school teachers, and coaches on what students should learn to prepare for the middle school curriculum.	3/4/2026 2:38 PM
2442	I realize that the attendance us low but I am concern that so many schools are closing in low income black area.	3/4/2026 2:37 PM
2443	This school is essential in helping my student graduate on his time and at his pace.	3/4/2026 2:37 PM
2444	The idea to expand/renovate/rebuild Chesnut makes a LOT of sense for many reasons: cost per student, district balance (geographically balanced with Austin and Dunwoody Elem), opportunity to move ingress/egress off North Peachtree Rd., just to name three.	3/4/2026 2:36 PM
2445	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake. These two schools do not have the capacity to absorb OGE students. Displacing OGE students to Sagamore Hills and Briarlake will require overcrowding, boundary shifts, and facility expansion . Additionally, the residential growth in this 2 to 4 mile radius over the next several years is significant. Several current, projects including Lulah Hills (North Dekalb Mall redevelopment), Corporate Square/Northbend redevelopment support that this area is growing and prove that OGE will continue to meet utilization goals. Furthermore, the Druid Hills /Clinton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment reinforcing the point that we are experiencing growth in this catchment area. Oak Grove is also one of the highest performing schools in the review group • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/4/2026 2:36 PM
2446	Keep it convenient to get to schools. Some concern with age ranges 6-12 grades given the different needs of those students.	3/4/2026 2:33 PM
2447	I believe financial resources from real estate could be maximized through sales and property exchanges while adding onto the overcrowded schools and providing resources to those under attended schools if logistics becomes an issue.	3/4/2026 2:30 PM
2448	I would appreciate knowing where students will be sent if a building is closed for which we are zoned for.	3/4/2026 2:28 PM
2449	I think the scenario is a good talking point but, believe more research is required. When schools are closed students are shifted but not teachers. What happens is increase in class sizes but I believe a good repurpose would be to create autism and iep based classes to better service all students.	3/4/2026 2:23 PM
2450	I think planning around attendance and boundaries is a good idea to help ensure schools are	3/4/2026 2:23 PM

	not overcrowed or under enrolled.	
2451	Appreciate thoughtfulness, but no additional feedback to share.	3/4/2026 2:23 PM
2452	I am against bigger schools/classes. My child needs the small class sizes (less chaos) He may have mild sensory issues and hyperactivity which currently the smaller class sizes help in this regard. Although my child is not on the bus route yet we did consider using the bus (if convenent), consolidations will ablsolutely lead to longer bus ride times which would be even more inconvenient. As a morning drop off currently there is always the drop-off traffic which will not decrease with the consolidations.	3/4/2026 2:22 PM
2453	Nun	3/4/2026 2:21 PM
2454	I truly believe that the schools should stay how they are, it is more of a benefit to the kids to be able to have small classroom sizes.	3/4/2026 2:21 PM
2455	Small elementary schools make Dekalb special and allow the youngest students to get the attention and services they need. Please keep our neighborhood elementary schools!	3/4/2026 2:20 PM
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2457	First we were told Ashford Park will be rebuilt then two months later we were told it will be closed. It's a high performing school. My kids like attending the school. If it's closing- are we moving into a new building? People bought houses specifically for the schools they are zoned for so this is not fair	3/4/2026 2:17 PM
2458	I think all is plausible, but all the scenarios would require transportation investment, and ensuring that all schools receive the same resources.	3/4/2026 2:15 PM
2459	Based on the data provided it seems like enough data hasn't gone into the recommendations. Continue to expand data points that will help better refine final recommendations. I'm concerned that expanding Chesnut may look good on paper but not in reality. The traffic bottlenecks that already exist are large and unless an expansion is prepared to handle rerouting existing traffic patterns for school dropoff / pickup it isn't a great option. Kingsley or a different (new) location may be better suited to solving the problem. Location and condition of the buildings should be included.	3/4/2026 2:14 PM

2460	Concerned about the safety and community implications from a push to increase school sizes. Smaller schools are anchors for community fostering safer more nurturing environments for children. Helps when the principal can know every child’s name.	3/4/2026 2:13 PM
2461	With the expansion of Briarlake Elementary school, we would not want the class size to be larger than it is now. We would also request that Coralwood stay open and with its sibling preference for the lottery.	3/4/2026 2:11 PM
2462	I would be ok with Ashford Park closing, as along as education quality, sense of community (keeping kids and parents together), and feeding to Chamblee MS/HS are maintained. If Ashford Park will close, all students from AP should go to John Lewis, and make sure that all AP students can continue on to Chamblee MS and HS.	3/4/2026 2:09 PM
2463	I am 100% opposed to the closure of Ashford Park. It does not make sense to close one of the highest performing schools in the district that is definitely NOT under-capacity. And, while the Montgomery Elementary facility definitely needs a refresh, increasing the capacity to absorb APES would leave little green space. I am also opposed to any scenario that involves redistricting APES students to John Lewis ES and then to the Chamblee cluster. That would likely entail moving the magnet program to Cross Keys, a move that would negatively affect magnet and Chamblee community students alike.	3/4/2026 2:08 PM
2464	Do not want consolidation	3/4/2026 2:04 PM
2465	The proposal for facilities involves closing the elementary school (APES) where my children attend. We strongly oppose closure, as the elementary school is an integral part of Ashford Park's success as a community. While there are many constraints with the current facility, the quality of teaching and education is top notch. Our children have a sense of community in their school. We would love to see the facilities expanded and updated (reconstructed if necessary). Because there is a current enrollment of over 800 students, the demand is in the community for quality school facilities in the Ashford Park community, and the investment is well worth it. If construction on current facility is taken completely off the table, my priority will shift to keeping the Ashford Park cluster as intact as possible and keeping our area within the Chamblee Middle School/Chamblee High School cluster.	3/4/2026 2:03 PM
2466	looks to be fine based on enrollment and diversion to other close-by schools.	3/4/2026 2:02 PM
2467	I don't like it. Sounds like overcrowding and taking kids out of their neighborhoods.	3/4/2026 2:01 PM
2468	While I appreciate the county's desire to use resources effectively, I seriously question whether consolidation is the best way to serve our students and families. Consolidation would result in larger class sizes, fewer staff serving more students, and the increased likelihood of overcrowding--all of which might lead more families to leave the public school system. My son has attended Midvale Elementary since we moved to Tucker four years ago. We moved to Dekalb from Cobb County specifically so that he could attend a school like Midvale: a small and supportive neighborhood school with a culturally and economically diverse student body. After two years of isolation during the pandemic, we were nervous about sending him to school, but we immediately fell in love with Midvale. From his first month, every teacher and administrator has known his name, welcomed him joyfully, and created space for him to thrive. He has some learning disabilities, and the existence of small, co-taught classrooms has allowed us to stay in public school. Closing Midvale and redirecting most of our students to Livsey seems destined for disaster, as it would destroy the familiar and supportive environment of both schools. I imagine that parents at other schools on the potential closure list feel similarly. Rather than closing schools, I would urge the county to consider following the Midvale model elsewhere. Make use of the existing buildings and teachers to give all students this experience. Based on conversations with friends who teach in South Dekalb, my understanding is that not all Dekalb County students have access to the same kind of educational experience. In some schools, students are overcrowded, staff are burnt out, and the result is an unpleasant and unsuccessful experience for the entire community. Rather than replicate that experience across the county, why not take advantage of the available resources to better support all our students? I am also an educator, and I have seen what happens when an administration tries to save money by increasing class sizes and school enrollments. The results are disastrous for both teachers and students. These shifts will drive more families to leave Dekalb County schools, whether they move to other counties or enroll their children in private school. Consolidation will take the county in the wrong direction rather than embracing and replicating the success of neighborhood schools like Midvale.	3/4/2026 1:59 PM
2469	I don't have one	3/4/2026 1:58 PM

2470	Concerns based on overcrowding in the schools that will now face growth based on school closures-	3/4/2026 1:58 PM
2471	I have a STRONG preference for keeping schools small and with good programs. Low operating costs should not be a concern. All schools are already run on a very tight budget. I have yet to see a school that doesn't feel cramped due enrollment. Ashford Park has had to add lots of outdoor classrooms to accommodate kids, and now it's going to close? Makes zero sense.	3/4/2026 1:57 PM
2472	Closing Evansdale and removing the Evansdale school out of the Lakeside feeder community will drastically reduce property values. This in turn will reduce revenues far more than it will cost to improve the school. Closing Henderson makes more sense as the children can more to Hawthorne and Evansdale. Put the Evansdale lines back to 2013 and fill the seats back at Pleasantdale.	3/4/2026 1:57 PM
2473	I encourage the district to carefully consider the impact on students, families, and staff. Maintaining stability, reasonable class sizes, and strong school culture should remain a priority throughout this process.	3/4/2026 1:55 PM
2474	It’s good fit for school for high achiever students.	3/4/2026 1:55 PM
2475	I feel like there has been no information given as to what the actual plan is. Close Ashford park, and then…. There is no information as to where students would move to, if there are cluster changes planned, or how this idea changes the German program. There has also been zero information shared about plans for kittredge.	3/4/2026 1:53 PM
2476	I understand them. It seems that reasonable considerations and care were take to develop the scenarios.	3/4/2026 1:52 PM
2477	Consolidations look good.	3/4/2026 1:51 PM
2478	I think neighborhood elementary schools are vital for children and community. I don’t think closing elementary schools and overcrowding others with be emotionally helpful to children and their families.	3/4/2026 1:51 PM
2479	The magnet program needs to stay in place with separate schools as this is what makes the program unique and productive. Without all students operating in the same mindset, the benefits of the program will be lost.	3/4/2026 1:47 PM
2480	These consolidations feel tough to navigate, but a necessary step to make sure the long-term stability of the district stays intact.	3/4/2026 1:46 PM
2481	Don’t close oak grove. It is a school at close to full capacity.	3/4/2026 1:45 PM
2482	Some of the elementary schools on the closure list (e.g., Ashford Park), are severely over capacity. Closing a neighborhood school that is over-utilized does not make sense. If the building and land are not sufficient for an expansion, then perhaps consider repurposing the building for a pk-2 band and redistricting so that grades 3-5 can be combined with a nearby underutilized building.	3/4/2026 1:43 PM
2483	I deeply value the strong, close-knit, and supportive community that has been built at Ashford Park Elementary over the years. My top priority is maintaining the current boundaries and district lines for the Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone so that this community can remain intact. My second priority is ensuring that this attendance zone continues within the Chamblee Middle and High School cluster. With those priorities in mind, I would like to offer two potential solutions for consideration: 1. Expand Ashford Park Elementary on its current site. While I understand there may be challenges related to the existing land footprint, exploring expansion options could allow the entire attendance zone to remain together while preserving established boundaries and feeder patterns. 2. Reassign the Ashford Park attendance zone to the John Lewis Elementary facility. Under this approach, students currently attending John Lewis Elementary could be reassigned to neighboring schools with available capacity. The full Ashford Park attendance zone could then move together into that building, and then John Lewis Elementary could be moved into the Chamblee Middle and High School cluster. This would preserve both community continuity and feeder alignment. I appreciate the complexity of district planning decisions and hope these options can be considered as ways to maintain stability, continuity, and community connections for Ashford Park families. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.	3/4/2026 1:42 PM
2484	We bought a house in Tucker so my kids could go to Brockett Elementary! We wanted them to	3/4/2026 1:42 PM

	be in a nice small neighborhood school environment. I am vehemently opposed to this scenario! No matter how pretty you write it out it all ends with either moving the kids to a different location or moving more kids into Brockett. In both cases classrooms will become overcrowded and both students and teachers overwhelmed.	
2485	na	3/4/2026 1:41 PM
2486	It is ridiculous Midvale is even on this list. In addition, I can't figure out why almost every elementary school is our area is on the list. Nothing about this initial plan makes sense.	3/4/2026 1:39 PM
2487	I'm not sure how this scenario affects other neighborhoods since I'm not in them, but as a family that has been part of the Chesnut community for 10 years, the idea of losing a school within walking distance feels very sad. I understand that changes need to be made, but this is truly disheartening.	3/4/2026 1:38 PM
2488	Very concerned. How does this impacts our taxes? Also, low enrollment maybe due to limited offering. Students are enrolling in other districts that provide better educational services. Do the scenarios offer better educational offering such as gwinett or choice? If not, suggest including how these changes will educational benefit parents and children. We dont need raggy used books from other counties.	3/4/2026 1:37 PM
2489	I firmly value the strong, close-knit, and supportive community that has been built at Ashford Park Elementary over the years. My top priority is maintaining the current boundaries and district lines for the Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone so that this community can remain intact. My second priority is ensuring that this attendance zone continues within the Chamblee Middle and High School cluster. With those priorities in mind, I would like to offer two potential solutions for consideration: 1. Expand Ashford Park Elementary on its current site. While I understand there may be challenges related to the existing land footprint, exploring expansion options could allow the entire attendance zone to remain together while preserving established boundaries and feeder patterns. 2. Reassign the Ashford Park attendance zone to the John Lewis Elementary facility. Under this approach, students currently attending John Lewis Elementary could be reassigned to neighboring schools with available capacity. The full Ashford Park attendance zone could then move together into that building, and then John Lewis Elementary could be moved into the Chamblee Middle and High School cluster. This would preserve both community continuity and feeder alignment.	3/4/2026 1:36 PM
2490	Middle and high school grades are fine to be consolidated. Elementary grades are an important age group for development and should retain individual focus.	3/4/2026 1:29 PM
2491	As a former student of Oak Grove, it was a priority to move my family to this neighborhood for the educational and community environment that Oak Grove Elementary provides. Oak Grove is a high achieving school with strong support from the community. The school is not underutilized with class sizes for my children are currently at 24+. That is a significant student to teacher ratio. Additionally, school systems across the nation are building back from the COVID enrollment crisis. This takes time and Oak Grove is clearly recovering well with projected utilization next year at 96%. Finally, Oak Grove parents are not willing to compromise the education of their children. If enrollment is a driving concern for DeKalb, they should consider that a significant number Oak Grove parents are prepared to send their children to private schools in the area to preserve the educational standards that Oak Grove meets. This already happens with students slated to attend Henderson Middle School. Consolidation and closure will not increase enrollment. It will decrease enrollment in districts that rely on these high achieving schools to boost their performance scores.	3/4/2026 1:27 PM
2492	I greatly value the strong, connected, and supportive community that has developed at Ashford Park Elementary over the years. My highest priority is preserving the current boundaries and district lines for the Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone so our community remains whole. My second priority is ensuring that our attendance zone continues within the Chamblee Middle and High School cluster. With those priorities in mind, I would like to suggest two possible solutions for consideration: 1. Expand Ashford Park Elementary at its existing location. Although I recognize there may be constraints related to the current site, exploring expansion opportunities could allow the entire attendance zone to stay together while maintaining established boundaries and feeder patterns. 2. Transition the Ashford Park attendance zone into the John Lewis Elementary building. In this scenario, students currently assigned to John Lewis Elementary could be redistributed to nearby schools with available capacity. The full Ashford Park attendance zone could then relocate together to that facility, and John Lewis Elementary could be reassigned into the Chamblee Middle and High School cluster. This approach would protect both community continuity and feeder alignment. I	3/4/2026 1:26 PM

	understand that district planning decisions involve many moving parts, and I appreciate the work involved. I hope these suggestions are considered as viable ways to preserve stability, consistency, and the strong community connections that Ashford Park families value.	
2493	Based on the number of empty seats - with more expected in the future - plus the associated operational costs, I support consolidating and repurposing buildings. I would urge the district to carefully research how to maintain strong school communities within larger school enrollment populations. How will school leaders and staff be trained to build strong climate and community with possibly double the students?	3/4/2026 1:24 PM
2494	Please consider keeping Ashford Park families in the Chamblee cluster. This school cluster is a high priority for families who live here.	3/4/2026 1:23 PM
2495	n/a	3/4/2026 1:22 PM
2496	I deeply value the strong, close-knit, and supportive community that has been built at Ashford Park Elementary over the years. My top priority is maintaining the current boundaries and district lines for the Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone so that this community can remain intact. My second priority is ensuring that this attendance zone continues within the Chamblee Middle and High School cluster. With those priorities in mind, I would like to offer two potential solutions for consideration: 1. Expand Ashford Park Elementary on its current site. While I understand there may be challenges related to the existing land footprint, exploring expansion options could allow the entire attendance zone to remain together while preserving established boundaries and feeder patterns. 2. Reassign the Ashford Park attendance zone to the John Lewis Elementary facility. Under this approach, students currently attending John Lewis Elementary could be reassigned to neighboring schools with available capacity. The full Ashford Park attendance zone could then move together into that building, and then John Lewis Elementary could be moved into the Chamblee Middle and High School cluster. This would preserve both community continuity and feeder alignment. I appreciate the complexity of district planning decisions and hope these options can be considered as ways to maintain stability, continuity, and community connections for Ashford Park families. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.	3/4/2026 1:20 PM
2497	The impact of closures in North DeKalb will set the County back in enrollment and continue to breakdown the trust within the System. These communities have poured money into the school as the county has poured money into other communities to rebuild or upgrade the schools. To mitigate the overall impact of all closures, I would like to see the attendance zones of the elementary schools maintained. I think this can be done by combining the Ashford Park and John Lewis schools to make an upper and lower campus like we see at Sara Smith. If this cannot be done, then I would propose moving the Ashford Park cluster into John Lewis.	3/4/2026 1:19 PM
2498	I am in support of closing facilities to make better use of resources. Why pay to operate buildings and classrooms at reduced capacity?	3/4/2026 1:18 PM
2499	I think the facilities scenario is a good idea. I like that former middle schools will be new elementary schools.	3/4/2026 1:12 PM
2500	Oak Grove is not underutilized and is the core of our community.	3/4/2026 1:11 PM
2501	It’s difficult to provide accurate feedback on the initial scenario, not knowing how our children will be impacted. Ashford Park is recommended for closure, but I don’t know what that means for the current students and faculty. I’m not completely opposed to Ashford Park closing as long as the current student body can remain together and within the Chamblee cluster.	3/4/2026 1:10 PM
2502	We are parents with a toddler and are destined for Mcnair DELA and we would not send her their due to low test scores and lack of diversity. Likely would send her to private school if they are just going to consolidate all of the low income, low test schools into one consolidated school as it seems is the current plan. We would prefer the option of school choice.	3/4/2026 1:06 PM
2503	I strongly oppose the closure of Vanderlyn and consolidation with DES/AES. I realize that DCSD suffers from undersubscription in public schools but it was the *quality of Vanderlyn* that caused us to pull our child from private schools and put them into Vanderlyn. I am familiar with another two families at Vanderlyn (and three at Kingsley) who have done the same in the past two years. All of these families appreciate the high quality of education at Vanderlyn. If you consolidate schools that are doing a good job in areas in which parents can afford to send kids to private school, you are incentivizing pulling more kids OUT of public school and putting them into private school --- leading again to more undersubscribed schools. Please take as an	3/4/2026 1:02 PM

	example the public-to-private attrition rate in our cluster between elementary school and middle school (Peachtree MS). Weakening the quality of public schools through consolidation incentivizes parents to withdraw from public schools, which then further weakens the public schools in an area. Please don't add to this cycle by eliminating an extremely high-performing school with strong district buy-in like Vanderlyn. You should be directing your energies toward improving/consolidating underperforming schools, not messing up what is already going well. In contrast, Dunwoody cluster *bleeds* children from public to private in middle school - please fix what is wrong, don't destroy something that is already working well.	
2504	Not good. We need our schools.	3/4/2026 1:00 PM
2505	This change will ultimately increase the student to teacher ratio as the classroom size will increase based on the recommendations shared. Students performance decrease in larger classroom settings.	3/4/2026 1:00 PM
2506	I understand you are starting with facilities, but what is the research behind closing a high-performing school and having to improve the academics and culture of a school as opposed to improving a facility? I would think a high-performing school would more adequately take in more students and bring them up to a higher level than improving a buidling but then having the much harder work of improving a school.	3/4/2026 12:59 PM
2507	Oak Grove is at capacity with a waiting list. PLEASE do not consolidate or close this great, historic, community resource.	3/4/2026 12:56 PM
2508	Closure of Ashford Park ES and/or shifting APES out of the Chamblee HS cluster is detrimental to the district. Closure of one of the top performing schools in the state & utilizing it for anything other than a student education facility will impact: - DCSD attendances (families will move out of district to attend better schools). Financial impact to the district, test score decreases for the district. - Community bonds built around APES in Ashford Park/Drew Valley. People buy homes for elementary schools. This area's property values will fall, decreasing property taxes> allocated funding for schools. - Parent & student-led community input - PAC/PTA/PTO - these are parent-led organizations. These will be impacted with the parent leaders who choose to opt out of DCSD education for their children, either to private school or alternate districts. - Test score dilution across the district. Why close a top performing schools, to reallocate students into 3 different schools - only to bring all schools to a mediocre average?	3/4/2026 12:52 PM
2509	I don't like the idea of 6 to 12 together. Children are already immature in childish and don't have experience of real life situation. And because people have been more traumatized now. They never before. And people are using cell phones in schools and taking pictures of people in an unauthorized manner. The thought of the younger students with the kids that are getting ready to graduate from high school.All in one building makes me nervous. I would rather the high school's come together and high school buildings and fill those up To accommodate high schoolers. Let the elementary kids go to the middle school building.And let the middle school building go to the high school buildings.	3/4/2026 12:47 PM
2510	NA	3/4/2026 12:44 PM
2511	Too many elementary schools in close proximity slated to close: Henderson Mill, Evansdale, Oakgrove, and Midvale.	3/4/2026 12:38 PM
2512	I don't think it's fair	3/4/2026 12:38 PM
2513	Keep oak grove open and MODERNIZE it!!!	3/4/2026 12:36 PM
2514	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. •	3/4/2026 12:35 PM

	Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	
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2516	While understanding the data and concerns for overcapacity at Ashford Park Elementary, there are 2 main concerns based on conversations I have had with other parents. 1. It is the communities main concern that you are proposing completely shutting down a school that is a significant part of our neighborhood/community. I believe that the school should remain operational and we look to utilize John Lewis and APES for grades PK/K-5 with a portion of those grades split between each to balance attendance. 2. Redistricting APES to the Cross Keys cluster from Chamblee. Most families either already have children within Chamblee Middle/HS and the data shows that the testing/educational ratings in this cluster are much higher than in the Cross Keys cluster. Therefore this would only work if both schools - APES and John Lewis - are districted through the Chamblee cluster. If not, then I think you will see a significant portion of APES families going private.	3/4/2026 12:33 PM
2517	I think it's going to hurt a lot of people- families and teachers. If we'd done a better job	3/4/2026 12:29 PM

	allocating resources, the county would not be in this position. Reduce the over-inflated salaries at the top and save our community schools!	
2518	The location is convenient and it's close to my transportation needs.	3/4/2026 12:27 PM
2519	Like most Ashford Park parents, I was shocked by the announcement of a potential school closure in our neighborhood. Ashford Park has spent years building up one of the most incredible parent organizations to support our school, our teachers, and our community. In addition, many parents move into the Ashford Park neighborhood (including Brookhaven Fields, Drew Valley, etc.) with the understanding that their children will eventually grow into Kittredge/Chamblee Middle/Chamblee High School students. Being a part of that larger cluster is just as important. If a closure is imminent, then the most important thing is to keep 1) the Ashford Park elementary student/parent community together, and 2) keep it part of the Cluster. If moving all the students to a better, newer facility like John Lewis is the solution, then so be it, as long as John Lewis can be brought into Chamblee Cluster as a replacement for the loss of Ashford Park. If the Chamblee Cluster is not included in this conversation, then you're going to lose a lot of very incredible students (and their families) to private schools, charter schools, and other districts, which I don't believe Dekalb County or the neighborhood wants. We moved here for a purpose, we all want to see the growth and success of the schools, and we hope that you will do everything in your power to keep the Ashford student population together AND as part of the larger Chamblee cluster. Thank you	3/4/2026 12:27 PM
2520	It would be a travesty for Oak Grove to close given the high scores achieved by the school.	3/4/2026 12:26 PM
2521	I recommend that any consolidation plan prioritize minimizing student displacement, maintaining access to academic and support services, and clearly communicating how resources and staff will be reassigned to ensure a smooth transition for affected schools and clusters.	3/4/2026 12:20 PM
2522	I fully understand the complexity of the decision at hand. While the entire community was surprised that Ashford Park was set for closure, after more information I can understand the limitations our facility has both in terms of the building and the land. Where I am having trouble is what is a plausible next step. All other schools within the closure list have viable options where in our scenario there is none. The most important thing to me as a parent is the community that has been built around our amazing neighborhood school. The friendships that have formed for both students and parents to ensure our children have a fulfilling educational experience. This community appears to be one of the strongest in the county and to dismantle that seems counterproductive to the goal of public education. We have proven to be adaptable with our space and still achieve some pretty incredible things. I hope as the board and consultants continue to evaluate that a strong focus put on keeping our community together and within the Chamblee Middle and High Cluster. While we would love our beloved building we would be able to continue to grow through our strong bonds with dedicated parent involvement.	3/4/2026 12:19 PM
2523	Oak Grove is already utilized at 89%! And it’s projected to grow to 96% capacity next year. My grandchildren attend OGE and they’re thriving! The students that come out of OGE are extraordinary, as are the teachers & staff. There’s a waitlist for school choice to get into OGE because the community understands how exceptional it is. Why would you close a school that is over-performing? Our whole community would be flipped upside down, this affects more than just one school. This is my grandchildren’s future you’re threatening.	3/4/2026 12:16 PM
2524	Reduced classroom size is likely to persuade families to utilize DeKalb County public schools in place of private schools. This is a worthwhile consideration against consolidations.	3/4/2026 12:15 PM
2525	Lakeside Highschool needs to be upgraded.	3/4/2026 12:14 PM
2526	I think that closing Redan elementary school would be a disservice to our children. This is an amazing school and the leadership is top notch	3/4/2026 12:14 PM
2527	Oak Grove Elementary is an integral part of the community. It is operating near capacity, with the principal's official budget enrollment differing from the enrollment projections (perhaps due to timing of when the projection data were collected??). Oak Grove parents - of which I was one for 6 years - volunteer and financially support the school at extremely high rates. Closure or absorption into Sagamore Hills ES and Briarlake ES would fracture the community and increase traffic/ reduce walkability, disrupting support systems.	3/4/2026 12:13 PM
2528	Ashford Park Elementary would like to stay in the Chamblee cluster.	3/4/2026 12:09 PM
2529	The data is incorrect as to the numbers of students attending our school. It is much lower than	3/4/2026 12:02 PM

	the actual numbers. As such, the consolidation suggestions are erroneous and hold now merit. In addition, Vanderlyn is a major part of our community and a huge benefit and attraction for families wanting to move to Dunwoody. It makes no practical sense to try and consolidate elementary schools in the Dunwoody area.	
2530	I feel like we should be figuring out why so may families aren't staying in Dekalb county schools and focus more on what we can do to bring back the numbers	3/4/2026 12:02 PM
2531	I would hope that consideration would be given to test scores of existing schools. It would be a mistake to close schools performing at a high level.	3/4/2026 12:01 PM
2532	I think the Ashford Park School facilities are extremely old and need to be updated. I am fine with moving to a newer facility, but my biggest concern is being redistricted to a different middle and high school (would prefer to stay in the Chamblee cluster).	3/4/2026 11:54 AM
2533	I propose keeping Ashford Park Elementary and making renovations to keep the school functioning in its current capacity, as a neighborhood school.	3/4/2026 11:54 AM
2534	I think that the schools shouldn't be closed do this the school zoning and families not having transportation.	3/4/2026 11:45 AM
2535	Evansdale is falling apart. Close it.	3/4/2026 11:41 AM
2536	The Ashford Park elementary building has been falling apart for many years, and the growth in student population has been in the double digits for a long time. The school renovation or expansion should have happened many years ago and right now it doesn't seem to be a viable option while accommodating the full student population. My top priority is to keep our student community within the Chamblee Middle and High cluster, while keeping our student and staff community intact. We can move as a whole to another building, but please do not break us apart. Ashford Park is special for being embedded within the community, and splitting us will be damaging to the students, parents and staff.	3/4/2026 11:38 AM
2537	appreciate the bold and necessary planning even if it is painful	3/4/2026 11:36 AM
2538	There are to many in the classrooms now. Consolidating the schools and adding more students to a classroom will be a disaster. The teachers are already overwhelmed. It really should not be no more than 20 students in a room... or less. Sometimes it is best to consider the education, the students well being, and most importantly, the teachers and staff. We are loosing are good teachers because of the behaviors, so to add more would be a catastrophe.	3/4/2026 11:31 AM
2539	Extremely concerned with any scenario that eliminates Ashford Park ES and does not provide a viable alternative or with any scenario that moves our families out of the Chamblee cluster. Ashford Park is an outlier on the list of closures. Negative economic impact to our neighborhood will be massive if there is no longer a viable public school scenario that keeps us in the Chamblee cluster.	3/4/2026 11:30 AM
2540	Dont Close Oak Grove	3/4/2026 11:28 AM
2541	Do not close Oak Grove Elementaru	3/4/2026 11:27 AM
2542	Would hate to see Brockett Elementary be closed or repurposed as it is a long standing school with excellent teachers/supporters.	3/4/2026 11:26 AM
2543	Disappointed that they didn't seem to reflect input from our SAP committee members. Felt like this feedback process was more lip service and that you wanted to appearance of community feedback more than actual feedback. Wish you would just be blunt about what you're trying to do and be honest.	3/4/2026 11:26 AM
2544	I believe Ashford Park needs to stay together in any scenario. Whether it be remaining at APES, all students and staff transition to John Lewis where we should have been this whole time or make APES and John Lewis and Upper and Lower School for the surrounding neighborhoods. Our neighborhoods (Skyland, Drew Valley, Brookhaven Fields, Ashford Park) continue to grow with more and more children. The idea of splitting up these neighborhoods and bussing kids to other areas of the district is insane when we have two elementary schools right here. I think you will keep a lot of kids in the public school system if you were to have an upper school and lower school. If a solution isn't made that keeps our kids at these schools and in the Chamblee Cluster, I do feel you are going to see families moving out of these neighborhoods. The big reason this area is flourishing is because there is an incredible elementary school (APES). If that goes, so will the families. I know we would highly consider	3/4/2026 11:26 AM

	moving if the county splits us up and we are no longer in the Chamblee Cluster. We are in Drew Valley.	
2545	Feel that the smaller community schools make the area special	3/4/2026 11:23 AM
2546	We are currently in an overcrowded school that just started several capital improvements. The school is a big part of our neighborhood. I feel it is unreasonable to pull the plug on Ashford Park months after spending $40M+ on upgrades.	3/4/2026 11:22 AM
2547	Agree	3/4/2026 11:21 AM
2548	I specifically moved to this neighborhood for the great school and would be devastated if it were to close. I would definitely send my kids to private school rather than whatever the reassignment is.	3/4/2026 11:21 AM
2549	I understand the goal but would like more data around what the end state scenario would look like.	3/4/2026 11:21 AM
2550	Oak Grove was instrumental in me becoming the person I am today and is a necessary feeder school to Lakeside High, one of the best in the county.	3/4/2026 11:18 AM
2551	I dislike the proposed closing of Vanderlyn since I love the school and staff.	3/4/2026 11:17 AM
2552	I think closing Ashford Park would be a huge mistake.	3/4/2026 11:16 AM
2553	Ashford Park Elementary is a core part of our neighborhood as a whole and has been an excellent place for my 3 children to learn and grow with a diverse student population and excellent instruction. Outside of that - the biggest priority is ensuring that we are still zoned to Chamblee MS and HS.	3/4/2026 11:15 AM
2554	What is most important to me is staying in the Chamblee cluster, preserving the German Immersion program/other school choice programs, and ensuring our teachers and staff at Ashford Park have secure jobs in the Chamblee cluster.	3/4/2026 11:15 AM
2555	Poorly done. No mention of educational quality or achievement. Not clear how schools chosen for closure. no evidence to support possible recommendations.	3/4/2026 11:14 AM
2556	I do not believe it makes sense to close Ashford Park Elementary. Reallocation perhaps, but total closure, no.	3/4/2026 11:14 AM
2557	Don't agree with the planned closure of Ashford Park Elementary. Should we look to move some students to other schools sure but the other schools in the area don't have the capacity to absorb the full closure of Ashford Park. Furthermore the school is a key component of the neighborhood and the community is committed to the Chamblee High School cluster.	3/4/2026 11:10 AM
2558	I am not in favor of school consolidations	3/4/2026 11:09 AM
2559	Disappointed that nearly full or full schools were included. Schools not supported by their community should be consolidated or closed . Not successful schools with community support. One size fits all 900 kids schools everywhere would cost more than a Billion dollars. Just the interest on that Billion dollars would cover the extra admin overhead and building maintenance. Look to the central office, outside legal, contract employees for cost savings first and then the local schools	3/4/2026 11:08 AM
2560	I do agree that there does need to be a consolidation, maybe think about making the class sizes smaller.	3/4/2026 11:05 AM
2561	Cedar Grove Middle School and Champion can both reside at Cedar Grove Middle because this building is well kept and built in 2001.	3/4/2026 11:02 AM
2562	The consolidations of the initial facilities scenario is that it is probably needed to better utilize resources and personnel. However, it needs to be equitable across the county.	3/4/2026 11:00 AM
2563	I strongly oppose the proposed closure of Vanderlyn Elementary. Smaller community schools like Vanderlyn are the lifeblood of our neighborhoods — they foster strong parent engagement, walkability, and a sense of belonging that larger consolidated schools cannot replicate. Closing Vanderlyn would be a grave mistake that prioritizes spreadsheet efficiency over the real educational and community benefits these schools provide. Instead of closure, DCSD should invest in maintaining and strengthening schools like Vanderlyn that already have strong community support and proven outcomes. The district should explore creative solutions —	3/4/2026 11:00 AM

	shared resources, magnet programs, or community partnerships — before dismantling schools that families have built their lives around.	
2564	We just moved to Avondale from GLOBE Academy and they are finally getting the IEP support they need. Consolidating schools is going to be hard on families with students that have special needs. I just spend thousands of dollars hiring an advocate to rework their IEPs for the new school. I don't want to start all over again.	3/4/2026 10:59 AM
2565	I fear that this will lead to overcrowding of students. I also fear that there will be good teachers that will not have placement.	3/4/2026 10:56 AM
2566	Terrible idea to close Ashford Park Elementary	3/4/2026 10:50 AM
2567	The whole idea of this I completely disagree with. The benefit of our school is its small size. I do not want me child going to a school with twice as many students. It is such a benefit to the kids and teachers to have smaller schools	3/4/2026 10:48 AM
2568	I think it is a good idea to consolidate to save resources. However, I do not agree with 6-12 students being in the same facility. The only way that could work is if the 6-8 and 9-12 are totally isolated and cannot in anyway interact with one another.	3/4/2026 10:48 AM
2569	I understand the need, but it has to be done properly.	3/4/2026 10:43 AM
2570	The county and state should be funding the schools properly instead of closing and consolidating them. Consolidation is short sighted and will cost more money in the future when we inevitably need to expand again.	3/4/2026 10:42 AM
2571	Closing Vanderlyn, one of the top rated and highest performing schools in the state is a terrible idea. The community involvement will dwindle and it will lead to a mass exodus of the families in the area.	3/4/2026 10:37 AM
2572	I think you may wish’s to consolidate some of the buildings, but not the total number recommended. Also you need to look at what what will serve the south end and central sections of Dekalb.	3/4/2026 10:37 AM
2573	Im concerned where Bethune's student would go for middle school.	3/4/2026 10:34 AM
2574	Right now just observing.	3/4/2026 10:32 AM
2575	I have heard 3 different reasons for Vanderlyn closing. From virtual meeting we were told it’s the FCA score. On the rationale page the reason is listed as DHS overcrowding. When speaking to board members we are told Sequoyah HS is supposed to alleviate overcrowding and the HS needs field space. We need clear and unified messaging about why Vanderlyn is on the list for closure so we can collaborate on ways to keep the school open while meeting whatever other goals. I know that SAP is only looking at facilities currently but people move to this school zone, paying more than other parts of town, specifically for their kids to attend VES. Closing a well utilized sought after school that is extremely well performing makes no sense. I know there’s this arbitrary 600 student goal, but our enrollment is over 450 so we get all the extra state funding already (principal, nurse, librarian, specials teachers). And prior to Covid our #s were in the 600-700s. People pulled out their kids during Covid. SAP says the money will follow the students into new classes, and that may be true for some parts of the county, but I assure you, with the demographic in this area a fair amount of families will pull out for private schools. Not because the other schools are necessarily worse but because it’s unknown. Because of our involved PTO we are able raise a decent amount of money for the school to help with improvements, teacher training etc. PTO pays for field trips of all students who can’t pay so all students are able to go. This school creates such a special community in the neighborhood. There’s no way to move VES entirely to another school. You will be splitting up students and friends and breaking up a community.	3/4/2026 10:31 AM
2576	I do not believe Oak Grove Elementary should be closed. It's a fantastic community of families and teachers. We took our children out of GLOBE and into Oak Grove Elementary and our child is thriving now.	3/4/2026 10:30 AM
2577	I don't feel the schools should consolidate. Each school should benefit the needs for the students. High school students have way more activities that they need there own space for.	3/4/2026 10:29 AM
2578	I do not agree with the consolidation plan. I think smaller elementary school located within the neighborhoods where the children live offers a nuturing, calm and familiar environment. I	3/4/2026 10:26 AM

	believe large schools with thousands of children in attendance is chaotic and does not provide a structured learning environment for children of these ages.	
2579	I appreciate the need to appropriately use resources and am definitely in favor of cutting back on spending when it makes sense to do so. That said, I think when we are looking at capacity and utilization, we may want to revisit what class size is ideal for each grade level. Having 25-26 students in a class is not ideal for anyone--teachers or students. This leads to teacher burnout and student needs being overlooked. I would really like for Dekalb to reconsider recommended class size before closing schools. We selected Vanderlyn Elementary School via school choice last year for my second grader. We were at Chesnut, and I was PTA president for two years there. The school leadership was unorganized, and the good teachers were unhappy and leaving. I am so happy to have my son at Vanderlyn now, a well-run school where he is thriving and learning. The community is supportive and happy, and the teachers are wonderful and many have been there for years. If you close Vanderlyn and redistribute this community to other schools, that will result in many families (with well performing students and how contribute financially to the school) selecting private school alternatives. Vanderlyn is one of the top performing schools in Dunwoody, and closing it seems to be convenient as it is so close to Dunwoody High School. However, this may not be not a wise decision given the impact on the community and reflecting on the school's performance. Looking at the long term, if we want high performing children and invested families to attend Dekalb county schools, that starts with providing good elementary school options. If there are only three huge schools in the Dunwoody area, I imagine you'll see a shift toward private school selection by families with the means to do so. I also believe teachers will opt to leave for areas in which they have smaller class sizes and more support. I respectfully ask that you reconsider closing Vanderlyn Elementary School.	3/4/2026 10:26 AM
2580	Oak grove represents a living and breathing community. It must not be closed or consolidated.	3/4/2026 10:26 AM
2581	Fine by me, as on long as our Henderson Middle school students can still go to Lakeside	3/4/2026 10:24 AM
2582	As a community member with no children, I was floored to see Oak Grove Elementary on the potential closure list. I grew up in Gwinnett (public schools) and have lived in DeKalb in the Oak Grove district for 10 years. The school's reputation preceded it when we were in the process of buying our house ("you're moving to the Oak Grove district? Wow!" In a good way.) You can't drive through the area and not know what our elementary school is ... It's even more identifiable by our surroundings than Lakeside HS is. OGE's foundation does amazing work, and everyone in our area knows it. It is a gem of the DCPS system and a major identifier for our area. Our community would feel completely different if it were gone.	3/4/2026 10:22 AM
2583	I understand the need for consolidations but it's easy for me to say since my child's school isn't effected.	3/4/2026 10:21 AM
2584	I think that	3/4/2026 10:19 AM
2585	It’s concerning to think about the small, cohesive elementary schools getting too big and unwieldy. I’m also concerned that enormous middle schools like Henderson will just get more enormous, causing degradation in quality, which is already a major concern currently.	3/4/2026 10:16 AM
2586	Do not close Brockett Elementary. It is a great school with all the resources it needs.	3/4/2026 10:14 AM
2587	Please do not close my school, Oak Grove Elementary. My brother and I currently go to school here with all our friends and we love our school.	3/4/2026 10:14 AM
2588	Consolidations seem necessary based on the provided information.	3/4/2026 10:12 AM
2589	Think its a lot of information to take in. Understandably adjustments must happen	3/4/2026 10:11 AM
2590	I strongly oppose the closure or consolidation of Vanderlyn Elementary. While I understand the county’s need to evaluate facilities and budgets, the proposal focuses heavily on operational efficiency while overlooking the significant academic and social benefits of smaller elementary schools. Research from the Learning Policy Institute highlights that smaller school communities support greater student engagement, improved attendance, and stronger teacher collaboration, all of which contribute to student success. The National Center for Education Statistics has also reported that large schools can negatively affect student participation, school climate, and individual attention, particularly for younger students who benefit from more personalized environments. Vanderlyn Elementary is already a top-performing school in DeKalb County and in the state of Georgia, demonstrating that its current model works. Closing or consolidating a successful school risks disrupting academic progress, community	3/4/2026 10:09 AM

	stability, and student well-being. Efficiency and cost savings should not come at the expense of educational quality or community stability. Vanderlyn's success demonstrates the value of maintaining strong, neighborhood-based elementary schools.	
2591	Vanderlyn should not be consolidated, repurposed, or closed. It is a foundational part of the DCDS school community. It consistently produces high achieving students and classrooms are full. Enrollment at VES is not an issue.	3/4/2026 10:08 AM
2592	Vanderlyn is an amazing school, with a strong parent community and good teachers and we cannot get rid of it. So many kids walk from the surrounding neighborhoods.	3/4/2026 10:05 AM
2593	I am currently serving as the Media Specialist at Stoneview, and I would like to express my concerns regarding potential rebuilding or closure discussions. I transitioned into this role after spending five years in the classroom and earning multiple advanced degrees to become a certified Media Specialist. This career path represents a significant professional investment and long-term commitment to supporting literacy and student achievement. While I understand that facility improvements or rebuilding efforts may be necessary and beneficial for our students and community, I am concerned about the potential impact on my position if the school were to close. I believe the Media Center plays a vital role in fostering literacy, supporting instruction, and enhancing the overall academic environment at Stoneview. My hope is that any decisions made will consider the value of maintaining strong instructional support roles, including the Media Specialist position, to ensure continuity and continued student success.	3/4/2026 10:01 AM
2594	Closing Oak Grove and other consistently high achieving schools is "fools gold". It might look economically wise but it will degrade the quality of DeKalb County Public Schools and draw into question the wisdom of the School Board. It is recommendations like this along with a record of having 6 Superindents in the last 7 years that has made DCPS a laughing stock in the State and across the country. Support high-achieving schools, don't close them.	3/4/2026 10:01 AM
2595	This makes sense to me.	3/4/2026 9:59 AM
2596	We do not want to lose our elementary school. We love Brockett, moved to Tucker for Brockett and our youngest was just accepted into pre-k at Brockett!	3/4/2026 9:59 AM
2597	Although there are more elementary seats than students, closing Chesnut (not on the list) should be considered over closing Vanderlyn or Kingsley. Primarily the traffic near that school is very heavy due to its proximity to 285 and Peachtree Middle School. Closing Vanderlyn or Kingsley would cause many more students to have to ride a bus, who now walk to school. Even students who currently ride a bus, will have to ride much further. If Vanderlyn and Kingsley are both closed, there will be no elementary school in the northeast portion of Dunwoody.	3/4/2026 9:54 AM
2598	Please think of the kids	3/4/2026 9:53 AM
2599	Disappointed in closing Vanderlyn. We love the school, the teachers, the staff, the environment and the spirit of the school community.	3/4/2026 9:49 AM
2600	I think y'all are doing a good job	3/4/2026 9:45 AM
2601	No closure, no consolidation. Keep Oak Grove elementary school just as it is.	3/4/2026 9:45 AM
2602	Run down and no color in the school. School feels like a prison. No excitement for the kids to learn.	3/4/2026 9:42 AM
2603	You cannot close oak grove elementary as it will ruin our community and our housing value. Renovate it but it would be disastrous to close it.	3/4/2026 9:40 AM
2604	There are decisions that do not make sense. Based on the metrics at the cluster level, I would like to understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics. Before any decisions are made, it would be highly recommended and helpful for the community to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity (including lunch areas and outdoor play areas), ensuring class sizing doesn't go up/class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications.	3/4/2026 9:37 AM
2605	I believe consolidation is the wrong path to take. Community involvement and ease of access will be lost as this plan primarily focuses only on financial benefit.	3/4/2026 9:35 AM
2606	It seems that all scenarios will create classrooms that are larger in size than they are now.	3/4/2026 9:33 AM

	This will produce worse outcomes from an educational and social development perspective. If schools can be consolidated while increasing teacher hiring and keeping class size low, I would be ok with it.	
2607	We need more schools. There aren't enough seats available during the lottery process.	3/4/2026 9:32 AM
2608	Good	3/4/2026 9:30 AM
2609	I believe it is critically important to keep our community connected within Ashford Park Elementary School, as well as among the students and programs that will continue into the Chamblee Middle and High School cluster, including Kittredge Magnet School. A strong sense of community is what helps our county thrive, and maintaining those connections benefits students, families, and schools alike.	3/4/2026 9:30 AM
2610	Smaller schools with less than 400 students should be considered for consolidations first. Some of the schools with older buildings should be considered to consolidate with schools with newer buildings.	3/4/2026 9:29 AM
2611	I do not want my school to be consolidated and closed. I do not want my high school and middle school to be even more overcrowded than they already are.	3/4/2026 9:27 AM
2612	Stoneview Elementary School is in need of a refresh. The facility is outdated and old. Despite the efforts to clean and maintain the building, the facility is old and not ascetically pleasing. Consolidating Stoneview is a positive for the students, the community, and the district. Consolidating the school will create access to resources the students currently do not have- decent desks, restrooms that smell horribly.	3/4/2026 9:19 AM
2613	I am concerned about Briarlake becoming a very large school. It is such a special lovely small school which we love.	3/4/2026 9:18 AM
2614	Closing 27 schools seems excessive for a deficit of 10000 students. I also have concerns that by consolidating schools, classroom size will expand dramatically which will limit the resources available to students per classroom and strain teachers who are already dealing with no with large class sizes.	3/4/2026 9:17 AM
2615	Too much consolidation	3/4/2026 9:15 AM
2616	I feel great about the school the process in the morning from drop off until pick up. The only thing I have concerns about is that when the children are in the playground, anybody can jump the fence or come through the backstreet into the playground openly and that is dangerous..	3/4/2026 9:14 AM
2617	I believe some consolidation needs to happen	3/4/2026 9:13 AM
2618	Redan Elementary should not be closed as it serves the community well.	3/4/2026 9:13 AM
2619	I support addressing overcrowding at Dunwoody High School and want strong long-term facilities planning across the cluster. Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends and utilization, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. Before any closure decision, it would be helpful to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications.	3/4/2026 9:13 AM
2620	The proposal closure of Ashford Park Elementary School is a surprise. This school is a standout in terms of student performance, student community, teacher community and parent community. Closing this school and dispersing kids to multi other school breaks something that is working very well. This community is growing and full of young families and should remain in tact (no separation of current school zone boundaries) to continue the strong performance and parent involvement.	3/4/2026 9:12 AM
2621	I think it all makes a lot of sense. I want my tax dollars used more effectively and believe that larger, more centralized schools are better than smaller, more distributed schools.	3/4/2026 9:12 AM
2622	If the district's objective is to right-size elementary schools toward the 600-student efficiency benchmark, Vanderlyn should be evaluated as a candidate for expansion rather than closure. The school is already operating efficiently and, given its shared campus, presents an opportunity to explore coordinated facility solutions that support Dunwoody High School's needs while preserving elementary access. We respectfully request comparative modeling that evaluates closure versus expansion scenarios within the Dunwoody cluster, including cost, utilization, and long-term flexibility, before final determinations are made.	3/4/2026 9:12 AM

2623	I don't believe Vanderlyn should close as we are a high performing, close knit, community based school. Many of our families purchased houses in this area specifically so that their children could attend Vanderlyn.	3/4/2026 9:10 AM
2624	Great idea, we need to cut costs so resources can be properly shared and purchased for students. Staff compensation can also increase!	3/4/2026 9:10 AM
2625	Vanderlyn is a high impact community school where children are in a small and safe environment where community is priority	3/4/2026 9:09 AM
2626	Oak Grove Elementary is an extremely important school for us, and I strongly oppose its closure or consolidation. I have two children in 1st and 3rd grade that love OGE and are thriving every year. OGE is our favorite school in the world! Oak Grove has a very strong academic reputation, experienced teachers, and a supportive parent community that contributes significantly to student success. Closing this amazing school would disrupt a well-functioning learning environment and negatively affect many students and families. We intentionally moved to this area in 2021 because of the quality and reputation of Oak grove elementary school. Instead of closing OGE, the district should view it as a model for other schools. Besides there is confirmed data that the school is already at 89% utilization and projected at 96% next year. Enrollment at Oak Grove Elementary has been increasing over past years and not declining. Eliminating a high-performing and well-supported school does not seem like the best strategy for strengthening the district overall. Please explore alternative options that preserve successful neighborhood schools like Oak Grove elementary while addressing broader facility needs. Maintaining stability for students and families should be a top priority.	3/4/2026 9:08 AM
2627	Our schools are great, and our staff has a deep understanding of the kids and the programs/services needed to help them thrive. I would not like to see anything changed.	3/4/2026 9:06 AM
2628	I am extremely concerned that the initial scenarios prioritize facility capacity OVER programs and community demand (utilization) for schools. I am a Vanderlyn and Dunwoody High School parent and attended the SAP community session for our Dunwoody cluster. I heard that DCSD funding will FOLLOW students. I believe closing Vanderlyn, which is a highly desired and in-demand elementary school, will erode our community's trust in DCSD and result in families pulling their children from DCSD for private schools (as was done during the pandemic). This will further exacerbate declining enrollment trends in our county as students (and funding) exit DCSD. To ensure the continued success of the Dunwoody cluster, I would like to understand the reasoning behind closing Vanderlyn -- particularly since SAP emphasizes enrollment trends and the efficient use of space. I believe the proposal to expand Chesnut does not take into account traffic patterns in our community. Chesnut is located in a HIGH traffic area. My child attended Peachtree Middle School for 3 years, which is located on the same road and in close proximity to Chesnut. These schools are located on a road that is the primary path for families throughout Dunwoody to enter I-285 and is EXTREMELY busy in the morning and afternoon. Expanding Chesnut to accommodate additional students would result in multiple roads being blocked in this community in the morning and afternoon.	3/4/2026 9:06 AM
2629	Do not close sagamore, oak grove or midvale	3/4/2026 9:05 AM
2630	I support addressing overcrowding at Dunwoody High School and want strong long-term facilities planning across the cluster. Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends and utilization, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. Before any closure decision, it would be helpful to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications.	3/4/2026 9:03 AM
2631	Concerns about space, over crowding in schools, losing tight community	3/4/2026 9:00 AM
2632	Strong, stable elementary environments are important for students and communities, and I would like to better understand how this proposal supports long-term cluster planning. I support solutions for high school overcrowding, but it would be helpful to see complete modeling on reassignment, receiving school enrollment and capacity, transportation, and feeder impacts before decisions are finalized.	3/4/2026 9:00 AM
2633	Elementary school students will lose their community ID.	3/4/2026 8:58 AM
2634	First of all, open-ended feedback is impossible to track and is a terrible way to receive feedback in a scenario like this. Will facility expansion mean that trailers are parked in the back of the buildings? Many current buildings are in total disrepair and are falling apart. Will	3/4/2026 8:57 AM

	these buildings be fully repaired before being inundated with new students? This should be priority #1.	
2635	Very worried about our home value in dunwoody.	3/4/2026 8:55 AM
2636	do not consolidate or close facilities	3/4/2026 8:55 AM
2637	After reading the materials and attending a Q&A session, I have no faith that this process is being undertaken with full transparency or thoroughness. The scenario was prepared without full understanding or data regarding traffic patterns, impact to enrollment, student outcomes in larger vs smaller schools, where students will be moved to, how 'expanded' schools will be expanded and with what budget, impact to staff and teachers, consideration of special programs like magnets, etc. It is impossible to fully evaluate any plan that ignores these and other factors. This feels like a rushed, incomplete, incompetent process. Further, there is a tremendous amount of eroded trust in DCSD due to a constant stream of bad press, corruption and poor leadership at the very top. It is a terrible idea to implement a scenario that will rock communities without first reestablishing trust and demonstration of BASIC COMPETENCE at the district level. I have no issue with closing schools if the numbers require it. But I do have many issues with the way this process is playing out.	3/4/2026 8:54 AM
2638	I think the initial facilities scenario is a great idea. I know that new facilities and better school based building for learning would boost morale and test scores.	3/4/2026 8:53 AM
2639	Larger schools at elementary level are not ideal for development or learning. No consolidation recommended	3/4/2026 8:53 AM
2640	I think more could be supportive of Vanderlyn closing if you could show that DHS would have capital behind an expansion to alleviate DHS over crowding. If not, then why close a high performing school and go through redistricting? If Vanderlyn is just going to be an empty building on a vacant lot you are doing more harm than really any good. And another thought - could Peachtree Middle be expanded to accommodate all Dunwoody high school students? And then DHS becomes the middle school. And Vanderlyn stays open. Seems like there's more land over there to expand the middle school into an high school and even Seacrest Stadium.	3/4/2026 8:53 AM
2641	may require longer commute times for students, which can increase absenteeism and create transportation challenges for families.	3/4/2026 8:51 AM
2642	I believe this to be necessary	3/4/2026 8:48 AM
2643	Vanderlyn Elementary functions as a true neighborhood school with high walkability and strong peer proximity. Many families walk daily and students regularly interact outside of school, creating a stable social environment that supports learning and community engagement. Consolidation would convert a low-transport, neighborhood-based model into a bus-dependent system, increasing transportation costs and reducing daily physical activity for students. Vanderlyn also benefits from exceptional parent involvement and community investment, including direct neighborhood contributions to school resources and playground improvements. Preserving high-functioning neighborhood schools like Vanderlyn should be prioritized when evaluating consolidation scenarios.	3/4/2026 8:47 AM
2644	I do not believe closing Vanderlyn ES would be beneficial to not only the students but also the community.	3/4/2026 8:45 AM
2645	Please do not close Vanderlyn. It is a great school with a thriving community. My son is happy there. Why would you close the school that is academically one of the best in the state? We are very upset that it is on the list.	3/4/2026 8:40 AM
2646	The deciding factor in purchasing our home was its close proximity to Oak Grove Elementary, in which we can walk to school. I am very disappointed to learn that it may close, at the same time that our property taxes skyrocket, and it has us considering if we should leave Dekalb.	3/4/2026 8:40 AM
2647	I disagree with closing Vanderlyn as it is one of the top schools in Dunwoody. Why would you close one of the top performing schools. The focus should be placed on the underperforming schools.	3/4/2026 8:40 AM
2648	Please do not hastily close or consolidate schools without getting more contextual data from schools directly	3/4/2026 8:39 AM
2649	Consolidation will lead to overcrowding and increasingly larger student to teacher ratios.	3/4/2026 8:38 AM

	Increasing the ratios puts more strain on the teachers and less attention to the students. Less attention means lower performances and increasing likelihood of parents/communities no longer utilizing public schools, which is already at risk of happening for Dunwoody middle school children. With class sizes ballooning past the ideal 18 students/teacher, we are likely to see a drop off in student performance, kids qualifying for gifted, and putting them in advantageous positions to succeed at the middle school and high school levels.	
2650	Very upset. We relocated our family to the oak grove elementary school. We absolutley love the school and the teachers. Will be devastated if it is closed.	3/4/2026 8:37 AM
2651	I agree that consolidations are necessary. I am concerned about the appropriate allocation of materials, staff, resources between Areas/ Regions. I am also concerned that these proposals do not take into account the special education regional classrooms that are not a part of the attendance zone and therefore are not accounted for when looking at seats available, etc.	3/4/2026 8:36 AM
2652	I fully support long-term facilities planning aimed at resolving the overcrowding at Dunwoody High School. However, to ensure the continued success of the Dunwoody cluster, I would like to understand the reasoning behind closing Vanderlyn Elementary, which is a high-utilized elementary school—particularly since the SAP emphasizes enrollment trends and the efficient use of space.	3/4/2026 8:30 AM
2653	A lot of neighborhood school that closed down you don't think about the parents that do not have a car or do not have access to transportation to drop their kids off that hurts a lot being disabled sucks too because if you don't drive and you don't have anybody to drop your kid off what do you do	3/4/2026 8:30 AM
2654	I feel the merge has to be worth it, the building environments need to be above standards and not just putting students from one ran down place to the next just to keep numbers of enrollment high	3/4/2026 8:30 AM
2655	While I understand the need for consolidation I believe you need to look at the county as a whole. We have high performing schools, like Vanderlyn, that can have increased capacity and room for expansion, if needed. It’s shortsighted and detrimental to the community to consider shutting down an active, vibrant school with high parent involvement and voluntarism to accommodate expansion of a high school that is also performing well. Breaking clusters of kids up as they grow and mature in an increasingly difficult culture is not what’s best for the kids and some scenarios have kids moving schools twice in 4-5 years. Your role is to support the growth and education of kids and you’re not doing that by taking the easy path of shutting down a high performing, caring, involved school.	3/4/2026 8:30 AM
2656	Large elementary schools may save money but have detrimental effects on education and community building. Smaller, neighborhood schools remain preferable	3/4/2026 8:27 AM
2657	The northern district does not have the same issues as South Dekalb. Many of the families in the Dunwoody Cluster chose private school during Covid because of Dekalb's choice to stay closed. Pair that with the trust issues with the hiring practices and choices of the many superintedents Dekalb has had over the years. We need to get to the root cause of choosing private. A school like Vanderlyn works well. It is a high performing school with the ability to take more students from Kingsley or other schools.	3/4/2026 8:27 AM
2658	While I understand the district’s need to address facility utilization and long-term planning, I have significant concerns about the proposed consolidation scenarios that include closing Vanderlyn Elementary. Vanderlyn is a high-performing neighborhood school with strong academic outcomes and a highly engaged parent community. Closing or consolidating a school that is functioning well risks disrupting student learning environments and dismantling a community asset that has taken years to build. School closures also have broader implications beyond facility capacity, including increased transportation times for young students, larger class sizes, and reduced opportunities for family engagement when students are no longer able to attend school within their neighborhood community. These factors can negatively affect both student outcomes and the overall strength of the surrounding community. If consolidation is being considered, it is important for the district to clearly demonstrate the long-term educational and financial benefits, including transparent data on projected enrollment trends, transportation impacts, class size changes, and the expected reinvestment of any savings into student programs. Without this level of clarity, it is difficult for families to understand how closing successful neighborhood schools would ultimately benefit students.	3/4/2026 8:24 AM
2659	I am disappointed Kingsley might get shut down. It's a wonderful school with a great	3/4/2026 8:24 AM

	community and caring teachers. Our family very much values the walkability of the school given the location inside the neighborhood; it's not on a busy road and there are (generally) sidewalks. To close such an intimate school, where the teachers know all the students names would be a tragedy. I am frustrated by the lack of fore-thought and planning, too. Closing schools isn't a long term solution. It sounds like the county wants to push more kids from Vanderlyn and Kinglsey into Chestnut (already over capacity), Dunwoody ES (doesn't have capacity for even half of one of those schools) and maybe Austin (also doesn't have excess capacity). So from the data the county is providing it would appear they are suggesting to take 5 schools with reasonable capacity and merge them into 3 schools which will be way over capacity. It reads like they are trying to make the worst environment for the kids. Never mind that "capacity" here means classrooms are actually far too full and teachers are overwhelmed by the number of students in their care. If the argument is that this consolidation is an effort to save money on admin staff well it sure looks like the excess/misappropriated admin staff are all at the county level. The county seems like they are incapable of fostering a quality academic environment and yet they keep hiring. Specifically there is no teacher coaching (ideally something handled by the schools but coordinated by the county). When teachers are observed the central admin staff who do the observations are very short and they don't give feedback. Another example is that central office seems to fail to purchase classroom supplies on time. All of that to say that if you want to get rid of admin costs focus on the home office staff and make that efficient in a way that is helpful to the individual schools and those teachers. This process being started by Horton also casts serious doubts on it's merits. I am having trouble trusting anything he initiated given his track record. Maybe fix the damage he's done before even thinking about closing schools. ---- Fix the HVAC at Kingsley so these kids can learn in a quiet, calm classroom. Don't centralize the schools and actively overcrowd them. Get rid of school choice so families who should go to this school do and can help it get better. Don't give up on these kids.	
2660	I’m not in favor of closing Oak Grove School. It’s the heart of our community.	3/4/2026 8:21 AM
2661	I don’t agree with the closure of certain schools, Vanderlyn in particular. It is one of the most prestigious schools in the district	3/4/2026 8:20 AM
2662	This exercise is not supported by the taxpayers at large and we have made this clear. However, it seems to still be a potential scenario for unknown motivations. The data cited by the planning committee is not accurate and the school assignments are not thoughtful. It feels like a very rudimentary assessment as if you are only capable of understanding or digesting basic data where this is a complex issue.	3/4/2026 8:19 AM
2663	I understand the necessity to consolidate	3/4/2026 8:18 AM
2664	The scenarios are correct in that resources are spread too thin and classes are not full. However, these scenarios do NOT address the root of the problem. Why have families been leaving the county? The problems start at the top. Management needs to be fixed at the top in order to see positive changes at the school level. MANY families have left due to poor management and decision making at the county level. Why are these scenarios occurring now when these schools have all been around for many, many years?	3/4/2026 8:18 AM
2665	The initial facilities are great.	3/4/2026 8:17 AM
2666	We would be very disappointed if Vanderlyn Elementary closes. We recently moved to the area and purchased a home in the neighborhood right down the street from Vanderlyn specifically for this school. We felt that Austin and Vanderlyn were the best fits for our family and are left with a lot of uncertainty that if Vanderlyn to close, where we would be redistricted. This is leading us to consider moving in advance of this decision to a more stable district because we have only one child in school now but have 2 younger kids - one starting K in the Fall - for whom we want to minimize disruption. We also worry a lot about excellent teachers leaving Vanderlyn due to this possibility and uncertainty and the downstream impact on current/ future education.	3/4/2026 8:16 AM
2667	Very concerned that Dekalb would consider closing one of their top elementary schools.	3/4/2026 8:14 AM
2668	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary	3/4/2026 8:11 AM
2669	It won't be good for our students, family. Our school is a great school with very few vacant seats	3/4/2026 8:09 AM
2670	I am not against the scenario of school consolidation. I am, however, not in favor of Redan Elementary being one of the 27 schools slatted for closure.	3/4/2026 8:09 AM

2671	My concerns and provide feedback on the proposed plan to close multiple schools within the southside of DeKalb County. I do not fully understand the reasoning behind this decision. From my perspective, closing these schools would be a significant disadvantage to our children, the community, and the stakeholders involved. It is particularly troubling with regard to Redan Elementary School, which is the second oldest school in the district. Closing it feels like erasing an important part of our history. I strongly believe that this matter deserves further discussion and reconsideration. We need to ensure that all concerns are carefully addressed and that the impact on the community and students is thoroughly evaluated before moving forward.	3/4/2026 8:05 AM
2672	I understand the reasoning for some of this but I don't believe closing Oak Grove Elementary would be a good decision for my community. It is a high achieving school with significant family involvement, both volunteering and financial. Larger schools and classrooms can also be intimidating for younger children and make learning more difficult. The county cannot spend millions on external construction firms and external advisory firms while disregarding the true constituents of the county. If it does, it will likely result in many residents moving out of the county, moving their kids to private schools, and lowering property values.	3/4/2026 7:58 AM
2673	I think we need to focus on the Impact, and different alternatives highlighting positive scenerios that are working to inforce better choices.	3/4/2026 7:57 AM
2674	I am concerned about how the closure of Oak Grove Elementary will impact the size of Sagamore Hills Elementary School. The proposed scenario will expand the size of Sagamore significantly requiring more traffic from buses, parent drop off / pick up, school activities, etc. DeKalb's historical preference was to place elementary schools inside residential neighborhoods, and Sagamore Hills is situated inside a neighborhood due to this previous planning policy. The significant increase in school traffic resulting from the closure of Oak Grove and the expansion of Sagamore Hills will create dangerous and cumbersome traffic patterns within the residential neighborhood. Additionally, the school age populations in both of the Oak Grove and Sagamore Hills areas appears anecdotally to be exploding. We see new young families and couples looking to start families move constantly. My expectation is that school enrollment will exceed projected growth and both schools will be needed.	3/4/2026 7:57 AM
2675	My daughter attends Oak Grove Elementary due to school choice. Oak Grove is a great school with great teachers. It is small class sizes and we need that for our daughter to succeed. Smaller class size works. If she would not been able to attend Oak Grove we would have left Dekalb County Schools and put her in private	3/4/2026 7:56 AM
2676	It feels like many of the proposed schools for closure do not have complete data and/or do not make sense for closure considering attendance/enrollment rate (current and future).	3/4/2026 7:54 AM
2677	That is horrible, you are gutting school that provide essential services in our neighborhood. This is so Dekalb County.	3/4/2026 7:45 AM
2678	If there is room in the school, why are we waitlisting pre-k….	3/4/2026 7:26 AM
2679	Instead of closing schools due to empty seats, we should use the empty seats to provide more opportunities for our students to have more one on one time. Many children learn better in small settings, so instead of looking at this as a bad thing, we should use the space to help students learn more.	3/4/2026 7:19 AM
2680	Vanderlyn ES is an important school to the community and closing it would negatively impact the community	3/4/2026 7:05 AM
2681	Close school that need worn out and would take more money repair. Or repurpose into non-educational facilities.	3/4/2026 7:02 AM
2682	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to	3/4/2026 6:54 AM

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2683	I strongly believe that elementary school students, typically in grades K-5, should not be exposed to older students in grades 6-8 within the same school building. Maintaining a clear separation between these age groups is essential for fostering a safe, nurturing environment tailored to the developmental needs of younger children. In today's world, where children have unprecedented access to the internet and social media, they are already bombarded with influences that can accelerate exposure to mature or inappropriate content far beyond their years. Combining elementary and middle schoolers under one roof exacerbates this issue by introducing direct, daily interactions with preteens and early teens who are navigating puberty, increased social pressures, and more complex behavioral dynamics. This setup risks younger kids adopting negative habits—such as profanity, bullying, or risky behaviors like experimenting with vaping or social exclusion—through observational learning and peer imitation, a phenomenon well-documented in developmental psychology as behavioral contagion. Research shows that transitions to middle school environments, where older students dominate, are linked to spikes in aggression, rule-breaking, and emotional distress among younger adolescents, and extending this exposure downward to elementary ages could amplify these problems for even smaller children. Children in K-5 are at a critical stage of building foundational social skills, self-confidence, and a love for learning, often in a more playful, structured setting with closer adult supervision. Middle schoolers, on the other hand, face heightened hormonal changes, identity exploration, and peer-driven independence, which can lead to cliques, teasing, or more overt conflicts. Studies on school configurations highlight that K-8 models—where elementary and middle grades share a building—often result in poorer outcomes compared to separate elementary schools, including increased behavioral infractions, lower attendance, and higher dropout rates later on. For instance, sixth graders in middle schools are twice as likely to face discipline issues than those remaining in K-8 setups, suggesting that the presence of older peers disrupts the protective bubble needed for younger ones. Varying maturity levels mean that while some elementary students might handle interactions maturely, many others—especially those developing more slowly—could experience stress, anxiety, or a dip in academic motivation from feeling overwhelmed or intimidated. This isn't just about bad habits; it's about preserving the innocence and focused growth of young minds without the added pressure of navigating a shared space with kids who are essentially in a different life stage. Furthermore, consolidating schools in this way overlooks the long-term developmental trajectories of children. Evidence indicates that the shift to a middle school context can interrupt positive trends, such as the natural decline in ADHD-related symptoms or aggressive behaviors that occur in stable elementary environments. Younger students might internalize negative role models, leading to emotional problems like hyperactivity or withdrawal, which persist into adolescence. In high-poverty or diverse districts, where consolidation is often proposed for cost savings, this mixing can worsen disparities, as school-level factors like concentrated disadvantage fuel antisocial behaviors. Instead of consolidation, we should prioritize keeping elementary schools as standalone havens, investing in smaller class sizes and age-appropriate programs that shield kids from premature exposure. The potential for picking up detrimental habits isn't hypothetical—it's backed by patterns seen in transitional disruptions, where academic engagement drops and behavioral issues rise. Ultimately, true individual growth happens when children are	3/4/2026 6:52 AM

	allowed to mature at their own pace in environments designed specifically for them, not diluted by the challenges of older peers. Do your research Dekalb ! You failed me and others	
2684	I strongly oppose the proposed consolidations. Schools are not simply facilities to be rearranged for convenience or cost savings — they are established communities that provide stability, safety, and support for our children. This decision will have significant academic, emotional, and social consequences for students. Disrupting their environment, relationships, and routines is not a minor adjustment; it is a major upheaval that deserves far more weight than what appears to be a facilities-driven solution.	3/4/2026 6:40 AM
2685	I believe the older facilities with the less capacity of elementary students should be combined to a larger school.	3/4/2026 6:26 AM
2686	I like the smaller school senerio.	3/4/2026 6:10 AM
2687	The school is such an integral part of our community and our children's lives. We are generations at Oak Grove elementary and have had nothing short of an incredible experience.	3/4/2026 6:00 AM
2688	Consolidating elementary students into middle school buildings is not the best strategy in my opinion. I was apart of a school consolidation when they closed 2 schools and merged them with Snapfinger Elementary, and it was a challenging experience for scholars and staff. Snapfinger went from a viable school to a failing school overnight. Staff were disgruntled and students from different neighborhoods did not get along. We had NO SUPPORT with transitioning students and staff to this building. Teachers were at odds because of the merge and administration wasn't prepared with the necessary tools to bridge the gaps in personalities and instruction.	3/4/2026 3:52 AM
2689	Here are several concerns regarding the proposed closure of Ashford Park Elementary: 1. A Facilities-First Approach That Ignores Enrollment Reality The facilities-first strategy appears to optimize for buildings rather than students. Closing APES—the district's most utilized elementary school at 171.3% capacity—in order to "balance" enrollment is fundamentally illogical. * No Viable Capacity Nearby: District data show that neighboring schools—John Lewis (83%), Doraville United (99%), Dresden (85%), and Montgomery (128%)—collectively have only about 270 available seats. There is no realistic physical capacity within reasonable proximity to absorb APES's 822 students. * Portable Classroom Contradiction: Relocating APES students would immediately require receiving schools to install additional portable classrooms—the very issue the district claims it aims to reduce. This does not solve overcrowding; it merely redistributes it while dismantling one of the district's strongest academic communities. 2. The "Renovate-to-Close" Financial Contradiction The proposal highlights a troubling disconnect between Operations and Planning. In April 2025, the Board approved a $23.5 million contract with Winter Construction for major capital improvements at APES, including HVAC and cafeteria upgrades. This is not hypothetical funding—it is active spending, with crews currently on site. Continuing to allocate approximately 15% of the capital budget to a facility designated for "disposal" in 2027 represents serious fiscal misalignment. If the school closes, the district will either: * Renovate a building only to shutter it shortly thereafter, or * Incur substantial contract cancellation penalties. Either outcome means taxpayers fund improvements that will never benefit students. 3. The Tradeoff Scenario Does Not Apply to APES The "Tradeoff" model used to justify closing APES does not align with the school's economic reality. District financial models assume a $400,000 median home value. In contrast, Ashford Park's median home value is approximately $913,098. As a result, each APES household contributes roughly $8,319 annually in school taxes—about 2.3 times the district average. Residents are effectively paying at levels comparable to private school tuition while supporting the public system. This fundamentally undermines the argument that smaller schools are inherently inefficient: * A Revenue-Positive School: Given the significant valuation differential, APES likely operates with a revenue-to-cost ratio exceeding 1.0. In practical terms, the school generates sufficient tax revenue to cover its operating costs and potentially contribute surplus funds to the broader district. * The False Economy Risk: Closing APES in pursuit of cost savings disregards its role as a net revenue contributor. Moreover, destabilizing a high-value neighborhood school risks softening property values—the very tax base that subsidizes district-wide operations. What is currently a net donor community could become a financial liability.	3/3/2026 11:45 PM
2690	Quality Education and Community Schooling are inseparable. Comprising this synergy through consolidation, displacement, and increased school sizes is a flawed strategy.	3/3/2026 11:36 PM
2691	Oak Grove elementary is a great school with a good occupancy rate. It should not be considered for closure.	3/3/2026 10:11 PM

2692	I understand that declining enrollment and under-utilized buildings require difficult decisions. However, consolidating schools should be approached with careful consideration of how these changes affect children, families, and neighborhood communities. Schools are more than facilities — they are places where students build relationships, families connect, and communities grow. Large consolidations can unintentionally create overcrowded schools, longer travel times, and disruption for students who benefit from stability. I hope the district prioritizes transparency, community input, and thoughtful planning if consolidations move forward. It would also be valuable to consider creative uses for facilities that preserve educational opportunities and community services rather than simply closing schools.	3/3/2026 10:07 PM
2693	My child is a lottery student, and has been since her first day of kindergarten at Midvale. Midvale gave her such an incredible foundation, and I cannot imagine it not being available to future students.	3/3/2026 9:46 PM
2694	Adequate feedback cannot be given when simply saying our school will close, without saying where these children will go. While I am disappointed to see APES being considered for closure, I am more concerned at where the over 800 children will be moved to. There is not another elementary school close that could accommodate even half of this school, which suggests the kids will be split up amongst many schools, which again are not close by.	3/3/2026 9:46 PM
2695	HPM emphasizes that choices are driven by data such as declining enrollment and building conditions. But…their numbers are wrong and only support their cut and paste plan. If we had instead used the almost $8M we paid HPM and instead invested in our schools, we'd be in a much better place.	3/3/2026 9:33 PM
2696	This will absolutely lead to over-crowding of both the classrooms and the surrounding neighborhoods, which were not designed to accommodate huge numbers of students. Hawthorne in particular is situation within a neighborhood, not adjacent to main road but actually inside the neighborhood. The neighborhood will not suddenly be able to accommodate huge numbers of students coming in and out.	3/3/2026 9:27 PM
2697	I don't like that we appear to be going to a large enrollment model for elementary schools. My fear is that the county will increase school size and student-teacher ratios in order to increase efficiency. Unfortunately, this could have a negative effect on student outcomes. One big question I had after my review was how will the county expand schools to integrate students from closing schools (e.g., Laurel Ridge potentially taking on students from McClendon)? Is the county going to add trailers or consider building expansions. If the county is going to simply add trailers to schools across the county, that is not desirable. It is also very difficult to envision the different scenarios without seeing the updated attendance zones. we need to see these earlier in the process.	3/3/2026 9:23 PM
2698	We have paid HPM nearly $8M. This is financially irresponsible!	3/3/2026 9:20 PM
2699	It's clear there are many under-enrolled schools that need to be consolidated. It is a frequent board complaint and board discussion that there are disparities of programs and courses offered at some schools and not others. If we right-sized schools, then it's obvious that more students could have access to more programming/coursework options. The issue is that many of our under-enrolled schools are in south DeKalb. So, you have put out scenarios that close schools that aren't under-enrolled and propose spending money making smaller/full buildings larger and more-full without showing how the money spent on that idea actually saves money in the long run. This leads me to believe that many of your north DeKalb scenarios are manufactured to make it look like you addressing enrollment issues equitably across all parts of the district. In my opinion, no matter where a severely under-enrolled school exisits, that's where you should focus your efforts on consolidation and attendance zones. And while it might be inconvenient politically that the vast majority of these schools are in south DeKalb, the end results is massive improvements in opportunity for this portion of the district. And THAT is the definition of equity. I don't anything about marketing, but you aren't selling this from that perspective at all, and you should. Next, what we seem to have in north DeKalb is an attendance zone problem rather than an under-enrollment problem. You've got massive overcrowding at certain schools which requires a look at attendance lines, not closing buildings.	3/3/2026 9:19 PM
2700	We want to keep an excellent school in our neighborhood which already provides the facilities needed for a good school and with a sizeable population.	3/3/2026 9:18 PM
2701	Baffled at the recommendations. With Midvale specifically, you're recommending to close an IB certified neighborhood school with tons of community involvement. The facilities just	3/3/2026 9:15 PM

	underwent major renovations. To close the school despite all this makes me very skeptical about intentions more generally.	
2702	Devon Horton started this process and has been indicted on 17 federal counts tied to alleged embezzlement, wire fraud, and tax fraud. So, who, involved in this, is corrupt or financially benefitting?!	3/3/2026 9:12 PM
2703	It’s terrible. Don't close my school.	3/3/2026 9:07 PM
2704	I don't disagree that some schools may need to be consolidated, but the ones suggested do not make sense to me. Closing Midvale is not in the best interest of our students or community; and the fact that Kittredge is considered as even remotely something that might need to be shifted is hard to understand. IB Feeder Pattern: Midvale serves as the only IB Elementary feeder school in Tucker. Closing it would disrupt a pathway that families intentionally choose and value. This is not equitable. Closing Midvale would slash the district's K-5 program offerings by 30%. Because IB authorization is granted through specific schools, you cannot relocate this program to a new school without recertification which will take time. Capacity Concerns: Livsey reportedly has capacity for approximately 300 students, while Midvale currently serves around 430 — and that does not account for students from Brockett Elementary School, which is also on the proposed closure list. Livsey already utilizes trailers for overflow. Where will the additional students go? Livsey does not appear to have room to expand.	3/3/2026 9:05 PM
2705	I like the proposed consolidations. It makes sense to close smaller schools that are in close proximity to larger schools.	3/3/2026 9:00 PM
2706	Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility	3/3/2026 8:56 PM
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2708	Great idea to expand Sagamore Hills Elementary! This would be amazing for the community!	3/3/2026 8:35 PM
2709	I understand some schools may potentially need to close based on enrollment across the board in Dekalb County. However, enrollment doesn't always reflect the strength and importance of a community school and how the closure of said school could negatively impact the local community. Specifically, in regards to the potential closing of Oak Grove Elementary, the two other schools in the local district, Sagamore Hills & Briarlake, are not large enough to accomodate all of the OGE students so both schools would be looking at expansion, which is expensive and grossly over the targeted 600 number. Not to mention, we have concerns about traffic patterns in these already stressed neighborhood communities. Funneling a few hundred more students to each of these schools would be an excessive amount of buses and cars. Additionally, research has shown that students perform better and families have better experiences at small elementary schools versus large elementary schools. There are also concerns that the data concerning numbers is not actually correct. The company who the county is partnering with on preparing a plan for the future was hired under the previous superintendent, Horton, who resigned after being federally indicted. It is also my understanding that the same company led another school district into severe debt with a plan similar to what was proposed for Dekalb County. This company also has dealings in construction and could benefit from any planned expansions. Lastly, Oak Grove Elementary has a higher building score than the other elementary schools in the Oak Grove area.	3/3/2026 8:30 PM
2710	Thanks for sharing the initial facilities consolidation scenario. It looks like a good step toward improving efficiency, but I'd like to know more about how it will affect each school, staff, and students, as well as the expected timeline for these changes.	3/3/2026 8:27 PM
2711	None	3/3/2026 8:22 PM
2712	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/3/2026 8:18 PM
2713	We are so distraught at the thought of this actually becoming a reality. We know Brockett is a wonderful school, with great teachers and has been the most beautiful community for our children. We moved here specifically to be near Brockett Elementary over other schools	3/3/2026 8:17 PM

	districts. This can not go through as this seems to only be about money & not the children or the community it affects.	
2714	I do not like it because Brockett is a great school in great condition with great teachers and a pillar of the community. These moves seem to only benefit DCSD's pocket book.	3/3/2026 8:16 PM
2715	Dunwoody Elementary took on a huge number of Vanderlyn students. You could send some of them back to Vanderlyn instead of closing such a good school.	3/3/2026 8:10 PM
2716	I don't see the logic in closing Oak Grove Elementary which is one of the best ranking Elementary schools in DeKalb and the state. It simply doesn't make sense to penalize achievement in the name of consolidation. It feels like an effort to lower standards when you should be looking to raise them.	3/3/2026 8:02 PM
2717	Our children would benefit from smaller class sizes rather than trying to overload our schools. We do not want our children to go to school in trailers because of this restructuring plan.	3/3/2026 8:00 PM
2718	I am against the consolidation.	3/3/2026 7:56 PM
2719	We have received a great education .	3/3/2026 7:42 PM
2720	Y'all have wasted millions of dollars on felonious salaries. Stop closing the schools and running off families and students. You are all corrupt and incapable of managing a mop bucket.	3/3/2026 7:35 PM
2721	Unfair evaluations Data lacks integrity	3/3/2026 7:34 PM
2722	Evansdale would be one of the schools better to expand than close mainly because of the amount of land!	3/3/2026 7:34 PM
2723	Consolidations mean increasing the size of schools - not optimal. Smaller is usually better	3/3/2026 7:33 PM
2724	Brockett Elementary School was why we moved to Tucker in 2017. Without this important part of our community I think we would lose so much of what makes Tucker a wonderful place to live.	3/3/2026 7:09 PM
2725	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary. It is very important to the community.	3/3/2026 7:06 PM
2726	I think that brockett has more land than the proposed livesy school for any additional expansion is needed as well as a better location in general for the surrounding area to attend. I believe that brockett would be a superior location.	3/3/2026 7:06 PM
2727	It make sense, though I think in your pyramid example compromising resources with lower cost and enrollment does not necessarily lower quality. Take the recent realization that in classroom computers are detrimental to learning.	3/3/2026 6:55 PM
2728	I think the district has bit off more than it can chew with proposing 27 school closures. It seems much more responsible to start small and do a few schools at a time to manage logistics and not become overwhelmed with change. I also think it's a BAD look to close that many schools when we are dealing with the aftermath of Dr. Horton's shady business. We have an empty 6.5 million dollar building and upwards of 100 central office positions that need to be eliminated or relocated into schools. Placing the burden of this district's financial irresponsibility on students, families, and staff demonstrates continued recklessness.	3/3/2026 6:55 PM
2729	This feels like taking a chainsaw to the district. It feels short sighted. Schools are critical to children, communities, and property values. No one wants a 1,000 child elementary school to be the norm. Thats simply too many children crammed together. There is value is smaller classes, less classes. They cant even get proper gym or recess time with all those kids. This plan is terrible and detrimental.	3/3/2026 6:48 PM
2730	To consolidate OGES would 1. Reduce the value of our home. 2. Reduce the opportunities afforded OGES students through its PTA and foundation. 3. Interrupt a continuum of tradition in our family and others. 4. Reduce the impact on grade level scores as OGES has some of the highest in the district. 5. Increase the number of students who will need busing to the new situation. 6. Eliminate the dedication of OGES parents on behalf of their children.	3/3/2026 6:44 PM
2731	I am not a fan of the possible closure. I would want to keep Oak Grove Elementary as is K-5	3/3/2026 6:41 PM
2732	Oak grove elem is not underutilized many income families move here specifically for this school, wait list for pre k and school choice. This is a community school	3/3/2026 6:37 PM
2733	Consolidations are not good for all communities	3/3/2026 6:34 PM

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2735	I am devastated about the news about these consolidations. We absolutely LOVE Midvale Elementary School and a big reason we stayed living in our home in Tucker is because we love Midvale so much. Please DO NOT close Midvale Elementary. My son is thriving there and we love the staff and small community feel. Everyone knows each other, staff, students, and parents. I feel safe sending my son to school everyday in a small school setting because I know how valued and kind everyone is on the staff.	3/3/2026 6:19 PM
2736	Schools need to be closed. That is hard, but doing nothing is much worse, just less obvious.	3/3/2026 6:08 PM
2737	It's necessary to provide high quality services, and buildings need to be on large plots of land like Chesnut is.	3/3/2026 5:57 PM
2738	Elementary-aged students require a nurturing, structured, and highly personalized environment. In a school with nearly 1,000 young children, it becomes significantly harder to ensure that each student is truly known by their teachers and administrators. At the elementary level, relationships are foundational. Students are developing academically, socially, and emotionally. They benefit from close teacher engagement, consistent routines, and a strong sense of belonging conditions that are far more difficult to maintain in an oversized campus. Large elementary schools can also create logistical and safety challenges. Managing arrival and dismissal, lunch periods, recess, and emergency procedures becomes more complex as enrollment grows. Overcrowding can strain shared spaces such as cafeterias, playgrounds, and libraries, reducing the quality of daily experiences for students. Additionally, mega schools often weaken the sense of community that smaller neighborhood schools provide. Families may feel less connected, parental involvement may decline, and students can feel overwhelmed in an environment that feels impersonal at a young age. Smaller schools foster stronger partnerships between educators and parents, which directly supports student success. While growth and efficiency are important considerations, scale should never come at the expense of quality. Elementary education lays the foundation for lifelong learning. Our youngest students deserve environments where they are seen, supported, and valued not lost in the crowd.	3/3/2026 5:51 PM
2739	As a community member I have seen how good Brockett Elementary has been. Please do not	3/3/2026 5:48 PM

	close it. Many students walk to school and that would truly inconvenience them.	
2740	On the whole I am supportive. But I do want to make sure DCSD is looking at where density is being added in the current McNair area, along 2nd Avenue- there are two multi family developments between Glenwood and Flat Shoals. And I will not that McNair Discovery is a large building- I don't know its capacity but it Looks like it is definitely more than the 450 to 500 size. I can see closing Flat Shoals and Kelley Lake- they are much smaller. I also do like the grade band potential approach, and am very much in favor of more early care and learning centers.	3/3/2026 5:43 PM
2741	I understand the concerns regarding consolidation but Oak Grove should not be on the list. We are already at 88% and we are projected to be going up to 96% within the next 12 months. Enrollment continues to increase and is expected to reach full capacity within literally 2 to maybe 3 years. Closing this school would be a mistake and we - as parents and home owners - beg you to reconsider. Together there are 130 available seats at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake, and yet we are being told we should put our current 447 kids in those 130 seats. Briarlake's numbers are the lowest at 73%, but this is projected to increase substantially. Lulah Hills is in phase 1 of 303 multifamily units, expected to increase to 1,800. Corporate Square is in phase 1 of 390 (up to 2k planned) units. No projection is perfect but all the statistics gear towards showing Briarlake will increase to above 88%, Sagamore as well, and of course Oak Grove is already in excess of it. Relying on pandemic-era data is misplaced and the rising Druid Hills/Clifton corridor investments should be used to rebut this incorrect data. Oak Grove is one of the highest performing schools (the 4th highest in the 26 listed and top 10 in county) such that discussing closure of ours would be ethically wrong and in direct contrast to the ultimate goal.	3/3/2026 5:28 PM
2742	Oak Grove Elementary does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to 88%. Oak Grove is currently at 89% and projected at 96% for the 2026-27 school year. If OGE closes, the students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills (currently 91%) and Briarlake (73%). These two schools could not absorb the Oak Grove students without significant expansion. Oak Grove is one of the highest performing schools in the county. Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth and ranks in the top tier academically does not address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/3/2026 5:09 PM
2743	it should not be done. see my previous answer.	3/3/2026 5:02 PM
2744	Strong, stable elementary environments are important for students and communities, and I would like to better understand how this proposal supports long-term cluster planning. I support solutions for high school overcrowding, but it would be helpful to see complete modeling on reassignment, receiving school enrollment and capacity, transportation, and feeder impacts before decisions are finalized.	3/3/2026 4:50 PM
2745	While I understand Ashford Park's lot size is smaller and it's only built currently for 480 and we are basically double that and most overcrowded school in the county, which was driving force to put it on list of closures (small school/lot size), we also back in Fall 2019 when they did Dekalb Master Plan study, were identified as the school/facility that was in top need of expansion per that analysis and they suggested it to have a new school within 5 yrs. Obviously, that plan was never executed at this point, but Ashford Park could be built into a two story school on the current lot to accommodate the ideal 800 size elementary. It would not be cheap to do a total teardown, rebuild or easy, but it is possible logistically. How do we go from being identified as most in need to shutting the whole thing down and abandoning what was originally put in that study, which has now been yanked off the Dekalb website? Even the current lunchroom expansion and site improvements havent progressed now because of this scenario of if we plan to shut it down no pt expanding the cafeteria that cant fit all the students, which just isnt fair after it was promised. John Lewis is nearby and newer/larger, but helped to alleviate crowding on other surrounding schools when it opened Fall 2019 and redistricting was done then when it opened. It didnt start out that way, but it is almost now at capacity too--if we were to move the entire current Ashford Park student body based on boundaries today to John Lewis, we would obviously all fit, but where do current John Lewis kids then go so the other schools they originally came from dont go right back to same overcrowded problem? It's really hard to assess closing APES this without knowing how boundaries shake out too. Also, if moving to John Lewis elementary, where would be the feeder middle and High? It's confusing as the map shows John Lewis feeding into THREE middle schools of Chamblee Middle, the new combo Sequoyah Middle/HS, and Druid Hills middle. Neither Sequoyah or Druid Hills are geographically anywhere near us, CMS would still	3/3/2026 4:40 PM

	be the closest and least headache commute wise. Then it has HS being Cross Keys based on that new cluster. At the moment CMS is not overcrowded and has capacity with current attendance boundaries and our oldest is thriving there just as she did at Ashford Park. So again hard to vote on facilities till we know how we are all going to be split across potentially 3 different middle schools and/or what is happening with boundaries that goes along with this?? Also, Ashford Park is one of the top performing elementary schools in county so I would want to ensure all these shakeups dont drive away key teachers and staff and programs/offerings that are part of that successful learning and they move with the students, but obviously not a guarantee if a teacher decides not to. We obviously bought our house to be part of the Chamblee cluster as it was a tight nit community and the schools performed well as every homeowner looks at when evaluating where to buy. If we were to change clusters, I do believe it would have a negative impact on our home's value and closing Ashford Park down I think would also impact that negatively. Lastly, with any new facility and boundary scenario, I would want to be sure the resources, programs, teaching staff, etc accommodates the changing student body's needs ---will programs be revamped at remaining facilities from what they are today? For instance, I have two gifted track children---right now CHS has WAY more AP classes than Cross Keys and while there is a gifted program at each HS, it is just not the same accelerated offerings that meet my children's needs. The communities staying together is important to me too as they are so integrated right now through things as simple as afterschool programs, YMCA sports programs, etc with kids from surrounding schools in their current cluster like Montgomery and Huntley Hills. In fact, for our oldest since transitioning to CMS, 95% of her new friends she has made have come from Montgomery as that is part of the beauty of merging with multiple elementaries in middle and meeting new people--I fear she loses all her relationships at a pivotal, tumultuous, puberty years by forcing us out of Chamblee cluster (if that is next for boundaries scenario that goes with facilities). And yes while friendships and relationships arent the be all, end all in education, it is another thing that is linked to student and parent satisfaction with where they attend. Overall, I need the full picture including boundaries to give my full POV on this initial facilities scenario.	
2746	The schools in zip codes 30033 and 30345 are essential to our thriving community in which we engage and have a sense of belonging.	3/3/2026 4:39 PM
2747	I don't think top performing schools in population dense areas should be closed. Through the Comprehensive Master Plan (2021), Ashford Park Elementary was planned to be rebuilt. Why did that change? Given the performance of the school (top performer), capacity challenges in the area of the county (constrained), availability of real estate to build new schools in the area (limited and/or expensive), we should be rebuilding Ashford Park	3/3/2026 3:56 PM
2748	Overall, I was glad to see that closures were not clustered in just one part of the district (SW DeKalb for instance). I think the diagram that is circulating is difficult for the average user to understand. I needed the School Specific Rationale document to be able to understand why each site was recommended for closure etc. I think the district made an attempt to be forward thinking when it came to communications but missed the ball. It's also alarming to me to present facility-based scenarios not STUDENT-BASED. Yes, closures matter. But where each child will end up (and the promise of that being in a higher-quality setting) was addressed enough. It makes the district come across as caring about operational efficiency first, and students later (or even last).	3/3/2026 3:47 PM
2749	Oak Grove has been a pillar of the community for many years and having been a student there, it would be a huge disadvantage to the children growing up there to have to go elsewhere.	3/3/2026 3:46 PM
2750	I’m in favor of consolidation and reducing costs acrosss the board. Allowing very student to receive equal access to education.	3/3/2026 3:31 PM
2751	I think smaller neighborhood schools are better for learning. I don't like having the older kids lumped in with the younger ones is a smart thing to do. A 6th grader does not need to be in a school with High School aged kids, and an elementary aged kid doesn't need to be exposed to the hormonal changes that a middle school child is going through. Middle schoolers definitely need to stay separate from the little ones and the influence of HS kids. Keep all 3 facilities separate.	3/3/2026 3:19 PM
2752	We live in the current Midvale ES zone and have one child in kindergarten and one child who will be in prek at Midvale in August. Midvale ES is an essential part of our community. Having a small, dedicated community has led to our school having a deep and intimate understanding of our young children’s needs. Truly every voice at Midvale is heard, and I fear that once we are consolidated with Livsey, our community will lose a vital support. Many of our families walk	3/3/2026 2:53 PM

	their children to school. All of us who currently walk our children to school will lose that option if our children are moved to Livsey. Being able to walk to our local elementary school was an enormous incentive when we purchased our home in 2020 (we live 0.2 miles from Midvale) and our property will lose that unique value if Midvale is closed.	
2753	Evansdale Elementary is vital to our community. Its closure would negatively impact many students who live and go to school in close proximity.	3/3/2026 2:40 PM
2754	As a parent whose three kids attended Evansdale, Henderson Middle and Lakeside High School, I feel that it is very important to keep these schools open. Kids to better, learn better, and succeed in the future when they are able to make friends in their neighborhood schools. Also smaller classes make learning - and teaching better - for both kids and teachers.	3/3/2026 2:36 PM
2755	We LOVE Ashford Park and moved here in 2025 specifically for the school.	3/3/2026 2:33 PM
2756	I think closing would a high-performing elementary school in Ashford Elementary and forcing children in the neighborhood to move to an elementary school in a different high school cluster than the current Chamblee (i.e. John Lewis > Cross Keys) would likely destabilize the neighborhood and negatively impact the view of	3/3/2026 2:30 PM
2757	If we have to close the Ashford Park facility as a neighborhood school, it would be wonderful to keep our incredible community together and shift the Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone to the current John Lewis Elementary facility, and preserve our Chamblee cluster alignment.	3/3/2026 2:27 PM
2758	I am strongly against the closure and consolidation of Brockett Elementary. I work for the district office of Gwinnett County Public Schools and consciously chose Dekalb because of the neighborhood school model. I am concerned about the preparedness of our Dekalb County administrators who are used to small, neighborhood schools. Leading a school of thousands of children requires a specific leadership and communication skill sets and also requires much higher standards for safety and security. This will put our students' progress AND safety at risk. My 1st grader has been at Brockett since pre-kindergarten and every single staff member has known his name since his very first semester as a four year old. He is confident and knows he is seen and loved which has fostered a positive learning environment and love for, not only learning, but for our community. He can walk to school and to his classmates houses. This is the experience I signed up for when buying property in Dekalb County. To take that away from our neighborhood would be devastating. Please listen to your community members and keep Brockett Elementary school a part of our community, as it has been for the last 65 years. Our children and community deserve it.	3/3/2026 2:26 PM
2759	This needs to be done for what is best for the overall taxpayer. We don't need half empty schools, but also don't need buildings sitting vacant.	3/3/2026 2:23 PM
2760	I understand the situation. I just ask that you REALLY think about this. Could it be a phased approach? Over several years?	3/3/2026 2:11 PM
2761	In talking about buildings, I understood that the criteria for school closures prioritize underutilized buildings, the ability for a school to be absorbed through cascading use and the fact that facilities with excess capacity are nearby. However, Ashford Park doesn't meet any of these requirements. The only district-owned facility within three miles that could hold our almost 900 student population would be the nearby John Lewis. But it's currently part of the Cross Keys cluster. My priorities for my children are to keep them with the Ashford Park community and be a part of the Chamblee cluster. I would need more clarity on how the district plans to address these two priorities. The only solution I can fathom is either A) expanding the current Ashford Park facility to meet our capacity needs or B) moving the entire Ashford Park community to John Lewis and keeping it in the Chamblee cluster.	3/3/2026 1:55 PM
2762	We are a very large district. Looking at the entire district in one way and applying information that is true for one region, but not true for our region is useless. In our region (North) enrollment is growing. We also have limited locations to house large schools, which means we either have to build on the space we have, even if the lot is not the ideal size, spend money on purchasing a larger plot that might be impossible to find, or have more but smaller schools to cover the area. But removing a school (Ashford Park Elementary) with a large number of students with no plans to replace it leaves us with a problem that is not going to disappear. If the plan is to expand other schools that are 4 miles away from the next closest school (John Lewis) we will be going against the district's strategic plan to Deliver safe and efficient transportation services to all students.	3/3/2026 1:53 PM

2763	I feel like the north has different challenges from the south. North Dekalb schools are packed to the brim; consolidating/closing schools doesnt' solve our overwcrowding	3/3/2026 1:25 PM
2764	Sagamore should be an expansion school, although it seems like too many schools are being shut down. Not sure thats the right amount	3/3/2026 1:22 PM
2765	It sounds horrific. People do not want mega schools and enrollment will decrease.	3/3/2026 1:19 PM
2766	Evansdale Elementary school should not be closed. The current proposal is unclear but it is my understanding they aim to close this building and send the children to other schools in various feeder programs. This is nonsensical given that Evansdale's lot size is larger than the other neighboring elementaries who are currently planed for expansion. Evansdale also contains two parking lots and street parking that is not available at other neighboring schools. 2) The Evansdale French program draws people to our community. It is non/transferrable. If the students are divided into other schools they will not be able to transfer into the appropriate middle school (Henderson middle). 3) traffic capabilities are better (as opposed to Livsey/Hawthorne) 4) lack of clarity of the data used and decision making to make these decisions, not to mention that this plan was hatched by Horton, who has been charged with fraud; general distrust of the board and the process 5) high probability that enrollment will drop if we lose our local elementary school as some people will go to private school/alternative options rather than send their child to a "mega school" that is further away	3/3/2026 1:19 PM
2767	I'm specifically concerned about the potential closing of Evansdale elementary. This school serves as a connector and hub for the surrounding community. Many of us moved to the area specifically because of the community in and around the school. Moreover, the school has pretty consistent numbers due to the French program. Evansdale also sits of property that can handle expansion and increased traffic especially when compared to the next closest elementary school - Livsey. Further their is a lack of clarity about what data are being used to make decisions. Lastly, as sad as this reality is, there is a high probability that enrollment will drop if we lose our local elementary school as some people will go to private school/alternative options rather than send their child to a "mega school" that is further away.	3/3/2026 1:08 PM
2768	1) Evansdale has a large lot size for expansion, including two parking lots and street parking 2) What about the DLI program? This program draws people to our community. It is non/transferrable and it continues into HMS which is established and working, seems short sided and resource intensive to move an established track. 3) I don't buy the traffic control consideration, Evansdale has good traffic flow in an area without high traffic volume for example Chamblee Tucker! 4) Livsey has mobile classrooms already so adding more kids make NO sense….and where would additions be place on a small area! 5) There is an enormous lack of clarity of the data used and decision making to make these decisions, not to mention that this plan was hatched by Horton, who has been charged with fraud! This has caused general distrust of the board and the process! Let's work on trust and educational improvements not this unnecessary use of funds and focus on leadership, recruiting good educators and listening to the educators for the sake of the children! 5) There is a very high probability that enrollment will drop even further if we lose our local elementary school as some people will go to private school/alternative options rather than send their child to a "mega school" that is further away or to a feeder middle and high school NOT at the same caliber as other high schools! Now is NOT the time to be closing schools!	3/3/2026 1:01 PM
2769	I'm okay with schools closing to redirect resources accordingly. If you really want to see where the student population is - do away with school choice and the credit for private schools.	3/3/2026 12:44 PM
2770	SHOCKING. Efficiencies language is dangerously similar to private equity language. Efficient for whom and at what cost to quality. Outcomes will not yield increase in quality of education or care at individual levels.	3/3/2026 12:32 PM
2771	I think you need to look at each school cluster better. Midvale Elementary does NOT need to be combined with Livsey Elementary. Livsey is already bursting at the seams and has multiple trailers out. My daughter's first grade class has 24 kids in it. Why on earth would you combine these two schools? Just because they're "not quite" full? I get it for the south dekalb high schools that are half empty-- but a lot of these facts seem to be speculative. "It is projected that..." etc.	3/3/2026 12:26 PM
2772	Please do not close Evansdale. The property itself has room for expansion, including a second parking lot that could be used to extend the current building. Further, the DLI French program is the only one in the district and draws families to the community. These DLI students continue at Henderson Middle and Lakeside, which will create problems if Evansdale is removed from	3/3/2026 12:26 PM

	the Lakeside Cluster. Additionally, Evansdale is located in a neighborhood and has better traffic capabilities compared to schools such as Livsey and Henderson Mill. There is a high probability that enrollment will continue to drop if we lose our neighborhood school as people will seek other schooling options.	
2773	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/3/2026 12:25 PM
2774	Oak Grove is one of the best schools in the county	3/3/2026 12:15 PM
2775	I am strongly against the closure of Evansdale Elementary for a number of reasons. Evansdale's larger lot size is suitable for expansion, including two parking lots and street parking. This is not the case for nearby schools, like Livsey, which is already operating with the support of trailers. The traffic capabilities are also better at Evansdale than proposed expansion schools. Evansdale's French DLI program draws people to our community. It is unclear if this program is transferrable and it continues into Henderson Middle School therefore it makes sense for it to remain in the same cluster so students who have been part of this program since Pre-K can continue on the same track. This is a major lack of clarity of the data and processes being used to make these decisions, not to mention that this plan was originally created by former Superintendent Horton, who has been charged with fraud which leads to more distrust of the board and the process. There is a high probability that enrollment will drop if we lose our local elementary school as some people will go to private school/alternative options rather than send their child to a "mega school" that is further away.	3/3/2026 12:14 PM
2776	It would be a shame to close Evansdale. We have a strong community. My elementary aged kids would likely transition away from Dekalb public schools if Evansdale closed.	3/3/2026 12:12 PM
2777	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant	3/3/2026 12:09 PM

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2778	Closing Evansdale elementary school is a terrible idea	3/3/2026 12:05 PM
2779	We absolutely cannot close down Evansdale, it is too valuable to our community. Also people bought houses in our district to specifically be in the lakeside high school district. It is completely unfair to have our children not attend lakeside and would be extremely detrimental to our property values and the learning of our kids.	3/3/2026 12:03 PM
2780	It's terrible. Evansdale Elementary is a cornerstone of its community and must remain open as is.	3/3/2026 11:58 AM
2781	It's terrible for child and community development. Large high schools (and even middle schools) are okay but elementary is not where it is appropriate to do that. It undermines community support that is crucial for early childhood development and their teachers.	3/3/2026 11:43 AM
2782	I understand the buildings are old but I would like for the school board to consider the community at large and how it will be impacted with losing schools to the community. I did not like the level of communication and the quick timeline for feedback. This committee has been meeting for years and the feedback opportunity is REALLY lacking. Was traffic and travel for young kids taken into consideration and traffic patterns for our community as a whole.	3/3/2026 11:35 AM
2783	Have Robert Shaw stay opened by adding Prek-3 year olds and extending the grade levels to 8th grade.	3/3/2026 11:34 AM
2784	Keep Evansdale open	3/3/2026 11:33 AM
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2786	Terrible!!! Keep Oak Grove elementary. Stop the wasteful spending!!	3/3/2026 11:17 AM
2787	I am disturbed by the methodology and logical fallacies upon which I believe these scenario is based. Looking solely at facilities ignores the *programming* offered by these schools. Midvale, for instance, is one of only four IB elementary schools in the district, another of which is on the closure list. Language programs are at risk, too. Why is the narrative about "empty desks" instead of "lower classroom size," which was what the district was striving toward for years? I also question the use of projections — do they take into account the upcoming "Covid bump?" Do they take into account the recent addition of new housing developments? For Midvale alone, a 63-home development just completed down the street, with dozens of new children having moved in. I disfavor the current consolidation plan, particularly for elementary schools. I want the smaller schools with advanced programming for qualifying students.	3/3/2026 11:15 AM
2788	I understand that we have extra capacity, But this means smaller classroom sizes, which benefits students. I would prefer to go the other way and requisition additional resources than close our schools. Districts that have invested in students and in schools are growing not	3/3/2026 11:10 AM

	shrinking. My wife and I just bought a house in walking distance from Midvale so that our kids could be part of a neighborhood school and community.	
2789	There are too many scenarios given without identifying plans for specific schools. Ashford Park has 850 students currently and is projected to have over 900 next year. Where will all of those students go?	3/3/2026 11:08 AM
2790	The Ashford Park Elementary building has been neglected for many years and it's a shame the county solution to something that should had been addressed years ago is to close our school. FINE, if you want to close our school, DON'T SPLIT OUR COMMUNITY. We would be ok with moving to the John Lewis building, as long as we stay in the Chamblee Middle and High cluster. We will not accept it if as a result, we move to a lower performing cluster (Sequoya Middle, Cross Keys High).	3/3/2026 11:05 AM
2791	I am concerned that closure and repurposing proposals were presented without clear information about where students would be reassigned. That uncertainty makes it difficult for families to understand the full impact of these decisions. While facility capacity and building condition are important factors, they should not be the sole drivers of consolidation decisions. School communities, culture, staff collaboration, and student outcomes are built over time and cannot simply be relocated or merged without consequence. Academic performance and program quality should be central considerations in any evaluation process. It is also challenging to provide meaningful feedback on building closures alone without understanding the broader community, programming, and feeder pattern implications. These decisions affect elementary, middle, and high school alignment and should be considered as part of a comprehensive plan. Finally, it would be helpful to see clearer financial analysis, including alternative scenarios that may rely more on reassignment and full use of existing facilities rather than new construction. Greater transparency around the options considered would help the community better understand and engage with the proposed direction.	3/3/2026 11:03 AM
2792	The whole SAP project and process should stop immediately and all scenarios discarded. The district must focus on structural and personnel improvement and deal with facilities management once the former has been addressed and improved. Fixing the symptoms of a systemic district failure instead of the structural failures will keep us in this constant doom cycle. The whole SAP project is tainted from the beginning. Devised by a disgraced and corrupt superintendent and his associates, the whole project has no support and buy in from your customers, the community and the students you SERVE. This is why it must stop immediately. The major problem lies from the school board all the way down to the principals. No need to repeat how the board failed or the former super did, but the principal of my current school is a prime example of incompetence (Smoke Rise ES). For example, the drop off procedure was a complete failure the first week of school, even though they had all summer to prepare. We regularly receive last minute, as in day of or day before, communication about no after care and events that we may need to prepare for. The principal's failures this year have been regular and unacceptable. The current superintendent's letter in Decaturish was utterly out of touch and myopic. He focused on data, which is one of many factors affecting public schools, which is an emotional one as well. His argument about dollars and numbers show how he has been in academia for far too long and doesn't bother stepping outside of his bubble to truly understand how a district is intertwined with the community it SERVES. I'm writing in opposition to the current facilities scenario, and the whole corrupt and flawed SAP project in general. It also makes no sense whatsoever. Midvale ES, which is on the list, has over 90% utilization rate and over 80% facility condition. It underwent a major HVAC renovation. Why is it on the list? Many young families are moving into the neighborhood it serves, and your project wants to add more trailers to Livsey, which already has many unsightly trailers already. Sense is not common nor present in this project. As the editor of Decaturish wrote, and many of us echo and think exactly alike, the school board and district leadership need a complete renewal, to strive to regain the trust and confidence of the community it SERVES, and leave the facilities management after the community has been pulled in as part of the process. I will be contacting the state legislature along with other neighbors to stop this project from continuing the doom cycle the district is so intent on preserving. State management is better than the known incompetence you are demonstrating.	3/3/2026 10:54 AM
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2794	I think it seems fine.	3/3/2026 10:52 AM
2795	Initially I was upset for the communities that would be broken apart. These schools are the heart of the neighborhood and to think many would be closed, left to decline, be eyesores in the areas they're left unused. But why? Have thoughtful option been critically considered? Look into why families are not sending students to these amazing schools. Could the vacant spaces be used as admin office, DeKalb school offices?	3/3/2026 10:51 AM
2796	I do not want these consolidations to impact my child's school. Sagamore is proposed to becoming a mega school which I would not like living near nor would I think my child would flourish in a large environment	3/3/2026 10:50 AM
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2799	My honest opinion I do not like at all	3/3/2026 10:43 AM
2800	I am strongly against the closure of Midvale ES. This community school is well run and beloved by the local area. Sending all Tucker ES age students to Livesy will result in overcrowding and will therefore increase the number of middle income families seeking alternative options. We need to keep class sizes as small as possible!	3/3/2026 10:42 AM
2801	I believe schools in the north should be effected equally!	3/3/2026 10:18 AM
2802	Midvale should be kept open along with most of the elementary schools that are listed for closing. Making mega elementary schools does not benefit anyone- students, teachers, staff or community. We love our neighborhood school. It is a school of choice which means students from other places in the county want to attend school there. Why close?!? Also the county just spent tons of money updating the building for ADA compliance.	3/3/2026 10:05 AM
2803	I think that moving elementary schools away from small communities is a major mistake. The difference in the administrations ability to meet needs of students is actually less in bigger schools, eg the middle school vs elementary experience. A small school ensures that everyone is known and I would wager that the evidence supports this theory. Furthermore, this will cause even more families to flee Dekalb schools, limiting federal resources for enrolled students. This approach of only looking towards facilities is a mistake.	3/3/2026 10:05 AM
2804	Oak Grove should not close. The school is projected to have more than 89% usage. Even more importantly, no neighboring schools have the capacity to absorb all students from Oak Grove without massive overcrowding.	3/3/2026 9:55 AM
2805	WE NEED SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. We moved to this area so our kids could walk to school and go to school with their neighbors. We have heard a lot about	3/3/2026 9:55 AM

	cost savings and efficiency, but ZERO about the impact on our kids' education and the very fabric of our communities. PLEASE CENTER CHILDREN AND COMMUNITY.	
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2807	We strongly oppose the proposed consolidation involving Ashford Park Elementary. Ashford Park is a high-performing, deeply rooted community school that serves as the heart of our neighborhood. Consolidation would disrupt academic continuity, negatively impact student well-being, and undermine the strong sense of community that families have intentionally invested in. Our school is not just a building — it is a stable, thriving environment where students, teachers, and families are deeply connected. Disrupting that ecosystem risks declining morale, enrollment shifts, and long-term instability that may outweigh any projected short-term operational efficiencies. Additionally, many families chose to live in Brookhaven specifically because of Ashford Park. Consolidation could erode trust between the district and the community and create unnecessary uncertainty for students during critical developmental years. We urge the district to explore alternative cost-saving or capacity solutions that preserve Ashford Park's autonomy and protect the educational experience our children currently receive.	3/3/2026 9:37 AM
2808	Evansdale has an ama French immersion program that is not provided anywhere else in the district that goes through Henderson middle School. Also Evansdale has a huge lot including a field, 2 parking lots and a wooded area to expand.	3/3/2026 9:28 AM
2809	I think we shouldn't be relying on a plan put together by someone who is now under a fraud investigation. Frankly this needs to be thrown out and started over based on this fact alone.	3/3/2026 9:23 AM
2810	Many neighbors move their families here to attend Evansdale, including my family. There isn't another school that is walking distance in our neighborhood	3/3/2026 9:17 AM
2811	I do not agree with the proposed consolidation due to Midvale being the only IB certified elementary school in the area. It would not help the community if this school were to close and be consolidated into Livsey, furthermore adding on to commutes and traffic, and not having the "family-oriented" community school feel that we as parents have known to grow and love.	3/3/2026 9:17 AM
2812	It depends on where the consolidations will occur. What is the projection on S. DeKalb versus N. DeKalb closings?	3/3/2026 9:08 AM

2813	The consolidations as proposed do not take into account that the Oak Grove Elementary is already at full utilization as defined by the committee. During Covid many parents chose to send their students to private schools because Dekalb failed to provide in classroom experience for too long. These families have now returned to the schools and the population is growing in this area. Consolidations would negatively impact learning and would cause overcrowding and unnecessary disruption. The old adage of "if it ain't broken, don't fix it" applies here. Oak Grove is one of the highest performing schools in the county. The parents are engaged and supportive. The beauty of the smaller school is that the students receive the highest quality learning. Dekalb schools were designed in the neighborhood model for a reason. These smaller schools enhanced the learning experience for the students, brought the parents together in a shared mission of success, and retained dedicated, loyal faculty. I am guessing that there are developers who are chomping at the bit to have the land where the proposed school closures would take place. At some point, the needs of the students should take priority over the all mighty dollar. These developers have no regard whatever for the long range well being of our county infrastructure. High density building in neighborhoods just brings more traffic and stress on the already overburdened infrastructure. It will also lower the property values of the existing homes and cause flight from Dekalb and its schools. Instead, let's cut some of the county offices and sell that land. There are too many people not serving children in this county. The overhead in the county offices is staggering. Start with streamlining our administration. Make students the priority. Make learning the priority. Make smaller class sizes the priority.	3/3/2026 8:59 AM
2814	IB Feeder Pattern: Midvale serves as the only IB Elementary feeder school in Tucker. Closing it would disrupt a pathway that families intentionally choose and value. This is not equitable. Closing Midvale would slash the district's K-5 program offerings by 30%. Because IB authorization is granted through specific schools, you cannot relocate this program to a new school without recertification which will take time. Capacity Concerns: Livsey reportedly has capacity for approximately 300 students, while Midvale currently serves around 430 — and that does not account for students from Brockett Elementary School, which is also on the proposed closure list. Livsey already utilizes trailers for overflow. Where will the additional students go? Livsey does not appear to have room to expand. Facilities & Expansion Potential: Midvale has a large field behind the building that provides ample room for expansion if needed. In contrast, Livsey already relies heavily on trailers situated near a busy road, raising both safety and infrastructure concerns. Academic Performance: Midvale has the highest CCRPI score in the Tucker cluster. Why would we disrupt a school that is demonstrating strong growth and achievement? Midvale also has a school choice waitlist. More families want to come to Midvale because of IB access and the community feel. Walkability & Community Access: Midvale is highly walkable for many Tucker families. Relocating students to Livsey Elementary School would eliminate that accessibility for many households. Additionally, increasing car and bus traffic on already busy roads, eliminating safe walking routes, increasing daily transportation costs for the district, and creating longer commute times for young children. Impact on Public Education & Equity: Consolidating schools for financial reasons while the district supports charter schools and private school vouchers undermines public education. It drains resources, increases inequity, and creates a mixed message for families — encouraging them to leave public schools while consolidating remaining students into larger buildings sends a contradictory message and weakens trust in the district’s commitment to providing a high-quality, equitable education for all students. Community Involvement: The PTO at Midvale has paid for many enhancements to the facility over the years, including a new playground, and upgrades to the media center and auditorium. The district has also just paid for new upgraded bathrooms, elevators, and increased security at the entrance. Will these investments just be thrown away? Georgia Pre-Kindergarten spots: What will happen to the Georgia Pre-Kindergarten spots at each of these elementary schools, and how will you account for the lost opportunity for this education to the children in our community? Midvale may have a reputation for being quiet and compliant, but our community cares deeply about this school and its future. Our parents are involved and are supportive. We are paying attention, and we expect a transparent process that genuinely considers community voice, long-term educational outcomes, and the well-being of our children.	3/3/2026 8:47 AM
2815	Please do what you need to do in order to bring the district to a better financial and academic place. You will never make everyone happy, but I appreciate that you are seeking feedback.	3/3/2026 8:23 AM
2816	Moving away from small community schools is not the answer. Eliminating the IB program is a mistake that eliminates an essential program choice for families.	3/3/2026 8:23 AM
2817	Don't close schools that are over capacity if they are performing and figure out how to expand	3/3/2026 8:13 AM

	them. If you close a school built by a thiving community you will break something that is working and tear people apart.	
2818	I understand the need to evaluate consolidations based on enrollment and facility usage. However, I would like the district to carefully consider the impact on students and families, including transportation time, class size, and maintaining strong school communities. Stability is very important for elementary students, and minimizing disruptions should be a priority.	3/3/2026 8:12 AM
2819	Midvale is a highly utilized, efficient, top-performing school in a growing corridor. Closing it would remove functional capacity, trigger expansion at receiving schools, and disrupt the educational continuity of hundreds of students — without correcting any academic deficiency or genuine underutilization. The plan driving this closure was originated by a superintendent now facing 17 federal felony counts. The director overseeing it came from the same district where his alleged scheme operated. The consultant was engaged under his administration. The board has already ordered a forensic audit of his contracts — but has not confirmed that audit covers the SAP process itself. The data does not support this closure. The process that produced it has not been verified as clean. The community — across multiple schools and neighborhoods — is unified in opposition. There is no version of responsible governance in which this board votes yes before answering these questions.	3/3/2026 8:11 AM
2820	Closing Oak Grove and expanding the other schools in the area (Sagamore and Briarlake) will cause worsening traffic as those areas already get very backed up in the morning. This will mean either the students have to be dropped off extra-early to accommodate the long line, or new roads will be needed to bypass those areas for the traffic going to the interstate. Given the significant expense associated with the latter, and the decreased sleep's affect on children in the former scenario, the proposed expansions would be difficult to manage and ultimately more expensive than keeping Oak Grove open.	3/3/2026 8:11 AM
2821	I have concerns on the planned school closures for Oakgrove Elementary. After the proposed elementary closures, the county hopes to raise utilization from about 75% to 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% today (447 students in a 504-capacity building) and is projected to reach ~96% next year (487 students shared at the Feb 9 PTA meeting). So I am not clear as to why Oakgrove is even listed in this group for closures. Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: +50 students → ~83% utilization +100 students → ~90% utilization Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion Ongoing Emory hospital expansion $1.1B in FY24 research awards $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/3/2026 8:06 AM
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2823	Keep Austin ES, Peachtree MS, Dunwoody HS as is for grade bands	3/3/2026 7:43 AM
2824	I am not of fan of 900 kid elementary schools.	3/3/2026 7:27 AM
2825	Oak Grove has grown consistently over the past 4 years, and is projected to continue to increase. Check your data.	3/3/2026 7:00 AM
2826	While I understand the broader enrollment challenges at the elementary level, my primary concern is the long-term impact of proposed closures and consolidations at the high school level. The current scenarios do not clearly outline how these changes will expand or enhance academic opportunities for students, particularly in South DeKalb. Without a parallel plan to increase access to advanced programming, closures risk deepening existing disparities between the north and south ends of the county.	3/3/2026 12:17 AM
2827	I and many in my community are very deeply concerned about the possible closure of Oak Grove Elementary School. My two children are students there in Kindergarten and 3rd grade. My third grader has been there since Pre-K. It is an incredibly high performing school and to many the heart of the community. It would be a terrible shame to see this school closed or rolled into another school. The parental engagement and support through the PTA and Foundation are phenomenal. PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE THIS AMAZING SCHOOL!	3/2/2026 11:14 PM
2828	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary. The data HPM used in their analysis and recommendations was flawed at best.	3/2/2026 11:01 PM
2829	I am very pleased that the County shared a list of facilities to be considered for closure. This process is taking way too long.	3/2/2026 10:47 PM
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2831	I don't agree with Ashford Park being divided up into various schools across the district and having students commute over 2-3 miles away. What makes APES so strong is the neighborhood and community that surrounds it. Our classrooms are at 29:1 ratio and only growing!	3/2/2026 9:43 PM
2832	Closing all of these small community schools would be detrimental to so many of these neighborhoods. I am specifically worried about Midvale, of which I am a current parent and a last alumna. Midvale is currently the only elementary International Baccalaureate (IB) school in the City of Tucker. Closing this school is not just a logistical change; it is a significant blow to our city's competitive edge for the following reasons: 1. Loss of a Unique City Asset The IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) is a globally recognized "gold standard" in education. Because IB authorization is tied to the specific school site, closing Midvale means Tucker loses its only elementary IB option. This puts our city at a disadvantage compared to neighboring areas that offer these specialized programs. 2. Impact on Property Values and Growth Families move to Tucker specifically for the Midvale IB program. Decoupling this high-demand educational pathway from our city will inevitably make Tucker less attractive to prospective homebuyers, potentially stagnating local property values and slowing the community growth we have worked so hard to achieve. 3. Economic and Community Vibrancy Midvale is a thriving school with a school choice waitlist. In a time when many are opting out of public education, Midvale is a success story—a place families are "running to." Losing such a cornerstone institution undermines the stability of our local neighborhoods and the overall "live-work-play" appeal of Tucker.	3/2/2026 8:30 PM
2833	The two elementary school merging is not a bad idea. Although, I'm wondering how it will look. Will the schools receive a new name or continue one of previous name. Also, I could not find information on who Robert Shaw would merge with if the scenario would happen. Will a specialty school merge with a regular elementary? Will the theme school program still exist?	3/2/2026 8:25 PM
2834	I agree that we have several elementaries within the Dunwoody cluster that serve fewer students within aging buildings. We have other schools that are under capacity. It makes sense to close certain schools and move students to capacity elsewhere. I agree with moving Hightower to another cluster to ease capacity at Peachtree Middle and Dunwoody High.	3/2/2026 8:21 PM
2835	No consolidations. Schools need to be smaller not larger, especially in elementary school.	3/2/2026 8:19 PM
2836	I think closing our school will not be good for the community and for the high-achieving students who attend it. The only downside to Vanderlyn is that the building is old, but it is very well-maintained. The parents and staff form a relationship that benefits the whole child. We do not look at what we can gain outside of it, but build lasting relationships. I used to attend Vanderlyn when I was a child, and a teacher there, whom I ended up working with as an adult at Vanderlyn, was the reason I wanted to become a teacher. Teachers like her are rare, and we have a good number at our school who push students to succeed, but that also comes with supportive parents and a strong community. So, only wanting to close Vanderlyn down	3/2/2026 8:11 PM

	because of the building's age seems a bit unfair. I feel like Vanderlyn is on this list because the high school is planning to build a stadium for home games and needs parking.	
2837	I agree that closing certain Dunwoody schools makes sense to consolidate enrollment in larger, newer facilities. Kingsley and Vanderlyn are close enough to other Dunwoody Elementary schools that families will still have "neighborhood" schools.	3/2/2026 8:06 PM
2838	I am open to consolidations of facilities generally, but provided that current school communities are kept together.	3/2/2026 8:04 PM
2839	Open to consolidations especially if it keeps the current school community together	3/2/2026 8:04 PM
2840	I am concerned. To get good feedback you need to let people know especially in areas with closing schools where kids will be routed. This is because people, are rightfully, concerned about home values if they get routed to a CRAPPY school or a school with a terrible reputation! Consider focusing on getting the districts reputation fixed before closing schools (this could include hiring great leaders, listening to educators, and hiring qualified people).	3/2/2026 7:58 PM
2841	Oak Grove Elementary School should not be included in this list. It is a thriving community with exceptional staff / teachers that make this sought after - Closing OGE will overcrowd other elementary schools that are already overburdened. Closing OGE will result in a lower property value for home owners and property tax revenue for dekalb county as many move to the neighborhood only for the schools. Instead, OGE should be renovated like Fernbank ES.	3/2/2026 7:45 PM
2842	There should be accountability for school consolidation as needed. There are schools that desperately need to be rebuilt. Selling off properties that are not showing student numbers to pay for them should be rethought. Every American has to make wise choices with their paychecks, and they should teach their children. Why would we allow mishandling of tax payer funds with education?	3/2/2026 7:42 PM
2843	I think that it is short sided. Closing Midvale would hurt this neighborhood greatly.	3/2/2026 7:34 PM
2844	Midvale is the heart of our community. When I think about what I want a school to look like for my kids, I think of Midvale. Our smaller elementary school is vital to ensure that quality education is provided to my kids in a nurturing environment. Please keep the smaller schools and do not close Midvale.	3/2/2026 7:33 PM
2845	I would like some of the closed school to be resource center. I also would some of school to use for Autism students from kindergarten through high school as well as moderate intellectual delay kindergarten through high school.	3/2/2026 7:22 PM
2846	Brockett has a long history in our community. Closure will impact community confidence and property value. Children currently walk to school and I love seeing them and meeting neighbors. I feel a sense of pride continuing this school in my neighborhood of forty years.	3/2/2026 7:15 PM
2847	Consolidating Vanderlyn, a consistently well rated and high scoring school, into another elementary school will dismantle the eco-system of proven academic success that has taken years to create. It has taken years of established school culture to create such an amazing learning environment and the SAP scenarios being proposed would disrupt that ecosystem as well as the stability of the education of the children at Vanderlyn .	3/2/2026 7:14 PM
2848	Do not close AP there are enough families to use the facility. It is a true neighborhood school. Make AP the lower or upper school and use John Lewis for the other then move into Chamblee cluster	3/2/2026 7:11 PM
2849	It is very hard to give feedback when we don’t know what a particular school closing means. If Ashford Park is closed, we would expect to stay in the chamblee high school cluster with the same community of students we currently go to school with.	3/2/2026 7:09 PM
2850	Ashford Park should not be rezoned. Build a 2-3 story new school building where the playground, trailers and gym are. Once it’s built, tear down the old school and make it the playground. You can do this while kids are still attending so it will not disrupt the community. This area pours everything we have into Ashford Park school. It is highly coveted and to close it down would be a disservice to the community. People move to this area specifically for Ashford Park, Chamblee Middle, and Chamblee High. You will see a big shift in kids going to private school if Ashford Park is rezoned to Cross Keys High and/or closed.	3/2/2026 6:55 PM
2851	Bad idea for schools that are performing well.	3/2/2026 6:43 PM

2852	I agree with the scenarios of closing/consolidating facilities. Ashford Park is an old building that needs to be closed, remodeled, and repurposed. The building can not continue to sustain the community without some change. I am on board with making it a K-3 school or splitting the students to the surrounding schools to stay in the cluster.	3/2/2026 6:16 PM
2853	While some level of consolidation may be necessary within DeKalb County School District to address enrollment or budget challenges, Midvale Elementary School should not be among the schools considered for closure. Midvale's International Baccalaureate program and STEM certification make it a unique academic asset, providing rigorous, globally focused, and innovation-driven learning opportunities that cannot be easily replicated elsewhere in the district. Eliminating a school with proven specialized programming would disrupt student achievement, reduce equitable access to high-quality options, and undermine years of instructional investment and community engagement. If consolidation must occur, it should prioritize preserving high-performing, specialized schools like Midvale that strengthen the district's overall educational offerings.	3/2/2026 6:15 PM
2854	Initial scenario: this was a waste of money to hire a 3rd party company to assess facilities usage with no regard for the nuance of programming, town/neighborhood traffic and community aspects of individual clusters in Dekalb. Midvale Elementary specifically (and Livsey as well) does NOT want to be shifted to the other side of our town, nor do we want to be combined into a "super" school wit 600+ seats. We are a trhriving neighborhood school and a large reason many parents choose to stay. And because of this, many families will "endure and sacrifice" by keeping our students at Tucker Middle and Tucker High, because of the tight knit small community we're afforded at our smaller neighborhood elementary schools. Fix the incompetencies at Dekalb 6th grade and up schools and people would stop leaving DCSD in droves....don't mess with the one good thing you have in neighborhood elemntary schools. And stop wasting money on uneducated third party assessments, superintendents we don't even hire salaries and criminal superintendents and maybe we'd have a little more wiggle room in the budget. MIDVALE PARENTS DO NOT WANT A LARGER SCHOOL. WE ARE HERE BECAUSE OUR CHILDREN ARE SEEN AND KNOWN INDIVIDUALS GIVEN A CHANCE TO GROW IN CONFIDENCE BEFORE THEY'RE THROWN TO THE WOLVES IN THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS THAT ARE TOO BIG AS WELL. GIVE THEM THE CHANCE TO LEARN AT A DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE PACE AND SPACE IN THE SMALLER ELEMENTARY SETTING.	3/2/2026 6:13 PM
2855	I understand the pressure the county is feeling. I want to hear feedback from the communities impacted to find a way to minimize the impact.	3/2/2026 5:38 PM
2856	I'm concerned with possible overcrowding if 33% of ALL elementary schools are closed. Midvale was close to capacity this year.	3/2/2026 5:14 PM
2857	We have loved all 4 of our kids experience at Oak Grove elementary! It is an amazing school and helped us to stay in the area to support this amazing school.	3/2/2026 4:48 PM
2858	While it seems to be purely financially driven, I am not happy with some of the proposed scenarios that would close high performing overcapacity schools in high-performing areas without any proposed alternatives.	3/2/2026 3:53 PM
2859	Closing these schools will be the nail in the coffin for Dekalb County. Everyone knows that if the county had not mismanaged money and had to pay numerous failed superintendents, this probably would not have happened (or at least not to this extent). The main appeal of Dekalb over neighboring counties is the smaller schools that have a "family" feel. Evansdale has a tight community, a strong staff, and definitely the "family feeling."	3/2/2026 3:47 PM
2860	I believe the consolidations need ot be efficient in their intent and impact. For example, it may be useful to reconsider how we separate students according to grade band, specifically allocating buildings or schools to support whole-child based on what grade bands are housed in certain buildings (e.g. Pre-K, Transitional Kindergarten, Traditional Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd; Transitional 3rd, 4th....Consider Intermediate school comprised of grades 5-6, Junior high which includes grades 7-8, 9th grade Academy and then High School) In this way, youa re able to support those students who otherwise are impacted by social promotion with the additional academic supports needed before moving to the next grade. There is also the chance to address some concerns with developmental differences with some grade levels in certain grade bands.	3/2/2026 3:41 PM
2861	There has not been enough or appropriate research into this scenario specifically catered to our county. There has also not been enough research dating back to past DeKalb initiatives	3/2/2026 3:28 PM

	were such consolidations were had and then revoked (for example when middle schools were re-introduced back to the school districts). There is more overcrowding in DeKalb county so the county also needs to understand why there are pockets of underutilized seats (and if such under populated schools are due to the lack of support by the county where it's needed). There has also been no transparency as to where the students would go when their school is closed. There is no trust into the findings for this scenario. More time, research, and transparency is required before we move forward.	
2862	The initial facilities scenario takes into account ONE characteristic and makes a recommendation based on that ONE characteristic. The initial feedback could have started with test scores as the ONE characteristic and the same emotional response would have been given. In looking at ONLY facilities, the Ashford Park ES building is greatly lacking due to inadequate upkeep of the building (that falls on the county who never provided the school with updates it was supposed to receive; this is also an issue across the board in the county) and the school does not currently fit the county's expectation of how many seats an elementary school should have. In saying this, closing the school, redistricting the area, and expanding other local schools *could* remedy the current issue. It does not, however, address the issue that DCSD is infamous for ignoring the upkeep of facilities. What is to say this won't happen again in 10 years? (This conversation did happen 10 years ago about Ashford Park) How is DCSD addressing the fact that one of the highest performing schools in the county is up for closure because the building isn't up to standards? Yet there is an elementary school less than a mile away that has a building up to standards, and academically they're struggling. The issue in closing Ashford Park is the financial investment that will be needed to expand surrounding schools in addition to putting the Ashford Park community into schools that don't currently demonstrate the ability to academically support our students. John Lewis won't fit all 838 Ashford Park students (yes, that is the current enrollment) and expanding Montgomery ES (which is currently over populated) only assists with their over population and not with the addition of more students. It also does not address the academic standings in those schools compared to the academic standing of Ashford Park. Again, coming up with a scenario based on ONE characteristic, isn't helpful. There aren't "empty seats" in this area and continuing to use that argument won't work in this district. We want more seats, we need more seats, and now we're being told our school is going to close and we're going to be put in schools with lower academic standing. This is why only looking at ONE factor doesn't work. A comprehensive assessment is needed - utilizing current and accurate information - for people then to be able to provide feedback. Expanding Montgomery ES sounds amazing. Where is that capital coming from? What does the surrounding neighborhood think of that? Can the road infrastructure in that area withstand a larger school population and therefore more traffic? A comprehensive assessment is needed for effective feedback to be provided. Looking at this merely as shuffling seats around only addresses space - it doesn't address academics which is the most important factor.	3/2/2026 3:26 PM
2863	The decision to close a successful, sought after school is a disappointment and detriment to the community.	3/2/2026 3:21 PM
2864	Midvale is an IB School and it has been for many years. Students leave Midvale, go to Tucker Middle, and then Tucker High School and are able to graduate with an IB diploma, which is looked highly upon when applying to colleges. If Midvale closes, the IB program that we have worked so hard on for years will be gone. It is not transferable to another school. Losing an IB elementary school that Dekalb has paid for, teachers and administrators have worked diligently on, and parents being unable to choose an IB Elementary school for School Choice would be detrimental to the Tucker Cluster.	3/2/2026 2:49 PM
2865	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. •	3/2/2026 2:48 PM

	Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	
2866	We have been charged super high taxes for years for Oak Grove school district, people move here just for that. What in the world are you thinking? Horrible idea, will be fought till the end. Dekalb has seen a huge spike in home values and thus a huge increase in revenue for schools. This was an unexpected increase but you say you dont have the money? What would you have done if this money had not come your way???	3/2/2026 2:31 PM
2867	I understand the need for consolidation due to empty seats. The Dunwoody cluster is not the same as South DeKalb cluster. Families buy homes in Dunwoody because of Vanderlyn Elementary school. We respectfully request comparative modeling that evaluates closure versus expansion scenarios within the Dunwoody cluster, including cost, utilization, and long-term flexibility, before final determinations are made.	3/2/2026 1:58 PM
2868	Many of the suggested consolidations make a lot of sense given current enrollement rates and proximity of under-enrolled schools to each other to allow for the combining of populations. However, the idea of "consolidating" a school that is OVER enrolled in an area with little to no capacity makes no sense. The state of the Ashford Park facility is a direct reflection of the school board failing to maintain the building over time - much like the issue with over enrollment at the school is a reflection of ignoring the need for expansion. The data being used to consider the future enrollment of APS is also incorrect and does not reflect the growth we continue to experience as a school. If the data you are using to make these determinations and decisions is not correct, how will the decisions you make address the core issues?	3/2/2026 1:16 PM
2869	Vacant buildings are not an issue on the northside. Schools on the northside are thriving even with bad buildings.this is due to parents and the communities leaning in with no district support. (Example parents paid for the Ashford Park Playground). Dont change buildings on the people who have build successful schools. Lean in and find solutions in support of the communities that are achieving vs tear them apart.	3/2/2026 12:56 PM
2870	It would be a great loss to our community and to our home values to close Oak Grove Elementary, which continues to score high in all aspects. Oak Grove is a draw to CDC and Emory families who move to Atlanta and add to our economic and academic communities.	3/2/2026 12:37 PM
2871	Why are majority of the schools are in predominantly mostly black areas? Moving schools farther away from their neighborhoods causes more problems and opening up for pedophiles when students misses the bus and have to walk home, not mentioning if they know their way home. Especially elementary students, may have entered the wrong bus or gotten off at the wrong stop.	3/2/2026 12:35 PM
2872	I strongly disagree with including Oak Grove Elementary as a potential school for closure. Our oldest is thriving in kindergarten at OGE, yet we would strongly consider pulling our 2 children from DCSD completely and putting them in private school should this move forward during their elementary school tenure. Decisions affecting the Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, and Briarlake cluster should be postponed pending updated enrollment projections that incorporate post-pandemic trends and verified residential and employment growth in the Clifton Corridor. In addition, any planning decisions should explicitly consider the educational impact of increasing elementary school size. I do not support consolidation strategies that result in significantly larger schools, as smaller neighborhood schools provide meaningful academic, social, and community benefits for young students. **Consolidation Carries Academic and Enrollment	3/2/2026 12:21 PM

	Risk** Research consistently shows non-voluntary elementary school moves reduce short-term academic performance due to cohort disruption and loss of continuity. Larger school environments can also dilute individualized attention, weaken community ties, and reduce opportunities for leadership and participation among students. Additionally, when stable neighborhood schools close, a portion of families leave the public system entirely for nearby private or charter options. This reduces enrollment and funding while not reducing facility needs. **Oak Grove Already Meets the Utilization Goal** The district's consolidation model targets approximately 88% elementary utilization. Oak Grove is already operating above that level and continues to grow. 2023: 389 students 2024: 428 students 2025: 447 students (89% utilization) 2026 projected: 487 students (~96% utilization) Oak Grove is not underutilized and is likely to reach capacity within the next several years. Closing it would remove functional capacity rather than eliminate excess capacity. Increasing the size of already full schools is not a neutral tradeoff—it fundamentally changes the student experience, particularly in elementary education where scale matters. **Closure Does Not Solve Capacity. It Moves It.** If closed, Oak Grove's students would primarily shift to Sagamore Hills and Briarlake. Sagamore Hills: 91% utilization Briarlake: 73% utilization Combined available seats are far below Oak Grove's enrollment, meaning boundary changes, portables, or expansion would still be required. Planned residential development near Briarlake (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment, Corporate Square, corridor infill) is expected to naturally increase utilization over time. Consolidation would likely result in larger, more crowded schools rather than right-sized ones. For many families, the appeal of Oak Grove is its strong academics combined with a manageable, community-oriented scale. That balance should be preserved. **Major Employment Growth Has Not Yet Entered Enrollment Data** Within several miles of the school cluster, the Clifton Corridor has recently added more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus (opened 2024) Emory Healthcare and research campus expansion Thousands of daily employees in medical and research roles Because these projects opened recently, their household migration effects are still emerging and may not yet appear in district projections. Removing school capacity at the start of a growth cycle introduces planning risk and reduces the system's ability to support major regional employment hubs. It also increases the likelihood that remaining schools will be forced to grow beyond sizes that are optimal for elementary learning environments. **Oak Grove Is a High-Performing, Stable School** State CCRPI performance indicators place Oak Grove among the top elementary schools in the review group: Content Mastery: 94.2 Readiness: 95.3 The school combines high performance, strong demand, and stable enrollment—conditions typically preserved rather than dismantled in long-term capacity planning. Preserving high-performing schools at an appropriate scale should be a priority, not an afterthought. **Conclusion** The Oak Grove cluster does not exhibit the structural underutilization the consolidation plan is designed to address. Instead, it shows increasing demand in a rapidly developing employment corridor. Closing a near-capacity, high-performing school before updated projections incorporate current growth conditions risks creating future overcrowding, unnecessary capital expense, and permanent enrollment loss. Just as importantly, it risks pushing more students into larger, less personal school environments that many families actively seek to avoid. Postponing closure decisions in this cluster until updated data is available better aligns with long-term planning, fiscal efficiency, educational stability, and the preservation of appropriately sized elementary schools that serve their communities well.	
2873	The closing of Ashford Park without a true study into a possible expansion doesn't make sense in an area that needs seats. The excuse of 7 acres vs. larger sites doesn't let us know if an expansion doesn't work. 7 acres is plenty of site area for a larger school. The neighborhood would readily vote to approve if a height or setback variance is needed.	3/2/2026 12:05 PM
2874	After reading the initial facility scenarios, it is evident that consolidation needs to happen however it is hard to understand without looking at zoning. My children currently attend Ashford Park Elementary and we are severely over capacity. While John Lewis Elementary is under capacity and Dresden Elementary getting a brand new facility. It seems we could incorporate rezoning into the scenarios so as to preserve schools that have a strong tie to the community. The Ashford Park facility may be old but it has brought so much draw to the neighborhood and the parent involvement is unmatched. It would be devastating to lose this community asset.	3/2/2026 11:46 AM
2875	We love the schools in our area and we would be deeply saddened if they closed. We would love to see re-districting in that we feed into Henderson Middle and it is not close to us at all.	3/2/2026 11:42 AM
2876	beauty of evansdale is the community it provides for parents and the children. so important for the kids to grow and have suppport	3/2/2026 11:35 AM

2877	1) keep chamblee cluster trajectory to chamblee middle and chamblee high 2) keep the AP ES attendance zone together	3/2/2026 11:31 AM
2878	I am very unclear on what the scenario is as they are grouped as "closure/repurpose" - the repurposing definition is not clear and it's difficult to provide feedback when you do not know what the school will be repurposed for. We moved to the Brookhaven area for the schools, and were disappointed by what Montgomery elementary offered. One child is at Kittredge now and we are thrilled to have an option for a Magnet school. If it were to move to another school for the later grades and not be in the Chamblee Middle/High, we would be extremely disappointed and potentially look at other options for schooling. We have already moved our younger child to a private school out of Montgomery but would like to come back into Kittredge when that child is in 4th grade. If the later grades are not in good facilities or what we would consider safe, we would likely not bring that child back into the system.	3/2/2026 11:04 AM
2879	I understand and support the need to address overcrowding at Dunwoody High School - having had 2 children already go through Peachtree Middle and DHS. I would like more information about how closing Vanderlyn aligns with this. Vanderlyn is an amazing school with very active families and is convenient to our neighborhoods and has amazing teachers and staff. It would be helpful to see how closing our school would affect - where our kids would be reassigned, class size and transportation.	3/2/2026 11:00 AM
2880	Why choose to close facilities that are projected to see an increase in usage by 2030?	3/2/2026 10:56 AM
2881	Redistrict Drew Valley into John Lewis Elementary. Redistrict north of Peachtree Rd. to Montgomery. Keep Ashford Park in the Chamblee cluster.	3/2/2026 10:34 AM
2882	It makes sense.	3/2/2026 10:30 AM
2883	I am disappointed by the selection of many of the schools on the list. Henderson Mill ES is a wonderful community school. Our son loves being there for Pre-K and is excited about kindergarten next year. The school is clean and well maintained. It is impossible to understand how Hawthorne and HMES could be combined--I do not want my child in trailers or in classes with 30 children in elementary school.	3/2/2026 10:13 AM
2884	It’s not fair and will cause a lot of parents problems with finding a new school for there child/ transportation.	3/2/2026 10:06 AM
2885	I feel like these scenarios did not take into account neighborhoods, traffic patterns, current renovations, and a whole host of other factors.	3/2/2026 10:01 AM
2886	I do not agree with this. I believe this will decrease the quality of public education. It's a good thing that the schools aren't packed full so teachers can provide more individual instruction.	3/2/2026 9:57 AM
2887	I understand the need to create some more efficiencies by closing some schools. However: 1) I find peculiar the idea that a purportedly data-driven plan is being presented but then community feedback is actively being solicited. No one wants their schools to be closed. This begs the question of whether a) plans will be adjusted based on who is the loudest, not based on data, or b) the feedback will not actually be considered. 2) It is hard for the district to sell the need for efficiencies when it wastes money so obviously, whether through "rallies" that don't serve any real purpose, purchase of new office buildings, or the prior superintendent's giving $45,000 to a buddy to speak at a convocation. 3) I would be willing to sacrifice some efficiencies to have smaller neighborhood elementary schools. Having a smaller neighborhood school creates a sense of community. I also am worried about traffic from larger schools, and the eyesore/nuisance of closed buildings that the county retains. 4) I am frustrated that no dialogue is being had about WHY enrollment has dropped. I understand we are on a demographic cliff but surely other factors, including COVID closures, are at play. Query whether this process will accelerate enrollment decline as neighborhood schools close and folks just generally feel a lack of certainty about what school their children would attend. Finally, I want to put in a plea that if and when any redistricting occurs, that a student who is already attending a school that remains open may choose to continue their education at that school. This seems especially important at the high school level, where students may already be involved in certain extracurriculars or have an academic plan based on assumptions about course offerings. College admissions value continuity and commitment for extracurriculars.	3/2/2026 9:42 AM
2888	While I hear the reasoning behind the choices that were made I am not sure I truly understand the choices that were made.	3/2/2026 9:36 AM
2889	Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends, utilization, and long range planning, I would like	3/2/2026 8:45 AM

	to understand better how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at a cluster level. I support addressing capacity needs at Dunwoody High School, but would like to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder patter implications before any closure decision.	
2890	Focus seems to be on numbers only and not the educational successes or goals of each area. Why would you close schools with high academic achievement that has directly improved that community over years. The achievement has been made with no investment from the board, parents have been pouring their time and resources into these schools. Don't take that away from them!	3/2/2026 8:39 AM
2891	Don’t like this idea for our area. Oak Grove Elementary is a wonderful school and many families rely on this in the Briarcliff Woods/Oak Grove areas.	3/2/2026 8:35 AM
2892	First of all, I believe it was a mistake to release these scenarios without giving possible next steps for the students who could potentially be displaced. I understand that the district wants to start with buildings, and I do see the wisdom in that. But to tell parents their school could be closing without giving them possible solutions has stirred up concern and distrust in the district and this process. In Dunwoody, unfortunately, it is pitting communities against each other because of passion for schools and potential for consolidation. It is sad to watch my community be divided and I fear that our families from Kingsley will not feel welcomed if we merge with another school. I'm disappointed in the way this was rolled out and I hope that the human factor is considered more heavily in future scenarios. How are we expected to give feedback on only a portion of the plan? With that said, I understand the plan as it has been presented and think I am in support of the suggestions that have been made for my cluster. I see that Dunwoody has too many elementary seats, old buildings that are in need of repair and need for relief in the middle and high schools. The overall plan is good and makes sense, although it may be unpopular. What I need more information on and am advocating for is how will Kingsley fare in the interim. We were told leading up to the release of the scenario that we were on track to begin HVAC replacement and modernization beginning the last day of school- a project that has repeatedly been delayed and that our students deserve and need for a safe and functional environment. Now we find out that the project is on pause and we would be closing sometime in the next 6-8 years. Our HVAC cant last that long and the bandaids offered by the district are loud and disruptive to the classrooms. We have a large under served community at our school, who need extra support and engagement from the district, not less. If the building is not going to be kept open or repurposed by the district, I understand not completing the project. I would also ask that no further investment be made into the building, seeing as there are seats for our children in the rest of the cluster. my children are thriving at Kingsley, as are many others. But the majority of students and our teachers would likely be better served and supported by another school in the area that has more access to programs and resources than we do. I ask that you consider those children and the impact that this interim period will have on them. The district should not allow them to fall behind in the time it takes to complete a new school for them to move into. These failures at Kingsley have gone on long enough and the time to make it right is now, not in 6-8 years. Families are leaving Kingsley and choosing school choice or private school, some are even moving within the city of Dunwoody because of the unknown. We are facing an uphill battle for support and involvement in this time, and I fear that irreparable damage has been done to Kingsley enrollment and involvement by releasing this scenario without the full picture. Please don't let an arbitrary commitment to "no changes until 2027" keep you from doing what is best for students who need a safe and supportive learning environment with admin who will advocate for them.	3/2/2026 7:59 AM
2893	Makes sense to me.	3/2/2026 7:32 AM
2894	Will the Evansdale DLI program keep the LabelFranÉducation seal if the program is moved to another school? This is a seal that is very prestigious and takes years to achieve. Would the seal transfer to another location if the students from that program are redistricted? If the Evansdale Elementary School closes, how will you ensure that all students in that program are together and able to continue their DLI language track. If Evansdale Elementary closes where will students in the DLI program continue the French DLI program and how will that affect the French program at Henderson Middle? At the moment, the DLI feeder school track goes from Evansdale Elementary to Henderson Middle and then culminates at Lakeside HS. If Evansdale is redistricted between a Tucker High School Cluster and Lakeside Cluster the students redistricted to Tucker currently do not have a DLI track or French AP options at Tucker High School.	3/2/2026 7:07 AM

2895	I'm upset that you are looking to close schools in my area. I attended 30034 area and love the fact that my grandchildren are following my lead.	3/2/2026 5:43 AM
2896	It is unclear how programs will move with buildings. What will happen to the staff? Are we creating more homes and families who are out of work? We need to know the actual plans to have an intelligent response.	3/2/2026 5:20 AM
2897	It is unclear to me how Oak Grove Elementary appeared on your initial closure list. The school is top-notch with very high test scores, very involved parents / PTSA, and nearly at capacity with students and continues to grow as more families continue to move into our area bringing more children, with one of the reasons being Oak Grove Elementary. Closing Oak Grove makes no sense as the other two closest Elementary Schools in our area (Sagamore Elementary and Briarlake Elementary) are also near capacity so where would you send kids? You create longer days for these young children on longer bus rides and stress parents who drive their kids by forcing them to drive outside their neighborhoods where they bought their home to be near Oak Grove Elementary. You should focus on consolidating those elementary schools that are way below capacity and/or not meeting academic standards set by the county/state. If you close Oak Grove Elementary I would expect a huge reduction in my real estate tax (of which 70% goes to DeKalb County Schools) since I would not be receiving the benefit of a local elementary school and the taxes I pay would be going to schools outside my area. In addition the value of my home would go down due to no elementary school in my area.	3/1/2026 11:59 PM
2898	This process is a sham and DeKalb County Schools has not been transparent. I cannot believe that you've proposed closing two schools in the Dunwoody cluster and multiple top performing schools across the county. This process is a joke and you should be ashamed of the recommendations. Start over! You clearly cannot do big things well. Address 2-3 schools at a time.	3/1/2026 10:34 PM
2899	Recommend considering Oak Grove for PK-8 school.	3/1/2026 10:04 PM
2900	I think Vanderlyn Elementary should become part of Dunwoody High School. They need the parking and classrooms. Please keep Dunwoody residents at Dunwoody High School.	3/1/2026 10:02 PM
2901	I understand the need for consolidation. However, this should not come at the expense of our students. Smaller schools like Oak Grove foster community and the ability to tailor to the needs of the students. OUr Oak Grove experience has been absolutely wonderful. For the lakeside district, I would like to see better/different options for middle school.	3/1/2026 10:01 PM
2902	The information is not presented in a way that makes it easy to understand.	3/1/2026 9:42 PM
2903	If the district's objective is to align elementary schools with the 600-student efficiency benchmark, Vanderlyn should be considered for expansion rather than closure. The school is already operating efficiently and, given its shared campus, offers a strategic opportunity to explore coordinated facility solutions that address Dunwoody High School's needs while maintaining access to elementary education. We respectfully request that the district conduct and share comparative modeling of both closure and expansion scenarios within the Dunwoody cluster—including projected costs, utilization rates, and long-term flexibility—prior to making any final determinations.	3/1/2026 9:18 PM
2904	This is a horrible idea! The district should not be closing any school - but determine how to effectively utilize resources within the district.	3/1/2026 8:50 PM
2905	I understand the foundational problem statement: the district's capacity far surpasses its enrollment and therefore, some facilities must be consolidated to improve utilization. This is a reasonable and legitimate conclusion and I applaud DCSD for attempting to rectify this imbalance. That said, I do not understand the strategic planning process levied against this problem statement, and I have lost faith in the integrity of the data being used to shape these scenarios. I'll explain these concerns individually. This survey is asking for "feedback on the initial facilities scenario", which is a list of schools recommended for closure and a separate list of schools recommended for consolidation. The list does not provide any directional indication of what will happen to the students enrolled in any of the affected schools, how these initiatives will be funded, a timeline on which these changes could be made, ("6-8 years" is too broad to provide clarity in any way) or a suggested sequencing for how these projects will unfold. (All at once? By region? Depends on financing?) The community is being told those answers will come later. Why is the district hard-launching this plan with a myopic view on facilities and not creating holistic scenarios that help families understand new attendance zones and the budget necessary to make these changes? You are asking us to react to the	3/1/2026 8:35 PM

	status of our buildings while ignoring what these changes might bring to our families' lives or how they will be paid for. Is that really the most impactful question to be asking stakeholders right now? Are facilities really the first building block? Why is the district not following a more accepted strategic planning process that begins with an over-arching vision, divides impact into phases, presents comprehensive scenarios, and works through a change management process to engender goodwill and alignment? The shock value of seeing headlines that the district will close 27 schools was enough for the project to lose significant public support from the start. This was avoidable, and an unforced error. Who is the advising the district on this approach? Which leads to my next concern. The data presented to-date is incomplete and inaccurate, and many families (mine included) has lost faith in the integrity of this process. There have been numerous examples brought to life this week: - 600 students seems to be emerging as the new benchmark for elementary school capacity in the future but no data has been presented to explain the rationale behind this number or where it came from. In one SAP meeting, the district actually seemed to back away from this number while HPM asserts it's the principle they're operating under. But why? Who made this decision, and which data was it based on? - Our school's enrollment and projected utilization are not accurate in the SAP materials; - Our school is ALREADY operating at 89% utilization and is projected to have a higher percentage next year. Yet SAP materials incorrectly cite a lower number. If this is truly about consolidating under-utilized schools, why is an over-utilized school on the list? The data does not explain why. - SAP volunteers have responded to Facebook posts from parents and explained that "acreage" is the reason some schools will stay open (i.e. Sagamore) while nearby (well utilized) schools (i.e. Oak Grove) will close. The argument seems to be predicated on the belief that Sagamore could physically expand while OGE cannot. Except, when you explore the topographical footprint of Sagamore, you will realize quickly that the cannot actually expand the way the data says, unless an eminent domain argument is made, which is a different scenario. Why was "acreage" the only data point offered?	
2906	Shutting down Ashford Park Elementary, a thriving and overcrowded community, makes no sense.	3/1/2026 8:09 PM
2907	I am not certain how shutting down our school, Ashford Park Elementary, helps our overcrowded area and high achieving community. If an expansion to Ashford Park is not feasible, (has a feasibility study been prepared to confirm this?) I believe a grade band of K-3rd for the full Chamblee cluster would benefit the community.	3/1/2026 8:01 PM
2908	I don’t see how closing AP in an already overcrowded area solves the issue. You will be using excessive funds to expand two other schools. See solution below regarding grade bands. This will keep the AP community together and high performing.	3/1/2026 7:51 PM
2909	Makes sense	3/1/2026 7:09 PM
2910	I highly disagree with the consolidation.	3/1/2026 6:31 PM
2911	I feel that facilities with special programs should not close. They should be updated and expanded.	3/1/2026 6:17 PM
2912	Some of the schools proposed to close have special programs eg Evansdale dual language gifted program. Also, closing multiple schools adjacent to each other (Evansdale, Midvale, etc) would have a huge community impact versus consolidating neighboring schools into each other.	3/1/2026 6:14 PM
2913	I believe keeping elementary schools smaller where everyone in the building knows each student by name is important to create the best experience for the beginning years of education	3/1/2026 6:07 PM
2914	I am concerned with so many of the schools closing being located in South Dekalb county. While I understand that there is low enrollment, I also think more than that, that if schools are closed in our areas, it will become even more of a challenge to encourage new people to move into our community.	3/1/2026 4:29 PM
2915	I think it is a good thing that the school district is making these changes in order to invest money in ways that make sense and reach the most amount of students. In my neighborhood, I am most concerned about overcrowding, especially with Lakeside High School, where my child will start next year. While I don't want any school to have an excess of empty seats, I don't want to make class sizes bigger or overcrowd the schools that are left. I hope that the savings from shutting down schools will allow the district to better invest in the schools that are left, pay teachers more, and have better facilities and better extracurriculars and arts	3/1/2026 4:11 PM

	opportunities. I am also very concerned about the Dekalb School of the Arts, where my daughter attends. I feel strongly that this school should remain a stand-alone school, not embedded into a larger school. The small and tight-knit community is part of what makes this school the highest ranked school in the district and one of the best in the state. Their school building is in terrible condition. I would like to see the district use the savings from school consolidation to finally invest in this amazing school and find it a better, newer school building with dedicated arts facilities. The students, teachers, and administrators at this school will thrive with more funding and attention and become even more renowned and successful.	
2916	I am very much against the proposed closure of Vanderlyn Elementary. We recently moved into our neighborhood specifically because of Vanderlyn. If it closes and we are rezoned, we will move out of Dekalb County. I also disagree with consolidating elementary schools into less, larger schools. It is important for elementary students to have smaller schools with smaller buildings; larger schools are overwhelming at this age. Vanderlyn is a beloved, supported neighborhood school, and the surrounding neighborhoods will suffer/not be as desirable if it is closed. If you close Vanderlyn, we will campaign against the current school board.	3/1/2026 4:04 PM
2917	Oak Grove Elementary closing does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. This is a growing area, not declining.	3/1/2026 3:51 PM
2918	Strong, stable elementary environments are important for students and communities, and I would like to better understand how this proposal supports long-term cluster planning. I support solutions for high school overcrowding, but it would be helpful to see complete modeling on reassignment, receiving school enrollment and capacity, transportation, and feeder impacts before decisions are finalized.	3/1/2026 3:11 PM
2919	Schools in high income areas that close will lose students to private schools, student commutes will increase - not good, smaller facilities need less repairs	3/1/2026 2:57 PM
2920	I am writing to express my deep concern about the proposed SAP reduction and school consolidation plan. I do not have confidence in this proposal—not only because of what it would mean for our neighborhood school, Midvale, but because of the broader impact it would have on communities across the district. Many parents throughout DeKalb County share these concerns. This plan does not exist in a vacuum. It comes after years of instability in district leadership, repeated superintendent turnover, and declining enrollment that has eroded public trust. Closing neighborhood schools without first repairing that trust feels premature and counterproductive. If Midvale were to close, my family would seriously consider leaving the district. We love Tucker and our home, but large-scale consolidation risks accelerating enrollment loss rather than stabilizing it. Families choose districts where they feel heard, valued, and confident in leadership. Right now, many of us do not feel that confidence. Before moving forward with closures, I urge the Board to focus on foundational steps: Acknowledge and take responsibility for the leadership instability and communication failures that have contributed to declining enrollment and community distrust. Prioritize long-term leadership stability by hiring and retaining a superintendent and rebuilding credibility in district governance. Pause or withdraw this proposal in its current form and engage in a genuine, collaborative planning process with communities. This challenge is systemic. It cannot be solved by reducing buildings alone. If residents are this passionate about neighborhood schools, imagine the positive impact that same energy could have if meaningfully invited into the solution. Families want to partner with the district. In my own neighborhood, I believe parents would mobilize in extraordinary ways to support and strengthen our school. I recognize that significant effort went into this proposal, and I respect the work behind it. However, moving forward without broad community buy-in will only deepen distrust and accelerate the very enrollment issues the district is trying to solve. Given the magnitude of this decision and its long-term consequences for families, I will be formally communicating my concerns to the Governor and our state legislative delegation as both a parent and a member of the State Bar of Georgia to ensure there is clear visibility into the community impact and the leadership failures that have contributed to this moment. I urge the Board to reconsider this approach and commit to rebuilding trust first. Sustainable solutions require community partnership—not just consolidation.	3/1/2026 2:31 PM
2921	The district has shared that DCSD is operating significantly below total system capacity and	3/1/2026 1:57 PM

	that consolidation may allow resources to be concentrated more effectively. I understand that long-range planning requires difficult decisions and that no final decisions have been made. At the same time, any proposed consolidation, particularly one involving Vanderlyn Elementary, should clearly demonstrate how enrollment trends, utilization rates, and resource allocation metrics are being applied specifically within the Dunwoody cluster. While Dunwoody High School capacity is an important issue, the scenario should provide transparent cluster-level modeling, including receiving school enrollment projections, class size impacts, transportation considerations, and feeder pattern implications before a closure decision is advanced. The Vanderlyn and Dunwoody High School campus presents a unique opportunity to explore thoughtful, phased, or reconfiguration solutions that address secondary capacity while preserving stable elementary access. I respectfully request that additional data and alternative cluster-level solutions be shared prior to any consolidation decision.	
2922	The PK-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12 makes the most sense in consolidation.	3/1/2026 12:06 PM
2923	We are really excited to send our kids to Ashford Park, love the community there and would be heartbroken if the opportunity was taken away.	3/1/2026 10:39 AM
2924	Disagree with closing schools performing at 8/10 and up and keeping open poorly performing schools based on real estate measures. Is the district a real estate agency or a school district? Seems the focus is on buildings, not education. You will see more parents move out of Dekalb or take the 6500 per students with these proposals.	2/28/2026 10:47 PM
2925	I am writing to express serious concern regarding the proposed closure of my Robert Shaw Theme School in DeKalb County. Although the school may be smaller in size, it is truly “small but mighty.” Its academic performance speaks for itself, with consistently high test scores and strong student achievement outcomes. The school has recently been recognized with the prestigious John Hancock Award, further affirming the excellence of its students, educators, and leadership. Beyond academics, this school holds deep historical and community significance. It is named after the African American man who donated the land during segregation, creating educational opportunity in a time when access was unjustly limited. That legacy is woven into the identity of the Scottsdale community and represents a powerful story of resilience, investment, and hope. Closing the school would mean losing not only a high-performing academic institution, but also a meaningful community landmark. Additionally, this is a school choice program with a waiting list each year. By definition, it is not underutilized. Families actively seek out this school because of its theme, culture, and proven results. Eliminating a sought-after theme school will not reduce demand for education, it will simply redirect families to charter or private schools. That outcome would be counterproductive to the district’s long-term enrollment and financial stability. Overcrowding elementary schools is not a sound strategy for cost savings. Larger class sizes and increased campus populations can negatively impact student experience, teacher effectiveness, and overall school climate, particularly for our youngest learners who thrive in supportive, structured environments. This school is academically strong, historically significant, in demand, and deeply rooted in the community. For these reasons, it should remain open.	2/28/2026 10:29 PM
2926	Lithonia high school has been consolidated once before. The current middle school used to be the highschool until the build the current high school that i graduated from in 2007. Our football team just made it further than any team has gone in the last 20+ years and it would be tragic to see that come to an end. That school is in the middle of our community and watching it become something else again or completely remove would be a shame. I believe seats not being filled is due to the how the district allocates its funs and how our city is handling the needs of our students. I now more students are being schooled from home or being place in other school districts like Gwinnet. I believe our government is failing our schools not the community.	2/28/2026 8:47 PM
2927	I do not agree with closing Ashford Park Elementary. It’s the reason many of us chose to live in this area. It’s what our community is routed in. To maintain said community, would love to further consider expansion to maintain current population. Also a priority for the Chamblee cluster to stay in tact.	2/28/2026 6:57 PM
2928	It is understandable that schools need to close based on enrollment - but Oak Grove enrollment is above 80% and projected to exceed 90%. It should not be on the list for closure.	2/28/2026 5:24 PM
2929	I strongly oppose the proposal as shown. While I know that this may not be your intention, this plan indeed seems more likely to further erode enrollment in public education in DeKalb, and completely erode public confidence in your administration. First, this is a ridiculous ask in the current context of the county. The Dekalb County school board has been an absolute disaster	2/28/2026 4:03 PM

	in the last decade. For the sake of brevity, let's just mention the Druid Hill High School renovation fiasco, and the fact the current plan has been devised under a superintendent currently in court over accusation of fraud. Add to this the fact that the reason Evansdale has such a low facility score is well... you! You have consistently refused to invest in this schools despite high level of attendance, and one of the unique program in the state (French DLI). So you created the problem (not enrollment or demographics) and want us to trust you in fixing it. So if you want me to talk to you about "buildings," my answer is no, I can't trust you on this now. However, if you are interested in building... trust, that I would be open to. What measures have you taken to make the board more functional? What measures have you taken to ensure that leadership is not involved in fraud? Have you investigated how this plan came to be? Because based on reports in newspaper, it appears to have been railroaded over the SAP committee, and many board members are not in favor of this. So until you have taken step to restore trust with the public, a district wide major reorganization is not something you should engage in. Second, the plan proposed is not meant to be understood by parents. It present "scenarios" from the point of view of the district only. I can see on the map that my school, Evansdale, would be closed. And Livsey and Hawthorne would be expanded, but it doesn't tell us where our kids would go, and if they would change cluster, so how can I evaluate this? Had you have a proposal made that could be easily understood by parents of each schools, with clear options to choose from, then perhaps we could have a real conversation. But in this format, we have to do you job (digging in numbers) to figure out alternatives instead of having a few offered to us. Third, you premised this entire operation on the decline in enrollment, mentioning various reasons without much consideration of which is key, and/or how confident you are about these projections. Because they are that, projections, and not fact. Obviously, one of the reasons is the pressure from private/charter schools. Yet, your plan does not engage with this decline, just accepts it as a fait accompli unworthy of discussion. Considering how this project could help Dekalb better compete with private/charter schools is critical, not a side point. And based on the scenario in our cluster, it appears that you want to close well-attended small school to create mega-schools like Smoke Rise and Pleasantdale. What is the most likely result? Another round of exodus to private school. I can tell that parents in our neighborhood are already starting to make plans for this because they lost faith in you. In conclusion, I think this plan is ill-advised and poorly conceived. I would encourage the county to rethink it deeply according to a few criteria. What are you going to do to stabilize the county school administration so as to ensure that any plan can be enacted efficiently and in a well-organized matter? How do you intend to build the trust with parents that the last decade has completely eroded? Devising a plan that could be easily understood by parents and that would offer real choices would be a good start. Finally, how is this plan supposed to help enrollment and not lead to another decline, and then another round of closing? Without this critical piece of information, how do we know that your plan will not make the problem worse?	
2930	Please keep these points in mind and consider expanding Evansdale Elementary. Please note that the neighborhood is very supportive of the school and wishes to see it thrive. GROWTH: According to SAP dashboards, Evansdale is among the few elementary schools where school utilization/ population is supposed to grow. DEMOGRAPHICS: We are also among the most diverse schools in our area (White 22.2% Hispanic/Latino 50.4% Black or African American 16.1% Two or more races 7.3% Asian or Asian/Pacific Islander 2.9% American Indian or Alaska Native (Unsure when data was collected but it seems aligned with our experience) that has high performance. LOT SIZE: Our facility score is low, especially within the Lakeside Cluster, but our lot size is substantial (larger than schools proposed for expansion). BUILDING SIZE: The building is 500 seat. We could expand to become a 600+ seat school with less investment. TRAFFIC: If Evansdale does expand, its location along Evans suggests that traffic would be better than some alternatives ie. Livsey (Chamblee Tucker). PROXIMITY to Henderson Middle School. For many families, including low income families, the elementary school and middle school are walkable. SPECIAL PROGRAMS: The French Immersion Program is a very important part of the school culture. It draws higher income/ more well resourced families to the school and insures parent involvement. Given the large number of Spanish speakers at our school it also encourages acceptance of many cultures (indeed our spirit wear has Evansdale United (Spanish, French and English) displayed. I also am very supportive of STEM programs which have appear to have gotten less support at our school in recent years. These programs keep people in the public school system. Without them the demographic issues experienced elsewhere would continue.	2/28/2026 3:24 PM
2931	I am a parent at Brockett Elementary. Small neighborhood schools are valuable to the community. Once they are gone they will never come back. Being able to walk to school is unheard of these days and we cherish this. My son is flourishing at Brockett ES. This is the wrong move, there has to be another way. Please reconsider and do not close the Tucker	2/28/2026 3:11 PM

	cluster. The DCSB has already shown poor judgement and negligence on the hiring of corrupt superintendents. The SAP committee was developed under the most recent Horton corruption and is led by some that were brought here by him. It's time to go back to the drawing board. Consider developing a committee to focus on how DCSD can retain students. Ask why this is happening and how leaders can improve student and parent satisfaction with the public school system.	
2932	Oak Grove is not underutilized as stated. It is at 89% and projected to be much higher next year. If Oak Grove closes it will need to put students at Sagamore which is already at 91% capacity, And Briarlake. There is not enough room for those two schools to absorb the Oak Grove Students. 130 available seats at Briarlake cannot hold the 447 students that would be coming from Oak Grove. Te area around Briarlake is expanding rapidly with new subdivisions being built and they will naturally go up on enrollment because of that. There are documented residential developments: Lula's Hills with up to 1,88 residential units being built. Corporate square will have around 2,000 planned units within 2-4 miles of Oak Grove. Just phase 1 alone could generate between 55-145 additional students within the next couple of years on the conservative side.	2/28/2026 3:05 PM
2933	I understand the intention to close under-utilized schools to improve the facility cost, but Oak Grove Elementary School (OGE) is not underutilized. OGE is currently at 89% and is projected to have 96% utilization rate in 2026-27, above the DCSD's goal of 88%. If budget reduction is required, the district should begin with the schools that are significantly underutilized.	2/28/2026 2:41 PM
2934	The Oak Grove plan doesn't support the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's target is to raise elementary school utilization to around 88%, but Oak Grove is already at 89% and is projected to reach 96% in 2026–2027. Oak Grove is also one of the highest performing schools in the review group.	2/28/2026 2:18 PM
2935	Ashford Park needs to shift as a whole community, at least the Ashford Park and Drew Valley area. The side over by Windsor Parkway could shift to Montgomery if that school is built bigger. John Lewis would then need to be zoned for the Chamblee Cluster so overall our community can stay together for middle and high schools	2/28/2026 1:58 PM
2936	Removing Ashford Park - while it is old and in need of repairs - without providing clear guidelines around where children would go is troubling. Montgomery and John Lewis are the closest options and Montgomery is already over crowded. John Lewis is an underperforming school that will also quickly become overcrowded. It would be best to keep the APES community together and providing clarity around where the children would move. I am not tied to the physical building but the quality of education.	2/28/2026 1:25 PM
2937	Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those	2/28/2026 1:23 PM

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2938	My general concerns relate to 1) school performance and 2) the broader community impacts (economic and social) of closing schools. While I recognize that factors like "declining birth rates" are legitimate macro factors that are often generalized, more immediate measures that impact school enrollment include inter-attendance zone out->transfers. I think including and understanding the reasons for such transfers offer greater clarity about specific, school level factors that impact enrollment. There are more micro indicators, such as student performance and behavior (e.g. OSS) that are more manageable /can be fixed before rushing to school closure as the fix.	2/28/2026 12:28 PM
2939	I am opposed to closing Vanderlyn which is I understand is only slightly over capacity when there is no clear plan for where the students would go. Especially if the driving factor in this is parking for a stadium.	2/28/2026 12:13 PM
2940	Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates substantial growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district wide utilization gap. Also if Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore and Briarlake. They do not have the capacity to do so without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion.	2/28/2026 11:46 AM
2941	I think schools that have enrollment that is high and projected to rise should be kept open. People are supporting these schools and have chosen to live in a neighborhood that is near these schools.	2/28/2026 11:43 AM
2942	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the currentpace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	2/28/2026 11:03 AM
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2944	This creates an issue of inequity of access to quality schools for parents who live in South DeKalb. It also drives property value of our homes down. And this proposal, creates no viable school options in the immediate area for me. This is highly problematic.	2/28/2026 9:55 AM
2945	This project needs to be halted immediately because data is not correct and Sarita Smith is not qualified to lead this project.	2/28/2026 8:55 AM
2946	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years, if not sooner. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion Ongoing Emory hospital expansion $1.1B in FY24 research awards $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing	2/28/2026 7:46 AM

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2947	If it works best and will help the community in a while then I'm for it. Some of these schools could help with the change.	2/28/2026 7:20 AM
2948	Please do not get rid of any dual language immersion programs	2/27/2026 8:46 PM
2949	I understand the need to consolidate buildings, but unsure how that will work. Evansdale is at 96% capacity now. One scenario is to slip the school between 2 other schools. One of those is Livsey, which is already above capacity	2/27/2026 8:31 PM
2950	I believe that what needs to be done in order to maintain a solid learning environment and adequate staffing must be done	2/27/2026 8:25 PM
2951	I do not think consolidation is in the best interest of the students, at all. Operational efficiency should not be the goal of education.	2/27/2026 7:56 PM
2952	We fear of where our child would go to school due to the seat limit capacities of the schools closest to us. We have only had the most incredible experience at Vanderlyn and all it offers.	2/27/2026 7:54 PM
2953	We appreciate all that you do	2/27/2026 7:31 PM
2954	Disappointing to see smaller schools close because a small school generates a better environment especially for young children. But I understand the economics and cost savings combined with robust programming is important.	2/27/2026 7:27 PM
2955	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	2/27/2026 6:59 PM
2956	While consolidation seems warranted we moved into a neighborhood specifically to be walking distance to an elementary school (McLendon). We are concerned what will happen to the	2/27/2026 6:47 PM

	building if it closes and the county doesn't take quick action to redo the space. We also want to make sure the county is accounting for the potential growth that may come from the Lulah Hills development, which will hopefully bring more young families to the area. If McClendon is close to this development, might it not help absord some of the people that move in?	
2957	While we understand the need for consolidation, as a household that moved into a neighborhood specifically to be walking distance to an elementary school (McLendon), we are disappointed to see a potential building closure. I think closing some of these smaller schools may disincentivize young families from moving into DeKalb. In general, a lot of these smaller schools are part of the fabric of the neighborhoods--in the case of McLendon, literally situated in the center. Specific to McLendon, we also want to make sure the county is accounting for the potential growth that may come from the Lulah Hills development, which will hopefully bring more young families to the area. Our biggest concern with a potential closure is that the county think deliberately about the closed buildings. We do not want to see an empty building sitting for years. If it is to close, we'd rather see a park, early learning center or community center--or more affordable housing--come in.	2/27/2026 6:41 PM
2958	I would like to say Oak Grove Elementary is a terrific school and a linchpin of the community. Please reconsider these initial plans, and keep OGE open.	2/27/2026 6:12 PM
2959	I support addressing overcrowding at Dunwoody High School and want strong long-term facilities planning across the cluster. Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends and utilization, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. Before any closure decision, it would be helpful to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications.	2/27/2026 4:44 PM
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2961	Keep my oak Grove, ms Kennedy the goat and that place is awesome. I did my Eagle Scout project there and the Leafmore neighborhood will riot if oak grove is closed	2/27/2026 4:18 PM
2962	Oak Grove Elementary is the bedrock of our neighborhood and literally the center of our community. Families choose to live here because of the strength of Oak Grove Elementary, and that stability has supported community engagement, property values, and long-term	2/27/2026 4:16 PM

	investment in the surrounding area. From a utilization standpoint, Oak Grove does not fit the district's stated objective of addressing underused facilities. The target is approximately 88% elementary utilization. Oak Grove is already at 89% (447 students / 504 capacity as of October 2025) and projected to reach 96% next year (487 students). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is steady and upward. If Oak Grove were closed, students would primarily be reassigned to Sagamore Hills (91% utilization, only 43 available seats) and Briarlake (73% utilization). Those schools do not have sufficient available capacity to absorb Oak Grove's 447 students without significant disruption, boundary changes, overcrowding, and traffic. It is also important to consider the broader growth pattern in this corridor. Major residential projects are underway within a few miles, including Lulah Hills (up to 1,800 units), the Corporate Square/Northbend redevelopment (approximately 2,000 units), new apartments at both corners of Briarcliff/Clairmont. Even early phases alone could generate meaningful new elementary enrollment. In addition, the Druid Hills/Clifton area has seen billions of dollars in institutional investment, including the new Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus and ongoing Emory expansion. This is an area experiencing growth and reinvestment, not long-term decline. Closing Oak Grove is antithetical to this clear growth pattern in a great part of DeKalb County. If enrollment models rely heavily on pandemic-era data, they may not reflect the current upward trend or documented housing pipeline. Forecasts should incorporate the most recent enrollment recovery and known development activity. Oak Grove is one of the highest-performing schools under review, with top-tier academic indicators in Content Mastery and Readiness. Closing a school that is meeting utilization targets, demonstrating sustained enrollment growth, and performing at a high academic level does not appear to advance the district's stated goals. For many families, Oak Grove is the anchor of our community, it is a top performer, and has a utilization rate above the threshold.	
2963	Please close schools. We need more money for programs for students, not for facilities that are too expensive to run.	2/27/2026 3:56 PM
2964	Oak Grove is consistently a high achieving blue ribbon school With a strong Foundation and community. It would be a travesty to close. Additionally the proximity to LAKESIDE high school walkable makes this desirable to our stake holders	2/27/2026 3:50 PM
2965	i think you have a hard decision in trying to align current resources with intended outcomes you want for your students. I thnk recognizing that one of the biggest costs is facilites is a good first step.	2/27/2026 3:36 PM
2966	if you remove oak grove elementary, my family will go to private school and all the donations we have and will continu to give will be gone. we live here for this school.	2/27/2026 3:32 PM
2967	The biggest issue we have is the enrollment but we dont feed into our neighborhood. Kids and it's sad	2/27/2026 2:54 PM
2968	I feel that too many schools on the southern end of the county are affected.	2/27/2026 2:46 PM
2969	While I support the need to be more efficient with resources by closing underutilized schools that require the highest amount of investment, these decisions can NOT be made without first also considering student population and quality of education. In short: the current plan of closing Vanderlin and Kingsley would result in the remaining 3 elementary schools in the area being OVERCAPACITY by more than 20% (3,497 students vs. 2,904 capacity – where would the additional 593 students go?). Furthermore, academics must be considered when making final decisions, which can be judged not only by test scores, but looking at where parents are CHOOSING to send their children. Vanderlin is only 1 of 3 schools (out of the 27 being considered) that has MORE PARENTS CHOOSING TO SEND their child here than elsewhere. Almost 13% of the students come from parents choosing to send their child to Vanderlin with a net of 45 additional children attending the school (excluding zoned children who attend a magnet school or no/other DCS). This speaks volumes. Due to the reasons of overcrowding in the area and the fact that Vanderlin has proven itself as a school where parents want their children to be, it does not make sense to keep this school on the list of proposed closures.	2/27/2026 2:28 PM
2970	I don't like the idea of consolidating schools. Smaller schools are better for kids	2/27/2026 2:26 PM
2971	It's hard to comment on an area I don't live in but makes sense on paper.	2/27/2026 2:06 PM
2972	I feel like it makes sense to consolidate schools that are under capacity and close in location.	2/27/2026 2:00 PM
2973	Initial scenarios in the Dunwoody cluster regarding closure of Vanderlyn specifically do not take into account the amount of redistricting that will have to happen to accommodate the	2/27/2026 1:40 PM

	Vanderlyn students. You would have to split them up 2-3 ways. DES and AES cannot hold even half of the Vanerlyn kids.	
2974	I am not ignoring the fact that some adjustments are needed but there is zero just in this process and based on the recent meetings I have attended it feels like decisions have already been made. We are being told our school will close and then what. We will be moved from a high performing school and cluster to a low one at the whims of a group who was brought in by a man indicted on criminal charges of fraud. Why should we trust any of this process. Nothing has been transparent. When asked for hard data it cannot or will not be provided. When asked the status of the same program in Chicago also was denied an answer but when searched found mountains of evidence that parents and teachers alike were not only unhappy but the district was having to spend more money to fix it. Again with the shortsightedness. I ask for transparency and data to support the proposed changes are what is best for our children. There has also been no mention of the German program and what is to become of that. This, to date has been an unmitigated failure in my opinion, decidedly lacking in transparency and with the people in charge continuing to pay lip service while appearing to already made up their minds.	2/27/2026 1:32 PM
2975	I do not believe the scenarios make sense; the criteria for choosing to close a school does not match for APES. The scenarios also look as if they're closing so many schools in the north that it will cause traffic patterns to be overly congested and moving too many students further than 1 mile away.	2/27/2026 1:27 PM
2976	Ashford Park is an exceptionally old building. If a new, larger school cannot be built on that land, I am fine with being transferred to John Lewis if all of Ashford Park and Drew Valley are moved to that school and we stay in the Chamblee Cluster for middle and high school.	2/27/2026 1:16 PM
2977	This is an incredible community school that feeds our community deeply. It would be an epic tragedy for this school to be closed. Oak Grove already meets the district's utilization target today (about 89%). The school is projected to reach ~96% capacity next year. Enrollment has been increasing, not declining. There has also been significant new investment and development in our neighborhoods and surrounding areas that has not yet been reflected in the conversations / projections leading me to believe that were not considered. Academic performance, test scores, and teacher retention were not included as closure criteria and are all outstanding. Please do not close OGE. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion.	2/27/2026 12:45 PM
2978	These scenarios need a more thoughtful approach. Dunwoody residents and students should remain zoned for Dunwoody schools, and elementary consolidation should not move forward without addressing overcrowding at Peachtree Middle and Dunwoody High. Once the new Sequoyah and Cross Keys facilities are completed in 2026–27, Doraville ES students should transition into the Doraville cluster to relieve pressure on Dunwoody. While I understand the goal of creating three larger elementary sites, selecting Chestnut raises major traffic and community-impact concerns. Keeping Kingsley open and absorbing Vanderlyn students into nearby schools would meet capacity targets without creating new problems. In the meantime, essential repairs—such as the already-approved Kingsley HVAC work—must continue to ensure safe learning conditions for students and staff.	2/27/2026 12:27 PM
2979	I believe more data needs to be collected as Vanderlyn is a highly respected school which impacts our property values.	2/27/2026 12:23 PM
2980	Vanderland is fine. Leave as is!	2/27/2026 12:19 PM
2981	Apprehensive, we are anticipating and looking forward to our children attending oak grove elementary.	2/27/2026 12:16 PM
2982	I am here to share our experience that is leading to unenrollment, which to me is the key issue that needs to be resolved. The system is no longer meeting the needs of the families and we are being pushed out do to being unable to get basic accommodations for our children. This is happening to us right now and this week I had to start making calls to tour private schools that I cannot actually afford. I so desperately want public school to work for my child and believe it could. There is too much red tape... my child is ASDII PDA 2e. She is unique and needs a unique learning plan so she can access academics within the regular school day hours. Well, I have been expressing my concerns for her reading since PreK first parent meeting and my concern for her being ASD. This was dismissed by school, but we knew our child best. After	2/27/2026 12:16 PM

	diagnosis and second opinion confirmation we started the process with the school. She didn't qualify by your standards for an IEP but clearly, she needs more supports. I have been able to work with the school on accommodations and we are currently back in what us ND parents call the MTSS holding tank, praying for an IEP so we can support before failure vs waiting to fail. It's time to modernize the offerings and have more individualized learning plans for all students, where all of the kids have a block for specialized learning... this takes the stigma out... kids no longer what to be pulled out of class, you have to find a way to do it within the classroom setting. Having sensory trailers outside the school feels like there is care and attention on the matter but a gross understanding of what integrating sensory needs into the schools means... brain break stations, stemming areas, filter the darn lighting, stop treasure boxes and behavior charts posted in classrooms, don't just have flexible seating in the classroom let the kids actually use it when they needs it vs having to ask permission, that defeats the purpose... give the kids more autonomy over how they want to learn the given curriculum. We get stuck in our ways, but to keep kids engaged requires novelty and more play-based learning. Omit homework for younger grades to help prevent burnout and needs for homeschooling or unschooling, which then leads to unenrollment, time outside of school should be used cultivating other life skills. We all have much to teach these kids for them to become whole humans. Also, I understand that kids have to be in school to learn, but school refusal is real and there are simple things the school could do to help with this. Thank goodness my child has a wonderful teacher this year, she is what gives me hope for positive change in the school system. I desperately want my child to remain in public school, but at this time I don't think they will be able to meet her where she is... a complex child whose great gifts come with equally great struggles. I am always open to sharing our lived experience in hopes that it could further collaboration between parents and DCSD.	
2983	Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends, utilization, and long-range planning, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. I support addressing capacity needs at Dunwoody High School, but would like to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications before any closure decision. Vanderlyn currently has 475 students. There are only 283 spots between Dunwoody and Austin Elementary school. Where are our children going to go to school?	2/27/2026 12:14 PM
2984	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary. This school is a vital part of the community and a great resource for families, and a primary driver for families who chose to live in this neighborhood and the school's vicinity.	2/27/2026 11:54 AM
2985	Concerned regarding why the large amount of empty seats? Program and facility quality or unequal quality I feel contributes to south side school vacancies	2/27/2026 11:53 AM
2986	Please Do not close Oak grove elementary as more and more people Are Moving into this area for CDc and Emory. We need to fix oak grove up to house all the students in this area to encourage parents to send their kids here instead of private school	2/27/2026 11:45 AM
2987	Consolidations does not affect my current situation as my child is currently in an over capacity school.	2/27/2026 11:34 AM
2988	Consolidations was not suggested for my child's school so far. It is difficult to comment on another community's situation as I don't live there daily and know their schools.	2/27/2026 11:30 AM
2989	There are very few empty seats in the schools my children attend; they are currently using trailers to offset their overcapacity numbers. Sone schools, like Lakeside, drastically need a wholesale expansion of their facilities, with gyms that fit the entire school population for events and emergencies, sports fields and stadiums to reduce transportation costs and bring more funds to the schools themselves, and security fences around schools to better protect students. Closing and redistricting should occur where there are empty seats, and new construction should be for those schools with critical facilities needs. Additionally, safeguards need to be in place to ensure that, if a larger elementary school is built, we keep specials teachers to no more than 300-400 students each. An elementary school with 1000 students should have two teachers each for art, general music, and PE.	2/27/2026 11:29 AM
2990	From what we've been told, there is room in existing schools to welcome Kingsley students. Reassigning them starting next year would give families clarity, stability, and access to safer facilities and stronger resources right away. Making this move now would allow the district to avoid additional short-term investments in Kingsley's aging infrastructure. From a fiscal standpoint alone, delaying a decision increases the likelihood of spending funds on repairs for a school that may ultimately be closed or rebuilt. If rebuilding will truly take six years, most	2/27/2026 11:27 AM

	current Kingsley students will be in Peachtree Middle School by then. Reassignment now would allow them to finish elementary school in a consistent, supportive environment, without facing multiple moves. It would also be helpful to understand what boundaries would look like within the Dunwoody cluster for the three elementary schools. It's hard to see the bigger picture when focused on where my children could potentially end up.	
2991	You have absolutely botched this process from the jump. It was started under the leadership of a man facing fraud charges. That alone undermines all credibility. You're talking about facilities with absolutely NO consideration for the children and the families inside them. There is NO consideration being given to how these schools integrate into the fabric of their communities. It's okay to talk about closing schools, and what to do with aging infrastructure, but it has to be within the CONTEXT of the students. the STUDENTS must be put first. Instead you've started with concrete and stone. Student success starts with fostering what is working, like Evansdale Elementary's French STEM DLI program. It has been a huge success for these kids, instead we start with "oh well we're going to close Evansdale". This leaves families in a scramble who have made decisions, and often sacrifices to attend this specific, desirable program. It's so incredibly disrespectful to talk about buildings before programs, before children.	2/27/2026 11:19 AM
2992	I support the consolidation of facilities. However, I am against putting a halt to planned improvements to the HVAC system at Kingsley. Our students and facility have to suffer because of funds that should have been spent a decade ago to improve the system. Last year, they wasted a WHOLE day of learning time due to a system failure (when the whole school had to be relocated to Peachtree Middle for the day). It is unacceptable to expect our children to be successful when they're sweating in the warmer months and freezing when it's cold. Absolutely insane!	2/27/2026 11:13 AM
2993	I am deeply concerned about the plan to close Vanderlyn. Vanderlyn is a pillar of the community and a major reason that so many of us chose to move to Dunwoody. It is consistently regarded as one of the best elementary schools in the state. I acknowledge the need to consolidate schools. However, it would make *much* more sense to build a new school on the empty portion of Vanderlyn's land. There is a very large parcel of unused land on its property, including a huge open field, small playground and a very old gym. This could *easily* be the site of a brand new Vanderlyn (similar to what happened at Austin in recent years) and big enough to serve as a consolidation school for Vanderlyn, Kingsley, and some students from Chestnut or Dunwoody Elementaries that need to be moved. After the building on new Vanderlyn on this empty lot, the current Vanderlyn could be demolished to make room for Dunwoody High School expansion or parking as the city appears to want. This is a very workable solution! In addition, the traffic at Chestnut is very very bad, and forcing families from the more north Vanderlyn or Kingsley neighborhoods to commute to the Chestnut area will be a disaster for commutes. Chestnut also has substantially less room available to build on than Vanderlyn's vacant space. Please reconsider, strongly, the closure of Vanderlyn, a critical institution for our community. Thank you!	2/27/2026 11:07 AM
2994	Horrible, not fully thought through, terrible for communities	2/27/2026 10:40 AM
2995	Strong, stable elementary environments are important for students and communities, and I would like to better understand how this proposal supports long-term cluster planning. I support solutions for high school overcrowding, but it would be helpful to see complete modeling on reassignment, receiving school enrollment and capacity, transportation, and feeder impacts before decisions are finalized. Has Dekalb considered building more floors on Dunwoody High School to accommodate student size.	2/27/2026 10:36 AM
2996	Would like to keep neighborhoods intact and all attend the same school. I.e. Sexton Woods neighborhood should continue to go to Montgomery>Chamblee HS>Chamblee HS	2/27/2026 10:35 AM
2997	I'm concerned about the class sizes. Additionally, how will the class options, such as foreign language, arts, etc be impacted that some schools have and others do not.	2/27/2026 9:44 AM
2998	I understand and think it’s important to consider and evolve as needed. I’m open to it and appreciate the transparency with the process.	2/27/2026 9:40 AM
2999	Horrible idea	2/27/2026 9:29 AM
3000	We are not happy that Oak Grove Elementary is on the list to potentially be closed. Our kids went there and loved their experience. It is a sweet neighborhood school and should be at 96% utilization for the next school year. Many other local elementary schools are much lower and are not being considered.	2/27/2026 9:03 AM

3001	Both of our children have had amazing experiences at Vanderlyn Elementary School. We moved to our house and neighborhood specifically to be in the Vanderlyn district. It is also a safe route for our children and has minimal traffic, alleviating any safety concerns that would arise from them attending a different school.	2/27/2026 8:21 AM
3002	I do not like the idea of large elementary schools - I am not sure how large one would be if they consolidated into a middle school. Or a middle school the size of a high school. Wouldn't the commute be much farther for some students as well?	2/27/2026 8:15 AM
3003	Please leave Oak Grove Elementary open! It is beloved by our community and the many students that attend. The Oak Grove Elementary community is close knit with incredible staff and we don’t want to lose this community.	2/27/2026 8:04 AM
3004	If Kingsley remains open, what is the district’s plan to ensure students have safe, fully functional learning environments, including reliable HVAC? How will the district provide proactive and timely communication when building conditions or student routines are impacted? What transparent academic outcome data is being used to support proposed school consolidation decisions? What verified financial projections, timelines, and measurable savings justify consolidation, and how will those figures be publicly shared? What administrative or consultant cost savings have already been realized, and why are neighborhood school closures being considered before those efficiencies are demonstrated? How does the district plan to avoid leaving students in operational limbo while long-term facility and assignment decisions remain unresolved? How are community impacts — including student travel time, neighborhood stability, and family disruption — being weighed alongside cost efficiency? How does the district plan to expand Chestnut, Hightower, Peachtree & Dunwoody? If Kingsley is closed, what will they do with the land? If Vanderlyn is closed what will they do with the land?	2/27/2026 7:40 AM
3005	Oak Grove is one of the best schools in Dekalb county and should not be closed.	2/27/2026 6:50 AM
3006	I think that the closing of Oak Grove Elementary School, and the expansion of nearby Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Elementary Schools will cause terrible disruptions to our community. The traffic around all three schools is already a challenge on our winding one-lane roads for drop-off and pick-up. There is very limited parking space at all three schools too, not just for child drop-off/pick-up, but also for events at the schools. I live on Fairoaks Road, which has absolutely horrendous traffic back-up already. If children get moved from Oak Grove Elementary School to Briarlake Elementary School, the traffic flow will be unmanageable on my street, which is a major connecting road for the two schools. My husband and I work in the medical field, and we have already made accommodations to leave the house extra early in the mornings and return later in the evenings, to get to our essential job duties at Emory Hospitals and at The Southeast Permanente Medical Group. Changing the traffic flow further will absolutely worsen our commute and our daily lives.	2/27/2026 6:22 AM
3007	The proposal does not account for the fact that our two other local schools, Briarlake and Sagamore, don’t have the capacity to absorb Oak Groves students, especially since their enrollment has been increasing.	2/27/2026 6:13 AM
3008	It is unacceptable that the largest portion of consolidated schools are in the south side of the district. I support consolidated a smaller number of schools with the intention of capping elementary schools in the 700-800 student range .	2/27/2026 6:07 AM
3009	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district’s goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake’s current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake’s enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students	2/27/2026 4:08 AM

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3010	Our two daughters went to Brockett all seven years and then graduated from Tucker High - on was Valdictorian. Both are now college professors Wake Forest and Agnes Scott. The proximity of Brockett was the main factor in our choosing Tucker. Where would students in the Brockett go? How much would transportation and busing costs increase? Brockett has land space and is easily expandable. This is a safe, stable community with excellent school support.	2/27/2026 1:17 AM
3011	Consolidating elementary schools together should prioritize schools that already feed together into the same middle and high schools. Lakeside cluster schools should stay together. Rezoning schools should be last resort. Buildings should have a theme and focus: stem, DLI, project based learning, etc	2/26/2026 11:08 PM
3012	Strong, stable elementary environments are important for students and communities, and I would like to better understand how this proposal supports long-term cluster planning. I support solutions for high school overcrowding, but it would be helpful to see complete modeling on reassignment, receiving school enrollment and capacity, transportation, and feeder impacts before decisions are finalized.	2/26/2026 11:06 PM
3013	I think the decision making process is senseless and has zero reasoning behind it. Ashford Park is one of the best performing schools in all of Dekalb county. There is room to expand the school in its current footprint. Furthermore, there is zero plan presented that speaks to where all the displaced children will ultimately end up.	2/26/2026 10:28 PM
3014	Oak Grove is the heart of the community and it would be detrimental to the community and students if it were closes	2/26/2026 10:27 PM
3015	Tough decisions but needs to be done; looks very reasonable	2/26/2026 10:17 PM
3016	I reject the notion that performance should not be considered. High performing schools should be protected, studied and replicated. It was stated that updates (i.e., Oak Grove Elementary's heating and ac) will be made anyway as the buildings would be used for other purposes. If correct enrollment data was used (what is included in your report is wrong) then there is no reason Oak Grove should be on this list. Our enrollment has continued to increase each year since covid. Put money into fixing our schools basic up keep and keeping our teachers (increase pay at least to match APS) and enrollment will increase. Oak Grove has land next to the school and an unusable blacktop that Dekalb has not maintained. This could be taken out and an additional wing could be added. We also have 100+ students on our school choice waitlist.	2/26/2026 10:13 PM
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3019	Oak Grove Elementary is a school with extremely active parents (PTA) and Oak Grove Foundation with significant investment. The parents are hyper-active, dedicated, and have resources. If you need more resources (e.g., funding) to help make Oak Grove more viable, the parents would likely help via the existing Oak Grove Foundation or otherwise.	2/26/2026 9:55 PM
3020	Why are we closing nearly full schools and overcrowding?	2/26/2026 9:24 PM
3021	As a staff member at McNair High School and a proud Cohort 1 Ignite graduate, my decision to enter the residency program was deeply rooted in my own high school experience. I chose this path because of the love, mentorship, and unwavering support I received from my former teachers. Their impact shaped not only my academic journey but also my commitment to serve students in the same way. The legacy of Lithonia High School is unbreakable. It represents years of excellence, dedication, and community pride. It is disheartening to feel that the district may not fully recognize the generations of success and commitment that have come out of Lithonia. Schools like Lithonia are more than buildings — they are pillars of identity, tradition, and opportunity within our community. Additionally, I have serious concerns about the potential merger of Cedar Grove into McNair. Overcrowded classrooms directly impact instructional quality, teacher retention, and student achievement. The prospect of significantly increased class sizes is discouraging, and it would heavily influence my decision to remain in the district. I also have family members and friends who graduated from these schools and take immense pride in their legacy. For many of us, these institutions are personal. They represent history, sacrifice, and community achievement. At this point, any consideration of closing high schools feels deeply troubling. I strongly believe the district should prioritize keeping all high schools open. If restructuring must occur, thoughtful adjustments at the elementary and middle school levels may be more appropriate. High schools carry the legacy of the county. Closing any of them would not only disrupt communities but risk losing traditions and histories that cannot be replaced.	2/26/2026 9:20 PM
3022	The proposed plan to close so many schools in such a short time based on a projection analysis seems to have a high risk of not being able to adapt to future changes in enrollment trends. The County needs to be more transparent with the projections for impacts to the students and what inflection points are being considered. Is there any scenario that would cause a pause, slow down or reversal of this plan? Would it make more sense to trial a plan in the most affected school district before rolling out closures county-wide?	2/26/2026 9:14 PM
3023	Closing two Dunwoody Elementary schools with good enrollment makes our county less desirable for Atlanta area young families. The message Dekalb County is sending out is very focused on resources and saving money and lacks transparency or focus on maintaining the strong school systems Dekalb County is known for. Young families like my own move to	2/26/2026 9:08 PM

	Dunwoody every year for the school system, especially the elementary schools. As we see the crowding and use of many trailers at the high school and middle school, it is concerning that the County projections highlight the problems of low enrollment and potential underutilized space. Do these projections consider removing the reliance on trailers when considering the capacity of such overcrowded schools? Overcrowding and reliance on trailers should not be the expected norm. To gain support of the community in Dunwoody, this plan has to focus on maintaining strong education for the children not just disrupting their school, community, and education to save money. Expanding Chestnut Elementary school will be disruptive to the community without substantial traffic flow redirections/construction in that area. Already the middle school and Chestnut drop-off and pick-up causes major traffic delays in the corridor to 287 during rush hour. Adding hundreds more children would require a major re-routing of traffic.	
3024	I like the idea. School choice lottery shows 3-4 schools all families pursue ans get waitlisted. Parents aren't interested in a failing low resource school. The consolidation should benefit more families.	2/26/2026 8:52 PM
3025	Understood that some schools need to be considered for closure due to low attendance. However, Oak Grove has been the foundation and pillar of the community for almost 70 years. People, like us, have moved into the neighborhood specifically for the exceptional education and community involvement that reside here.	2/26/2026 8:38 PM
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3029	It is unclear to me how closing two schools in Dunwoody will impact our children. How will class sizes be impacted? Does the model allow for increases or steady state enrollment or does it require continuous decreases at the current rate? I am concerned that the choice to close two Dunwoody Elementary schools with good enrollment levels will exacerbate overcrowding in the middle and high school and lead to yet another school in our town reliant on trailers. Stable elementary schools are important for our children's education. Disrupting so many children's early education seems to be a very risky endeavor.	2/26/2026 7:28 PM
3030	Ashford Park is a close and special community, not just a school building. Closing APES would only be an option if the community as a whole was maintained at another school, with comparable level of schooling quality, and similar distance from home. With all that in mind, either expanding APES to keep the community together, or moving the school population as a whole to John Lewis Elementary, would be suitable options. Both options ensure our community stays together, and all can continue together to Chamblee MS and HS.	2/26/2026 7:14 PM
3031	We love Midvale as a neighborhood school.	2/26/2026 6:58 PM
3032	Care and consideration should be given to schools that have shown improvement in these trying times. Redan Elementary is the little school that could, it is growing steadily and it should be allowed to grow.	2/26/2026 6:58 PM
3033	I found the initial facilities scenario confusing and not inclusive of incorporating and considering critical data that goes into rating the success of schools and programs.	2/26/2026 6:55 PM
3034	There is value in the smaller elementary school. Smaller schools do not equal less value. For students with special processing or sensory needs, smaller schools are more nurturing and steady than larger schools. Smaller schools have a lot to offer and are a better fit for my children and their needs. I would think it would be true for many families, especially families with children who have 504 plans or IEPs. Small schools allow more teachers and staff to meet and know them more deeply and personally. It is less overwhelming.	2/26/2026 6:38 PM
3035	Smaller class sizes have been a meaningful benefit to our children at Coralwood. Consolidating away other schools, particularly high performing ones like Oak Grove, could potentially reverse that trend (encourage larger class sizes). Meanwhile home assessments for the tax base remains stable. Consolidating small, low performing schools might be the best option.	2/26/2026 6:32 PM
3036	Please do not close Oak Grove Elementary.	2/26/2026 6:25 PM
3037	While we are sad of Vanderlyn elementary is being considered for closure, a win/win scenario for homes currently zoned for vanderlyn would be to combine K-8 under one building in the new Austin elementary school building if possible. It addresses peachtree middle being a concern for parents zoned at a high performing elementary school district	2/26/2026 6:24 PM
3038	Incompetent. Absolutely destroying the Ashford Park & Drew Valley neighborhoods. Go back	2/26/2026 6:22 PM

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3039	Disappointed	2/26/2026 6:18 PM
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3041	Concerned of overcrowding and larger class sizes at neighboring schools if Vanderlyn closes.	2/26/2026 5:42 PM
3042	Upgrades done are very good	2/26/2026 5:38 PM
3043	Consolidating elementary schools is inappropriate. Young children don't need to be in bigger classes or placed in larger buildings such as middle schools or even made to use trailers. They need smaller classrooms and in a building meant for comfort and safe learning.	2/26/2026 5:12 PM
3044	Closing a school that has been a pillar of our community is changing the very fabric of it. Our elementary school is an anchor for the Oak Grove area.	2/26/2026 5:10 PM
3045	Ashford Park ES is a strong and connected community. I am concerned about the closure as it relates to separating the school community and potentially assigning our students to separate schools and or assigning to a new cluster.	2/26/2026 5:09 PM
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3047	I am worried about destroying the community at Ashford Park Elementary that is a school and community that we chose to live in based on the quality of the school.	2/26/2026 4:07 PM
3048	My initial concern with the consolidations is the different cultures that exist within the high schools currently. Although students have friends that attend different schools, there are rivals that exist as well. Students could possibly be forced into uncomfortable environments. Close proximity means nothing when you take into account how many different neighborhoods exist within the area.	2/26/2026 4:01 PM
3049	I think schools should not be consolidated because it will make it more difficult for students to commute to different schools. It is also important to have a nearby, community school with lasting teacher-parent connections.	2/26/2026 3:49 PM
3050	I understand the benefits to cascading use. What I don't understand is the priority being lower cost. The priorities from the triangle graphic provided should be small schools (lower student teacher ratios) and robust programs. Budget should be used efficiently, but not at the sacrifice of children being even more packed in to classrooms with fewer staff. I don't think any of this should move forward without data on projected student teacher ratios vs current.	2/26/2026 3:40 PM
3051	Opposed to Oak Grove closing, as the staff is phenomenal, and new kids are growing up in the neighborhood every year.	2/26/2026 3:35 PM
3052	I applaud the Planning Dept for taking a thorough look at capacity, enrollment and facilities. This plan is well thought out.	2/26/2026 3:33 PM
3053	I appreciate that we're using the same metrics for facilities consolidations and closures across the district to ensure equity. I would like to see more information on timelines and how the closures will be operationalized. For example, I have a child who is eligible for Pre-K next year, and theoretically would be going to Chesnut. In the 5-7 year timeline, his education could be greatly disrupted by the shifting and rebuilding, and it's really difficult to give more feedback. However, in general, I believe that the district will have to make some difficult decisions about closing schools.	2/26/2026 3:32 PM
3054	I think moving the kids from Hightower elementary into the Sequoyah cluster makes way more sense to free up much needed space at Peachtree Middle and Dunwoody High. Hightower is in Doraville, as is Sequoyah middle. It makes way more sense from a proximity and community aspect.	2/26/2026 3:16 PM
3055	Strong, stable elementary environments are important for students and communities, and I would like to better understand how this proposal supports long-term cluster planning. Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends and utilization, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. I support solutions for high school overcrowding, but it would be helpful to see complete modeling on reassignment, receiving school enrollment and capacity, transportation, and feeder impacts before decisions are finalized.	2/26/2026 3:02 PM
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3057	Makes sense to consolidate but leave some room for growth.	2/26/2026 2:58 PM
3058	Not knowing what the impact on students would be if a building is shutdown makes it difficult to assess the impact in a vacuum. Specifically for Ashford Park Elementary, I believe closing the building would make a lot of sense if the current attendance was kept intact and moved to John Lewis Elementary. Further, I would be supportive if John Lewis Elementary was moved to the Chamblee Cluster to continue the continuity of the community in this cluster. These changes would ensure that the goal of removing a building could be achieved without adversely impacted the existing community. I actually believe Dekalb would receive significant support from the existing community with this type of move given the high quality of the John Lewis Elementary building.	2/26/2026 2:53 PM
3059	At first it seems shocking, that there would be a scenario to close the highest performing and most sought after school such as OGE. The outlay is very shortsighted.	2/26/2026 2:51 PM
3060	Oak Grove Elementary School needs to remain open. It is currently needed to support the area now and in the future.	2/26/2026 2:46 PM
3061	We love Oak Grove Elementary. My son is getting such a great education and experience there. He's excelling and being challenged. They've noticed and are addressing his speech needs. His aftercare and enrichments are wonderful. The principal all the way to the janitorial team are a delight and operate the school so well. I'm looking forward to my daughter having the same experience. I would be heartbroken if she didn't get the same opportunities. Our elementary school, Oak Grove, is a community and family that we are committed to and thankful for. Please do not close this school!	2/26/2026 2:43 PM
3062	I understand however very high performing walkable schools in community settings are invaluable and should be kept. If more grades need to be added that is fine.	2/26/2026 2:42 PM
3063	The major concern I have is what happens if and when the pendulum swings the other way. I understand wanting to right size and operating at 83% capacity certainly isn't optimal, but I'd much rather have it at 83% than 100.1%. What happens when charter schools close and we need more buildings and teachers and computers and footballs? The ebbs and flows of population are impossible to predict, and I'd hate for DCSD to make a decision today that they'll regret in 10 years. I read recently that six DeKalb County schools were removed from federal improvement list after years of progress. Certainly there's a long list of factors at play that helped the county achieve this feat, but I wonder how much reduced class sizes played a part. It would be a shame to get our classes up in the 32-35 range and lose the progress we've made. Of course, this decision is primarily about fiduciary responsibility. When it comes to economic change, everybody's got a magic lever they want you to push. Generally, though, when it comes to economic change, you don't push any one lever; you want to push a little on them all. I wonder if there's a combination of things we can do to help ease that burden. Is there a world where instead of 27 schools being affected, 10-15 are affected. We can raise property taxes slightly. We can make cuts in other areas.	2/26/2026 2:42 PM
3064	My daughter is a student at Livsey Elementary and we love our tight knit community. I don't think she would do well with 400 more children at her school. She does well in a small classroom size, where she gets one and one time with her teachers.	2/26/2026 2:34 PM
3065	Oak Grove is one of the primary reasons I moved into the district. It's a high quality public school with strong community support and closure of this school would be detrimental to the community overall. I also think it would materially impact the attractiveness of the area and lead to further reductions in public school attendance in the following years as parents likely choose private alternatives as a result.	2/26/2026 2:25 PM
3066	The impact of cascading wasn't discussed enough, as it clearly meant that the use of FCA/adequacy/utilization data to choose closure candidates was replaced by the impact of the choice in cascading. LOVED that there aren't any sacred cows in this initial scenario. But I think there will be a whole lot of them in the second round as powerful communities and Board members weigh in.	2/26/2026 2:21 PM
3067	I have heard that Livsey prides themselves on their small community feel as well as appropriately sized classes which is why we chose to buy a house in this particular school's	2/26/2026 2:16 PM

	zone.	
3068	I am very concerned that closing multiple Elementary schools in our area would compound the overcrowding at surrounding schools. From a parent's perspective, all schools are at capacity for class sizes in our town and all school buildings are in need of improvements. Especially those who have already been expanded with outbuildings. (Peachtree Middle School and Dunwoody High School) It would be good to hear about alternate scenarios for creating new additional larger buildings to accept the consolidation of students from multiple Elementary schools prior to closing individual buildings. It also would be very beneficial to know potential re-zoning boundary lines to better understand how the students will be dispersed. Will all Vanderlyn go to Austin Elementary? I believe that expanding existing elementary buildings using temporary outbuildings to house the new influx of students is in no way an acceptable solution. We chose to live in Dunwoody and specifically in our neighborhood because it is zoned for Vanderlyn. We chose that school not for its cinderblock walls, but for what was inside those walls. The teachers and staff really make that school exceptional.	2/26/2026 2:15 PM
3069	I fully understand the need to reorganize and reshape the school district to meet future demands and allocate resources more effectively. However, my primary concern with the initial facilities scenario is that it overlooks a critical factor: the quality of education for students. Schools are more than just buildings—they are communities with unique cultures that directly influence educational outcomes. Even with significant effort, replicating or improving a school's culture is a challenging task. For instance, Dunwoody High School consistently outperforms Peachtree Middle School, despite serving the same students. Numerous initiatives have been implemented to address this disparity, but meaningful improvement remains difficult to achieve. This highlights the importance of preserving and leveraging high-performing schools. In your proposed scenario, the plan to close Vanderlyn Elementary—a high-performing school—and expand Chesnut Elementary—a lower-performing school—appears to prioritize location over performance. While Chesnut's location in southern Dunwoody may seem advantageous, the focus should be on maintaining and expanding access to high-quality education. By keeping Vanderlyn open and expanding its capacity, the district could ensure that more students benefit from its strong academic culture and close proximity to Dunwoody High School. This proximity fosters a unique bond between the two schools, creating a supportive environment that benefits students at both levels. Ultimately, prioritizing performance over location would allow Dunwoody to maintain three high-performing schools, ensuring the best possible educational outcomes for its students.	2/26/2026 1:47 PM
3070	I think changing schools would be for the best. The school have a lot of damages and broken things here which isn't good for a learning environment.	2/26/2026 1:44 PM
3071	Closing schools to increase the size of elementary schools seems detrimental for our kids future. Less one and one attn, less parent involvement. OGE is a top preforming elementary school in the county, also MOST people move to this area for the school. The county is taking no consideration at the property values this will effect, driving more people to move OUT.	2/26/2026 1:30 PM
3072	Have you considered leaving 6th graders in elementary school & having 7-12 grade? For 6-12 grade model, how would you keep preteens separated from teens, like separate floors or wings?	2/26/2026 1:28 PM
3073	I understand the need to address high school capacity pressures and support thoughtful cluster-wide planning. At the same time, because SAP is presented as being driven by enrollment trends and utilization, I would like to see clear data showing how this scenario aligns with those measures. Sharing full reassignment and receiving school modeling, including transportation and class size impacts, would help families evaluate the proposal.	2/26/2026 1:25 PM
3074	While in agreement that there should be some consolidations, I believe it is important to consider communities and neighborhoods. Proximity to homes, commute times to schools and keeping schools in the current same clusters that most of us moved to a neighborhood because of.	2/26/2026 1:17 PM
3075	I do not like this. I feel like the scenarios do not make sense.	2/26/2026 1:12 PM
3076	I am surprised so many elementary schools in the Tucker area are being considered for closure. We have heard for a long time about the idea of consolidating Livsey and Midvale, which makes a lot of sense. It seems the other closures will have a disproportionately negative impact on Tucker as a community.	2/26/2026 12:59 PM
3077	I am concerned by the proposed restructuring, or elimination of the Cedar Grove cluster. From	2/26/2026 12:47 PM

	what I have read, these initial proposals are based solely on the building and enrollment. A lot of improvements have gone into the Cedar Grove HS building in recent years. What improvements have been made to the McNair HS building? Aside from proximity, what considerations have been made for the McNair building's capacity and parking to accommodate the additional students, staff, and parents/community for instruction and programs? What has been done to increase the educational adequacy of Cedar Grove HS cluster from elementary to high school. Is this a building issue or a qualified staffing issue? The Southwest DeKalb cluster currently has 4 elementary schools that feed into it, 2 in seemingly the same neighborhood. Therefore, I am in agreement with closing Bob Mathis ES.	
3078	The necessity to close 27 elementary schools within the county hasn't been demonstrated in my opinion. At this point more community impact study is necessary. Maybe think more about restructuring staffing, classing & use of current facilities in the traditional k-5 6-8 9-12 model.	2/26/2026 12:31 PM
3079	I have no opinion on consolidations. However, given the low building adequacy score (66%) and high enrollment projections (116%) for Huntley Hills Elementary, I would consider a new building for the school. I would be interested in knowing what the "facility additions" will be. If they are trailers, then I am highly opposed to expansion of this school and would prefer restricting the attendance area to keep it smaller.	2/26/2026 12:30 PM
3080	I am concerned about the downsides of larger schools/larger classrooms for personal and academic development. I am also concerned about the loss of ESL support programs, such as at Evansdale, knowing the multilingualism of this district. And I am concerned about the loss of language immersion programs, such as at Evansdale.	2/26/2026 12:20 PM
3081	I don’t really understand how consolidating multiple schools within the chamblee cluster will help with over crowding when most of the schools are already over crowded and the current suggestion to close the most overcrowded ES.	2/26/2026 12:19 PM
3082	rf	2/26/2026 11:52 AM
3083	I understand need to evaluate consolidations due to enrollment trends and budget considerations	2/26/2026 11:44 AM
3084	Oak Grove is a part of the fabric of the Oak Grove community. I went there as a kid. My parents live directly on Oak Grove Rd.	2/26/2026 11:42 AM
3085	It's worth remembering that bigger doesn't automatically mean better. Students have different needs, and many thrive specifically because of the smaller, more connected environments that schools like Vanderlyn provide. These neighborhoods were built around walkable, community-centered elementary schools and that's not incidental, it's foundational to why we chose the communities we did. Vanderlyn may be an older building, but it is well-cared-for and well-run. Our academic performance speaks for itself, and our administrators, teachers, and parent community show up consistently and invest in this school in ways that go far beyond what any metric can capture. Any honest evaluation of school performance has to account for more than square footage or seat counts. What makes a school truly excellent is its culture and the trust between families and staff, the relationships built over years, and the sense of belonging that students carry with them long after they leave. These are not things you can pack up and move to a new address. Closing Vanderlyn to relieve overcrowding at Dunwoody High School, or simply because other schools are undercapacity, would mean dismantling a high-functioning elementary community to solve a problem it didn't create. Vanderlyn appears to be part of this conversation for one reason: its proximity to the high school. That's not a planning rationale, it's a matter of geography. Before Vanderlyn is seriously considered as a solution, we ask that every other option be thoroughly explored and clearly documented. Our community is willing and ready to be part of that conversation but closure should be the last resort not a starting point.	2/26/2026 11:32 AM
3086	I fully support long-term facilities planning aimed at resolving the overcrowding at Dunwoody High School. However, to ensure the continued success of the cluster, I would like to understand the reasoning behind closing a high-utilization elementary school—particularly since the SAP emphasizes enrollment trends and the efficient use of space.	2/26/2026 11:29 AM
3087	I am not please to hear that you all are closing the schools and moving schools around in the South DeKalb area.	2/26/2026 11:23 AM
3088	It's also important to recognize that larger schools aren't always better schools. Not every student thrives in a large environment, and our communities were built around the kind of close-knit, accessible elementary schools that Vanderlyn represents. Many of our families	2/26/2026 11:09 AM

	walk to school. Our building, while older, is exceptionally well maintained. We have strong test scores, dedicated administrators, and an incredibly engaged parent community and PTO that invest deeply in this school every single day. I would be doing a disservice to this process if I didn't urge you to consider everything that goes into making a school truly high-performing — because it isn't just a building. It's culture, trust, relationships, and years of intentional community-building. Those things cannot simply be relocated or recreated overnight. Closing Vanderlyn in order to expand the footprint of another school or Dunwoody High School would mean dismantling a thriving, high-performing elementary community to solve a secondary capacity problem. We ask that you please consider every alternative before putting Vanderlyn on the table. I think it's fair to say our school community would be happy to work with you in that regard.	
3089	I am a strong advocate for long-term facilities planning that solves the overcrowding at Dunwoody High School. To ensure the cluster's success, I'd like to understand the rationale behind closing a high-utilization elementary school, especially considering how the SAP prioritizes enrollment trends and efficient space usage.	2/26/2026 11:08 AM
3090	I support addressing overcrowding at Dunwoody High School and want strong long-term facilities planning across the cluster. Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends and utilization, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. Before any closure decision, it would be helpful to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications.	2/26/2026 10:59 AM
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3092	Largely Unneeded. Repurposing schools is fine but completely closing so many schools feels excessive, especially if the buildings will not receive secondary purposes or uses. Also a concern for the staff members that may be displaced due to consolidations, closures or relocations.	2/26/2026 10:38 AM
3093	Too many high performing schools that are close to full are closing	2/26/2026 10:00 AM
3094	They are not accurately researched and will leave kids at a disadvantage.	2/26/2026 9:58 AM
3095	The sweeping closing of neighborhood schools seems detrimental to students and families, especially those who are low income. Small class size allows for deeper relationships to develop between teachers, students, and families, which will lead to better educational outcomes. Also, the value of having a school in walking distance, especially for those without reliable transportation (as is the case for many families who attend McLendon Elementary) cannot be overstated. This decision to close so many neighborhood schools will undoubtedly cause distress for families and educators, and will leave families with very few good options for where to send their children (namely charters, large elementary schools that are far away, or private schools). I believe that other areas to cut (for example, administrative positions and spending) need to be explored thoroughly and sincerely before exploring the closing of these neighborhood schools.	2/26/2026 9:28 AM
3096	Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends, utilization, and long-range planning, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. I support addressing capacity needs at Dunwoody High School, but would like to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications before any closure decision.	2/26/2026 9:19 AM
3097	I like the idea of consolidating underutilized and underperforming schools.	2/26/2026 8:58 AM
3098	We loved when our kids attended OGE. The smaller environments gave our kids a boost to learning.	2/26/2026 8:48 AM
3099	This is a scary process for all, I think. Crowding is definitely going to put a strain on the teachers and any paraprofessionals present for our children. Last year, my student encountered having the class restructured due to overcrowding. This disrupted my student because having to learn different requirements for each teacher (the way the information is being taught), changes in routine which was disruptive on it's own, the teacher not having all	2/26/2026 8:46 AM

	the things needed in order to proficiently have a well-balanced class, having to restart friendships (my students community) and wondering why they're having to move. Is very disruptive and causes chaos along the way.	
3100	Your proposal is to close several of the best performing schools at the elementary and middle school level, and roll those students up into other schools. Given that those other schools are lower performing, you would be doing those students affected a severe disservice. Focusing on the real estate and ignoring the students, teachers, and quality of education is short sighted and asinine. If you want what is best for the student, then focus on the student. The focus on the bulding and real estate proves only that the focus is on the budget and not the students.	2/26/2026 8:45 AM
3101	Oak Grove and Lakeside need to remain open. They are important factors for Epilepsy buying property in this area.	2/26/2026 8:38 AM
3102	I understand the need to address high school capacity pressures and support thoughtful cluster-wide planning. At the same time, because SAP is presented as being driven by enrollment trends and utilization, I would like to see clear data showing how this scenario aligns with those measures. Sharing full reassignment and receiving school modeling, including transportation and class size impacts, would help families evaluate the proposal.	2/26/2026 8:34 AM
3103	I am concerned about the actual buildings that are middle schools being used for elementary. For example, McNair Middle School changed into an elementary school. This school is very dangerous and not suitable for elementary students especially the little ones.Most of the classes have glass walls and some of the rooms have garage doors that open to the outside.	2/26/2026 8:29 AM
3104	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	2/26/2026 8:28 AM
3105	I think the plan for our LHS cluster makes sense. People are upset of course about OG potentially closing but I get it. We have so many tiny schools in our area close together and no one wants it to be theirs. Our OG campus is on a hill and I don't even see how you would expand it, update facilities, offer more programming as it is. The campuses of SHES and BES are more suited to this. If our staff is given the opportunity to stay with our population that may potentially move, that would likely calm folks' nerves. I hope we gain more programming out of this consolidation with a higher student population honestly. I won't be at the elementary level by the time this happens so it won't affect our family. But my concerns lie more at the top with	2/26/2026 8:02 AM

	Lakeside being so overcrowded. Please address this within your next wave of communications so that we are the long range plans helping all our school levels.	
3106	It’s scary, but if it will give my children a better opportunity, I’m supportive. The current situation doesn’t allow individual learning and there are too many distractions.	2/26/2026 7:57 AM
3107	I do not see how school consolidation can be anything but bad for our children. Larger classes and further commutes. It's not that we hear amazing reports about Evansdale Elementary, but the closeness of the school helps it feel local and more community empowered. Consolidating schools takes some of that local community feel away since it attempts to cover a larger area for a given school.	2/26/2026 7:09 AM
3108	I recognize the fiscal and operational challenges of maintaining approximately 110,000 seats for fewer than 92,000 students. However, consolidation should not be treated as the default solution without fully accounting for long-term demographic trends, projected population growth over the next decade, and the potential for enrollment rebound in certain clusters. DeKalb County continues to experience residential development and shifting housing patterns. Any reduction in facilities must be weighed carefully against projected increases in population to avoid creating capacity shortages or overcrowding in the future. Closing schools now, only to face rebuilding or redistricting again later, would be fiscally inefficient and disruptive to families. If consolidations are considered, they must be approached with extreme caution and grounded in transparent, long-term enrollment projections. Priority should be given to: • Preserving strong academic programs (IB, STEM, CTAE, fine arts) • Minimizing disruption to established feeder patterns • Avoiding overcrowding in receiving schools • Ensuring equitable access to advanced coursework and extracurriculars • Evaluating how growth projections may impact capacity needs within 5–10 years Any proposal should include clear transition timelines, staff retention strategies, detailed transportation impact analyses, and measurable academic performance benchmarks. Families and educators need assurance that consolidation is improving opportunity — not simply reducing square footage. The proposed 6–8 year phased approach suggests the district understands the complexity of these changes. However, ongoing, transparent communication will be critical to prevent enrollment loss due to uncertainty and to maintain community trust throughout the process.	2/26/2026 7:02 AM
3109	I appreciate the effort to consider our entire county school system like an ecosystem with many, many variables, and to do so publicly in an honest manner.	2/26/2026 6:16 AM
3110	I am not in favor of the current scenario of closing so many elementary schools and busing young children so far from their homes.	2/26/2026 4:18 AM
3111	Robert Shaw theme school continued to be a high performance school. In addition it is a model school to participate the community and students parents as well as other stake holders. The other ineresting issue is this school embraces the students and the community with varieties of culture. It is best in my opinion support and even develop this school to be a best practice facility for others not only for academic purpose but also as an example in multicultural/surrounding community participation.	2/26/2026 12:25 AM
3112	Do not close oak grove elementary	2/25/2026 10:41 PM
3113	Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	2/25/2026 10:28 PM
3114	No. Please leave as is.	2/25/2026 10:16 PM
3115	As a former student of both Evansdale Elementary and Henderson Mill Elementary, I understand the difficult position the district is in regarding enrollment decline and facility usage. I appreciate that long-term planning requires thoughtful evaluation of all options. Both the Evansdale and Henderson Mill communities are strong, stable neighborhoods with long-standing investment in their schools. However, Evansdale has consistently demonstrated a particularly strong academic culture, experienced faculty, and a positive learning environment. My personal experience there reflected a high level of instructional quality and community engagement that should be carefully considered in any restructuring decision. If consolidation between these two schools becomes necessary, I respectfully urge the district to prioritize preserving the stronger-performing academic environment and facility that best supports long-term sustainability. A thoughtful merger that maintains the strengths of Evansdale while accommodating enrollment realities could protect educational quality while achieving fiscal	2/25/2026 10:12 PM

	responsibility. It is important that decisions are not based solely on building capacity, but also on demonstrated school culture, instructional strength, and long-term neighborhood stability. Transparent data on projected enrollment trends and facility investment needs over the next decade would greatly help families and homeowners understand the reasoning behind any recommendation. These schools are foundational to their surrounding communities. Any consolidation should aim to strengthen — not dilute — what is already working well. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.	
3116	Sagamore and Oak Grove thrive because of their size. I think our students and teachers will suffer due to overcrowding if SHES and OGE are combined.	2/25/2026 9:47 PM
3117	I believe it's unfair to close so many Southside schools and expecting students to be bused.	2/25/2026 9:35 PM
3118	Oak Grove is a closely connected community school with great teachers and one of the highest rated schools in Dekalb county. There's tremendous parent involvement, attentive teachers and faculty, and overall sense of community within the school.	2/25/2026 9:16 PM
3119	We love Vanderlyn. It's a very good school with lots of community involvement and support. We're one of the best schools in the state and should continue forward with that strength, even if we're not 100% full. Vanderlyn is a diverse, academically strong, and inclusive community. Preserving stable elementary environments aligns with district priorities.	2/25/2026 9:04 PM
3120	I'm alarmed about Ashford Park closing when SAP has indicated said that the first consideration for closure is underutilization. I understand that it's an older building and over capacity, but there are several others in the district facing similar challenges that aren't on this list. That said, my No. 1 priority is keeping our community together. My children are currently thriving with friends, activities and the teachers and after-school program coordinators at APES. I'm very concerned that if they're split up from the community that they're education will be affected. We, like many other families, also moved here to be in the Chamblee cluster. So, my second priority is staying within that cluster and maintaining a positive trajectory for my child's education. If we have to move buildings to stay together and in that cluster, that's less of a concern of mine.	2/25/2026 8:05 PM
3121	I'm disappointed that the announcement of closures didn't come with solutions on where to put the students currently enrolled at a school said to be closing. It's difficult to provide feedback if we don't know what some of the alternatives are. That said, my priority is to keep the Ashford Park community together. We've built a supportive network of families and teachers, and I see my child thriving. I also fear that a disruption to that community could greatly impact my child's education and well-being. I also moved here so that my child could be in the Chamblee cluster, and I know a lot of families feel the same way. I fear that if we're taken out of that cluster, families will move away or go to private school, which would affect funding for the district and community we live in.	2/25/2026 7:49 PM
3122	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary	2/25/2026 7:41 PM

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3123	Instead of consolidation, increase the amount of student enrollment by offering more school choice allocations.	2/25/2026 7:41 PM
3124	This may affect the transportation oh getting our kids to school, and also the parents who typically work early. We need bus routes available if the schools are to be consolidated.	2/25/2026 7:20 PM
3125	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	2/25/2026 7:03 PM
3126	I don't think it is a good idea because it will cause confusions among the students and parents. No one has talked about where and what schools are the high schoolers are going to attend if the high schools are going to be made middle schools and the middle school are going to be elementary schools.	2/25/2026 6:54 PM
3127	I don't like grades to be changed. like the way are now	2/25/2026 6:22 PM
3128	Many of the schools on the list are part of the charm of the school system as they are local facilities that families can easily walk to. Closing them would hurt the neighborhood element that is so cherished.	2/25/2026 6:16 PM
3129	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89%. The projected enrollment for 26-27 would put them at 96%.	2/25/2026 5:58 PM
3130	The City of Tucker has seen community improvements over the last two years. The consolidation of schools will decrease community cohesion, disproportional impact economically diverse communities, and will detract younger families. Studies have shown, 1) Impacts on housing markets -- families with elementary children often prioritize proximity to	2/25/2026 5:49 PM

	schools when buying homes. The neighborhood schools anchor property value, provide more community gathering space, provide more time together like when walking to school, and build community identity. 2) Transportation and Traffic Effects - Transportation cost increases may offset some projected savings from closures. Also, longer bus rides adversely impact on students' cognitive ability, increase stress and fatigue, reduce academic engagement, reduce participation in after-school activities, take away family time, increase absences, and increase traffic burdens to neighborhoods and main city roadways. 3) Smaller neighborhood schools may be under resourced, however, they promote stronger community bonds, stronger teacher-student relationships, greater safety (larger student body leads to an increase in behavior issues and security concerns), less stress, and greater sense of belonging even among diverse groups. It is a tradeoff that our family is willing to make. Our quality of life in our neighborhood and community is better with a smaller, less resource school. I am afraid closures will lead to homeschooling cooperatives to promote continued neighborhood communities or flight to other districts. The City of Tucker would suffer due to increased traffic and loss of continuity in neighborhood communities. (https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/psychology/articles/10.3389/fpsyg.2026.1672841/full) (https://phys.org/news/2025-11-students-school-bus-affect-academic.html) (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econedurev.2018.12.005)	
3131	The primary concern is maintaining SMALL community elementary schools.	2/25/2026 5:32 PM
3132	No closures needed!! These are neighborhood schools with great scores & community interaction.	2/25/2026 5:23 PM
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3134	I strongly feel that oak grove elementary is a pillar of our community and the reason we moved here. Without this school, we would consider moving out of dekalb and opt for aps or private	2/25/2026 5:18 PM
3135	If the objective is to address underutilization, Oak Grove is not a logical candidate. It already meets the district's utilization target and is projected to rise further based on sustained multi-year enrollment growth. The closure plan also appears to assume capacity that does not exist at nearby schools without disruptive boundary shifts or capital expansion. Given the active residential pipeline and significant job and investment growth in the area, any model that leans heavily on pandemic-era enrollment patterns should be updated to reflect current recovery and	2/25/2026 5:15 PM

	planned development. Closing a top-performing, increasingly utilized school would introduce avoidable disruption while doing little to solve the underlying utilization gap.	
3136	Oak Grove is not an underutilized school, and its enrollment trend points toward full capacity in the near term. Closing it would create an immediate placement problem: the nearest receiving schools do not have enough available seats to absorb Oak Grove's students without major boundary realignments, overcrowding, or new facility investments. At the same time, documented housing redevelopment and major institutional expansion in the surrounding corridor indicate that enrollment pressure is more likely to increase than decline. In that context, closing Oak Grove does not meaningfully address underutilization and instead shifts the district into a new capacity constraint.	2/25/2026 5:09 PM
3137	his is a great school and always has been. This school should stay open That is why we moved to this area	2/25/2026 5:02 PM
3138	Oak Grove Elementary, the neighborhood school that my children attended, does not meet the criteria for closure. It is *not* underutilized. And projections for the incoming years are only greater utilization. Nearby schools are also near or above utilization goals. Sagamore Hills and Briarlake cannot absorb the school population.	2/25/2026 4:55 PM
3139	I am deeply disappointed in the decision to close Oak Grove Elementary. As one of the highest-performing schools in DeKalb County, with strong parent involvement and dedicated teachers, OGE is being unfairly impacted by a broad policy that overlooks its success. Small elementary schools foster stronger learning outcomes and tighter community connections. Many families are already hesitant about larger schools; expanding elementary populations will likely push more families toward private options and discourage new families from moving to the Oak Grove area—hurting property values and weakening community ties. Oak Grove offers a uniquely supportive environment: a principal who knows students by name, teachers who regularly engage with parents, and enriching art, music, athletics, STEM, and literacy programs—many supported by parent funding. It is a thriving school community. Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years and is projected to reach or exceed capacity within 2–3 years. Academically, Oak Grove ranks among the top schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th of 26; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest reviewed) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, shows sustained growth, and performs at a top-tier academic level does not resolve district-wide capacity concerns and may create new ones. If Oak Grove closes, most students would be reassigned to: • Sagamore Hills (91% utilized; 43 seats available) • Briarlake (73% utilized; ~130 seats available) Together, these schools cannot absorb 447 students without boundary changes, overcrowding, portables, or new capital investment. Closing Oak Grove would remove a high-performing, growing school; fail to address broader utilization gaps; strain neighboring schools; and potentially require additional spending. In a growth corridor, this decision risks creating new overcrowding challenges within just a few years.	2/25/2026 4:54 PM
3140	Our family moved to Oak Grove 10 years ago with the hopes that our future kids would go to Oak Grove Elementary. My son just started PreK at OGE for the 2025-2026 year, so this is our first year taking advantage of this amazing school. That is how impactful of a school OGE is. It is small but mighty. It has tremendous parental support. The foundation pours into these kids, hence the high-performing scores across the board. My husband and I both attended DeKalb County schools for elementary, middle, and high school. Nothing makes us more proud than to have a school like OGE in our county to show us we have made progress. OGE is more than just a school, it's a community that is strong and pours into its youth.	2/25/2026 4:52 PM
3141	Oak Grove is not a school that should be closed. Oak Grove is currently operating at a 89% utilization rate and is projected to be at 96% next year. If Oak Grove closes, students would be absorbed by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake, and those schools do not have the capacity to take in displaced Oak Grove students.	2/25/2026 4:48 PM
3142	Oak Grove does not appear to be an underutilized school: it is already around the district's utilization target and is projected to approach full capacity within the next few years. Closing it would shift hundreds of students to nearby schools that do not have sufficient available seats without significant boundary changes, overcrowding, or facility expansion. Given the documented residential pipeline and major corridor investment that will likely increase enrollment, projections should be recalibrated to reflect current growth trends. In that context, closing a high-performing school like Oak Grove does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	2/25/2026 4:40 PM
3143	* Oak Grove already meets utilization targets and is projected to near full capacity soon. *	2/25/2026 4:38 PM

	Nearby schools lack enough open seats to absorb Oak Grove without major boundary changes or expansion. * Local housing and institutional investment suggest enrollment pressure will increase, not decline. * Oak Grove is a top-performing school, so closure adds academic and community costs without solving underutilization.	
3144	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	2/25/2026 4:36 PM
3145	Oak Grove is not underutilized and is growing toward full capacity, so closing it would not meet the utilization goal and would likely force overcrowding and disruption at nearby schools, especially given planned housing growth and Oak Grove's strong performance.	2/25/2026 4:31 PM
3146	Would like to see Oak Grove Elem stay open, its a great school, high level of community and parent involvement, great teachers and great admin. There is a huge amount of value in having a school so close to home.	2/25/2026 4:03 PM
3147	Bad idea	2/25/2026 3:56 PM
3148	I am okay with the consolidations as long as it doesn't negatively impact student learning.	2/25/2026 3:33 PM
3149	I do not believe that the schools proposed to stay open will be able to absorb the schools that are proposed to close. Specifically, Sagamore hills and Briarlake will be over capacity if they need to absorb Oak Grove. Further. Closing high performing schools will drive more people away from DeKalb county and lose money for our school district.	2/25/2026 3:23 PM
3150	Not in agreement.	2/25/2026 3:18 PM
3151	The math for closure in Oak Grove, Briarlake & Sagamore cluster does not make sense, because enrollment is at healthy levels in these schools. Oak Grove is not underutilized and likely will continue to grow, post-COVID. New growth in businesses like CHOA and Emory mean that homes in the cluster area become even more desirable for jobs with parents of school-aged children.	2/25/2026 3:17 PM
3152	We are deeply upset that oak grove elementary is on this list. It's a pillar of our community and the number one reason we moved to this area from outside of dekalb county.	2/25/2026 3:03 PM
3153	I do not want Oak Grove Elementary to be closed	2/25/2026 2:58 PM

3154	1) 2nd round absolutely needs to consider school performance metrics and not solely be building based. 2) justification needs to be provided on how DCSD can afford the many renovation and expansion projects being proposed vs. maintaining the status quo. 3) justification needs to be provided on capacity of architect, engineering, and construction firms to be available to do this large amount of work in the 6-8 year timeframe. 4) justification needs to be provided on how students in a closed school will benefit from moving to a new school. Is consolidated school in renovated, bigger, and better facilities? Does consolidated school have a good performance track record? How will staff transition? How will staff be selected to transition to consolidated school? 5) It's not acceptable to simply move students from one older, poorly maintained school to another older, poorly maintained school. Any movement of students needs to be to better and improved facilities. 6) Projections should include a factor for students leaving the district as a result of this process. 7) Magnet schools like Kittredge should be examined as to whether they should continue. It's unfair to drain students from otherwise well functioning schools to magnets. It's not fair to exclude magnet schools like Kittredge from this first round. 8) something needs to be done to address equity issues in the Lakeside cluster. Some schools are very high income while others are at poverty-level. DCSD should consider 1-2 large, new elementary schools in Lakeside cluster to better resource all students and narrow access gaps. Equity will not change if higher income schools stay together. Northlake mall property should be considered for this new ES. Equity differences are very apparent once you move to Henderson Middle so anything that can be done early in the elementary level to address these gaps would be huge. 9) justification needs to be provided on how DeKalb property owners can financially afford the needed improvements. 10) at some point, DCSD needs to acknowledge that there has been major fiscal and operational mismanagement that has gotten us to where we are today with underenrolled schools. It's not solely due to declining birth rates. In particular, the district's response to COVID, hiring/firing of superintendents, and Board leadership needs to be addressed. 11) explanation is needed to address why Oak Grove ES was selected for closure on a facility basis vs. other nearby ES. Performance metrics should absolutely be considered as Oak Grove is a high-performing school. 12) clarification needs to be provided by the District as to how the community-funded improvements at Oak Grove ES will be addressed. How will parents be made whole if the facility is closed?	2/25/2026 2:55 PM
3155	As a parent at Oak Grove elementary who has also experienced a larger local public elementary school with another child, the model OGE has in place has been exceptional. I do not see a scenario that would provide an improved experience or education for my child. In fact, all alternate options would very likely provide a degraded experience similar to what we experienced with my first child and we would likely leave the public school system.	2/25/2026 2:22 PM
3156	I would like to see clearer data showing how this scenario aligns with the district’s stated focus on enrollment trends and utilization at the cluster level. I understand the need to address high school capacity pressures, but sharing full reassignment and receiving school modeling — including transportation and class size impacts — would help families fully evaluate the proposal.	2/25/2026 2:10 PM
3157	Closing Ashford Park Elementary is a bad idea considering how well integrated the school is in the community, how well the school performs, and how little an alternative would suit the needs of the already at capacity elementary school.	2/25/2026 2:10 PM
3158	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district’s goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake’s current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake’s enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: +50 students → ~83% utilization +100 students → ~90% utilization Continued buildout	2/25/2026 2:08 PM

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3159	We are probably in this situation to begin with due to bad zoning.	2/25/2026 2:05 PM
3160	Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends, utilization and long range planning, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. I support addressing capacity needs at DUNWOODY HA but would like to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications before any closure decision!	2/25/2026 1:52 PM
3161	As someone who has been very informed during this SAP process the last 20 months, this announcement to close schools caught me by surprise. I understand school systems (former public school teacher) and I understand why you need to close/consolidate under utilized schools- this list is WAY above the projected number of schools you said it feels it came out of left field. This is especially the case for those of us in the Ashford Park school community. Is our school Old? Yes. Are we over crowded and know SOMETHING has to change? yes. But saying you are going to close our school (which is thriving and high performing and chosen over private in our area for some) WITHOUT saying exactly where students AND staff would Go or what our school would be used for (given we just began a 26 million dollar Reno) feels mismanaged, uninformed and careless. I remember at a meeting with Dr Sauce and Sarita Smith in the fall, they both shared that they wanted to build the trust back with the district after Horton was indicted. This is NOT the way to do it. We all feel like the SAP committee at this point is a guise and you all are going to do what you want whether the communities want it or not.	2/25/2026 1:51 PM
3162	Strong, stable elementary environments are important for students and communities, and I would like to better understand how this proposal supports long-term cluster planning. I support solutions for high school overcrowding, but it would be helpful to see complete modeling on reassignment, receiving school enrollment and capacity, transportation, and feeder impacts before decisions are finalized.	2/25/2026 1:48 PM
3163	shi idk	2/25/2026 1:31 PM
3164	• Community Feedback Process The format of gathering community feedback for this first iteration of scenarios has been concerning. The SAP committee and broader community were informed that multiple scenarios would be presented; however, only one option was shared. Providing meaningful feedback is challenging when alternative scenarios are not available for comparison. Additionally, presenting information solely about buildings—without simultaneously addressing boundaries and programs—creates confusion and uncertainty. If a building is proposed for closure, families understandably want to know where students will be reassigned. While some cascading use was identified in the south, the absence of this detail in other areas has increased anxiety. Additionally, I have concerns regarding the structure of the community meetings. Flyers advertised the sessions with the message: “Your voice matters; share feedback on potential school closure and consolidation scenarios.” However, no public comment period was allowed during virtual meetings or the 3/22 meeting at the AIC. Also, restricting comments and questions that are school- or cluster-specific is problematic. If the intent is to gather insight from communities about unique priorities or context that may not be apparent through data alone, stakeholders must be given the freedom to speak to those specifics. Finally, the timeline raises questions about how community input will meaningfully inform the second iteration. The survey collects responses through 3/8, and the revised scenarios are scheduled to be presented to the Board on 3/16. In the HPM video, it was stated that “The community voice is just as important as the data.” Given the short turnaround time, it is difficult to understand how feedback can be thoroughly analyzed and incorporated. If the second iteration does not visibly reflect the majority of community input, trust may be further	2/25/2026 1:24 PM

	strained. _____ • Scope and Utilization The SAP committee was originally advised to expect between 8–24 school closures. The current proposal lists 27 schools. This level of reduction appears more aggressive than previously communicated. If the stated goal is to operate buildings at 85–90% utilization, the current projections do not seem to support that outcome. For example, in the North—specifically within the Dunwoody, Chamblee, Lakeside, Druid Hills, and Cross Keys clusters—if all proposed elementary closures were implemented (assuming expansions increase capacity to 984 seats per elementary school), utilization would reach approximately 106%. This exceeds the target range and raises concerns about long-term sustainability. _____ • Ashford Park Elementary as an Outlier As explained in the HPM video, the criteria for elementary school closure included: 1) Underutilized buildings, 2) Schools that could be absorbed through cascading use, and 3) Schools with low building adequacy located near facilities with excess capacity. By this rationale, many of the proposed closures are understandable. However, Ashford Park Elementary appears to be an outlier. Ashford Park is located in a high-density neighborhood and is currently operating at approximately 175% utilization. Enrollment projections for next school year exceed 900 students, which contradicts the forecasted decline suggested in the HPM model. There is no neighboring school with sufficient excess capacity to absorb 843 students. John Lewis Elementary, located 1.1 miles away, has 817 students in a 984-seat building—leaving insufficient capacity to accommodate Ashford Park's 843 students. Other neighboring schools are more than 3 miles away, which presents significant logistical challenges due to roadway and traffic constraints. Additionally, Ashford Park is currently undergoing a $26 million renovation. If the building were to be repurposed, it would require retrofitting to serve a different student population, raising concerns about whether the current investment represents the most strategic use of funds. _____ • Clarity on Cluster Alignment For Ashford Park families to support the proposed scenario, greater clarity is needed regarding the cluster feeder pattern. Specifically: Where will the 843 students be reassigned? Will the community remain intact or be divided? Will the current student population (not necessarily the building) remain within the Chamblee Cluster? For the majority of families, maintaining alignment with the Chamblee Cluster is a higher priority than preserving the physical building itself. Clear communication about the cluster trajectory would allow the community to make a more informed decision. _____ • Trust and Transparency DCSD faces a trust challenge due to past financial irresponsibility and lack of transparency. As a result, some community members approach large-scale initiatives such as SAP with skepticism. Given this context, presenting only a portion of the overall plan heightens concern. During the 3/24 virtual meeting, Sarita Smith stated: "We're chunking the information. We could have presented it all at once with our plans for buildings, boundaries, and programs, but thought it would be too much to digest at one time." This approach may lead stakeholders to conclude: 1) A comprehensive plan already exists but has not yet been shared. 2) Community input may have limited influence if the overall framework is already determined. 3) The community is being shielded from the full scope of change, which can feel dismissive—particularly to SAP committee members who have invested more than 20 months in this work. At the 1/21 Board retreat, McGinnis noted, "If you come to our communities with half a plan, people will feel like you're trying to pull one over on them." Despite this warning, the current approach risks reinforcing that perception and missing an opportunity to rebuild trust. Moving forward, providing more comprehensive detail—even if the information is difficult—would demonstrate respect for stakeholders and strengthen credibility. Transparent communication, paired with genuine incorporation of feedback, is essential to restoring trust.	
3165	Vanderlyn is a very well performing school with a lot of passionate parent involvement. I think closing Vanderlyn would be a mistake.	2/25/2026 1:12 PM
3166	I think we should make sure communities have schools. Busing kids outside their communities allows for more disconnect.	2/25/2026 1:10 PM
3167	It seems like some grades will not get the same attention they would get in traditional scenario.	2/25/2026 1:07 PM
3168	Pro	2/25/2026 12:37 PM
3169	Elementary schools thrive when there is community. Young children need to develop relationships with their peers to thrive. They cannot do this in a large environment when their cohort may live 10 miles away. My own neighborhood elementary was repurposed years ago (Warren Tech) so we already have to drive a significant way. This is why I used school choice to put my child in a different school (Evansdale), which thanks to absurd lines is actually	2/25/2026 12:36 PM

	closer. Now you want us to drive 5 miles each way along major highways to get my child to school. This is too far to develop community, to forge relationships that will help my child thrive. Do not close small schools. Fix the facilities. Spend less money paying off superintendents. Take the bloat out of admin and use the money for the children.	
3170	It makes sense to consolidate facilities.	2/25/2026 12:07 PM
3171	We are currently zoned for Chamblee MS and HS. The facilities scenario concerns me because ultimately we would like our son to remain zoned for these schools in MS and HS even if Ashford Park were to close. Please note that while distances to neighboring schools are small in this part of the county, traffic is very heavy and it may take quite a while to reach other schools that are nearby, and I am not sure if that is a factor that has been taken into account when proposing a closure to Ashford Park. That being said, time to get to school is much lower on my priority list than staying in the Chamblee cluster.	2/25/2026 11:41 AM
3172	I support addressing overcrowding at Dunwoody High School and want strong long-term facilities planning across the cluster. Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends and utilization, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. Before any closure decision, it would be helpful to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications.	2/25/2026 11:36 AM
3173	I support addressing overcrowding at Dunwoody High School and want strong long-term facilities planning across the cluster. Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends and utilization, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school, which is one of the top performing elementary schools across the district, aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. Before any closure decision, it would be helpful to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications.	2/25/2026 11:33 AM
3174	The amount of new apartment and townhouse construction in NE Dekalb County renders a current decision to close local schools as one that will be regretted in the long run. Also, given that many schools in the county are mediocre at best, perhaps the county should consider leaning into smaller populations to boost instruction and learning outcomes, instead of moving to larger class sizes with attendant negative impacts. The closing of Oak Grove Elementary, an award winning school, would be detrimental to the neighborhood. Dekalb should take time to understand the explosive expansion of private schools in the 30033 are (eg arbor and Clifton schools) — the kids are here, why are their parents choosing private schools and will the proposed plan make this situation better or worse ?	2/25/2026 11:04 AM
3175	Don't close any school and continue to build the communities of DeKalb County	2/25/2026 10:54 AM
3176	There are a lot of consolidations being presented and the current scenario and feedback opportunity does not differentiate between under utilized schools and other schools in this list. I am supportive of efficiently using Dekalb school buildings and resources. If a school building is not full and does not have enough staff support we should consider consolidation. I do feel that we are missing an important perspective here and that is community. Consolidating schools and making kids drive or bus 5 miles to elementary school does not promote community. Dekalb needs to assess their values and where the funding is going more strategically - $72m for a new school building can truly pay for a lot of school nurses and counselors.	2/25/2026 10:38 AM
3177	I understand the cost effectiveness and better utilization of staff and resources, but I feel that moving from smaller schools to consolidating reduces the sense of ownership and pride of students and families which leads to less involvement. Students and families feel overwhelmed by the larger buildings and number of students.	2/25/2026 10:26 AM
3178	Vanderlyn’s inclusion on the planned closure list is wholly out of touch and antithetical to student welfare	2/25/2026 10:24 AM
3179	It’s not to dirty	2/25/2026 10:21 AM
3180	I think it's very difficult to consider the closing of schools without having the knowledge of where those students at the "closing schools" would be diverted to.	2/25/2026 10:20 AM
3181	I fine	2/25/2026 10:13 AM
3182	Good	2/25/2026 10:12 AM

3183	N/A	2/25/2026 10:10 AM
3184	None	2/25/2026 10:06 AM
3185	Not a good idea these schools are TOO small and it’s TOO many kids. Leave it how it is.	2/25/2026 10:06 AM
3186	Great	2/25/2026 10:04 AM
3187	I don’t think merging schools is necessary. Some of the buildings are already small. My school can barely fit the students we have now, so adding more would just stress everybody out. We already have bus issues — most of the buses are packed and can’t hold more people. It would just make everything more chaotic.	2/25/2026 10:03 AM
3188	Currently indifferent, changes may not happen to my school within the time left I am enrolled.	2/25/2026 10:02 AM
3189	idk	2/25/2026 10:00 AM
3190	N/A	2/25/2026 9:59 AM
3191	I feel as if it’s too much to have a lot of students in one school. Unless we are remodeling the schools to make them bigger then sure but if that is not the case then it is not point of doing it bc everything is going to cost money either way it would go.	2/25/2026 9:59 AM
3192	??	2/25/2026 9:56 AM
3193	Based on the provided search results, the initial facilities consolidation scenarios often focus on "bright-sizing" to address declining enrollment, reducing the cost of empty seats, and shifting funding from maintenance to student support. However, these plans frequently face resistance due to concerns over long-term community impact and logistical challenges	2/25/2026 9:56 AM
3194	eh	2/25/2026 9:55 AM
3195	neutral	2/25/2026 9:52 AM
3196	good	2/25/2026 9:46 AM
3197	Its good	2/25/2026 9:43 AM
3198	If Kingsley remains open, what is the district’s plan to ensure students have safe, fully functional learning environments, including reliable HVAC? Why was the previously approved HVAC renovation paused, and why were families not directly informed before this decision was made? How will the district provide proactive and timely communication when building conditions or student routines are impacted?	2/25/2026 9:36 AM
3199	I think it’s a good idea to consolidate underutilized and underperforming schools. But I fear it may make the classroom sizes larger and less manageable for the teachers.	2/25/2026 9:29 AM
3200	I don't think Kingsley ES should close or be a repurpose school because I believe that this building is still in good standards despite the HVAC problems.	2/25/2026 9:15 AM
3201	I do think that some students work better in a small school environment but I understand the financial concerns. My biggest worry is gerrymandering. I would like to see school zones drawn appropriately to create truly diverse communities - staying close to a 50/50 split of economically advantaged and economically disadvantaged. This creates a healthy school and community where students have abundant access to ESOL, gifted, accelerated, special education, etc classes. A school with too little of any (class and/or student population) will not be a healthy school or community long-term; families will have to make tough decisions about leaving. Every single pocket of DCSD needs STRONG access to EACH of these programs in EVERY school.	2/25/2026 9:01 AM
3202	I really just want our cluster to remain the same. My children are at Ashford Park and Kittredge. I am more focused that we keep our community intact through high school. If you need to adjust buildings or locations of any of the elementary schools, I am fine with that.	2/25/2026 8:54 AM
3203	I don't think closing some of the high performing schools on the list is the right decision. You can't recreate a school community and teaching staff overnight. School community is important to student success.	2/25/2026 8:38 AM
3204	With me understanding the reason why but I feel it’s not good to combine students middle school and high school. Consider that the students feel it’s unfair, not to say that students are	2/25/2026 8:02 AM

	better then other but to put kids that has rough backgrounds with other students that have never experienced it’s not good at all.	
3205	I think that we should keep these schools. All the kids that are in high school right now have memories placed in these elementary schools. I think that if DeKalb County could improve some measures in their schools, that the amount of students can increase.	2/25/2026 7:25 AM
3206	It makes sense to close facilities so that you aren't wasting money on running schools that are under enrolled. I do not fully understand the process you are proposing though--especially the part about coverting some spaces to other levels. Why is that happening?	2/25/2026 6:30 AM
3207	I think it would be a mistake to close Vanderlyn. There is such a great community established and our daughter has absolutely loved her first 2 years there. I would like to see clearer data showing how this scenario aligns with the district’s stated focus on enrollment trends and utilization at the cluster level. I understand the need to address high school capacity pressures, but sharing full reassignment and receiving school modeling — including transportation and class size impacts — would help families fully evaluate the proposal.	2/25/2026 5:00 AM
3208	I think this scenario is extremely short sited and a panic reflex to the board and administrators horrible mismanagement of money and resources.	2/25/2026 3:42 AM
3209	As much as you say this is just a conversation starter not a decision, it doesn’t feel that way from the meetings. It is near impossible to get community buy in based on a physical structure alone. Much like church, “we” are the school. Decisions being made without considering the programs, academic performance, demographic population, surrounding neighborhood, etc. will only lead to further decrease in school enrollment. Parents choose a school based on more than the physical building.	2/25/2026 12:04 AM
3210	I do not think this is a good idea.	2/24/2026 11:45 PM
3211	I’m deeply concerned that this haphazard closure scenario appears to prioritize freeing up land over educational quality, student stability, and academic outcomes. The numbers suggest the board plans to reduce capacity in the Dunwoody cluster below current demand—leaving roughly 500 students without seats in permanent buildings—and potentially rely on overcrowded schools or trailers, which undermine learning conditions and are more costly to sustain long term. What’s needed is a clear, accountable action plan that prioritizes adequate, high-quality learning environments before any closures move forward.	2/24/2026 11:31 PM
3212	Please close this fuck booty ass school I beggeth you dekalb 💔🙏	2/24/2026 11:21 PM
3213	I think it's a terrible idea. Closing Vanderlyn would be wrecking the community that supports the highest performing elementary school in the county.	2/24/2026 11:21 PM
3214	Happy to see no changes planned for Hawthorne which is a great neighborhood school.	2/24/2026 11:11 PM
3215	The initial list creates large gaps within the county and will immediately create overcrowding as schools begin to close and consolidate, even if the plan is graduated over many years. The quality of education and school experience will be greatly diminished. While many will not have the option, a large percentage of parents will strongly consider leaving DCSD altogether. This may also lead cities within the county to explore creating their own school districts. And this will hamper the ability to invest in the facilities that remain, leading to a cycle that would take significantly more investment to recover from - a mistake Dekalb County has made many times over. Keeping the facilities that close to be used for other purposes is a bad idea, the county residents do not want to replace our schools with community centers. Any board member supporting the idea is mistaken; the people they represent do not support that. Frankly, the board, DCSD and county leadership has already failed if we are having this discussion.	2/24/2026 11:09 PM
3216	I have serious concerns about any proposal that includes closing Vanderlyn Elementary School. Vanderlyn is the top-performing elementary school in the county, well-enrolled, and strongly supported by families. Consolidating or closing a school that is academically successful and stable does not appear to strengthen the district. Before moving forward, the district should clearly demonstrate the long-term financial savings, the projected enrollment impact, and how overall academic performance will improve. Without that evidence, closing a high-performing school feels counterproductive and short-sighted.	2/24/2026 10:27 PM
3217	I think closing lower performing schools is great but I worry about overcrowding impacting performance at schools that kids will be sent to.	2/24/2026 10:21 PM

3218	Please put Vanderlyn students into Austin especially neighborhoods that are already partially zoned for Austin.	2/24/2026 10:07 PM
3219	Dear Dekalb County School District, We are quite appalled at the Dekalb County School Board's decision to consider closing two of Dunwoody's neighborhood schools. This decision is distasteful on many levels: - Kingsley elementary was a big reason for us to move to Dunwoody, a true neighborhood school, not perfect but balanced and child-oriented. - The prospect of being redistricted into Chestnut is not bad but will cause significantly more traffic on Peachtree Rd. - Much worse, as we live in 30360 we face a real risk of being redistricted into Hightower, a school with a 93% low income population. This will mean anyone in Dunwoody 30360 with sufficient means will seek other school options or leave, decimating home values. At least one neighbor is already considering leaving town over the proposed change. - All this bad news in the face of school taxes rising significantly every year We call for better representation for Dunwoody residents and awareness of how the proposed change will negatively affect our lives and livelihoods. Sincerely, Meghan and Sam Alter 5046 Heatherdale Ln Dunwoody, GA 30360 312-898-2942	2/24/2026 9:51 PM
3220	Hasty, with no public comment and no stated criteria	2/24/2026 9:43 PM
3221	Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends, utilization, and long-range planning, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. I support addressing capacity needs at Dunwoody High School, but would like to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications before any closure decision.	2/24/2026 9:22 PM
3222	Strong, stable elementary environments are important for students and communities, and I would like to better understand how this proposal supports long-term cluster planning. I support solutions for high school overcrowding, but it would be helpful to see complete modeling on reassignment, receiving school enrollment and capacity, transportation, and feeder impacts before decisions are finalized.	2/24/2026 9:09 PM
3223	Our family was very hesitant to send our kids to public school in Dekalb as we had heard a lot of negative chatter in the community but we decided to give it a try knowing we could always pivot and we have loved our Hawthorne Elementary. We love that our school is in the middle of a neighborhood and feels safe, that we can walk there from our home and mostly we love the size. We love that the school is small and we have felt we could really get to know everyone and feel known by the staff. We are grateful that the classrooms don’t feel overcrowded and when it is a larger class or more IEP heavy there’s lot of extra support. We love that we know our principal and she knows us and all the other families in our school as well. Given the consolidation scenarios, I am just not sure how we could maintain so many of those factors that we have loved about our experience at Hawthorne. While I am not personally an educator I am related to several and they all have always said larger schools are worse for kids and students and I trust their combined 75 years of wisdom. (My sister and 3 aunts are in education in Georgia).	2/24/2026 8:58 PM
3224	Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends, utilization, and long-range planning, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. I support addressing capacity needs at Dunwoody High School, but would like to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications before any closure decision.	2/24/2026 8:54 PM
3225	Closing Oak Grove Elementary, a bastion for STEM education, would be a truly devastating decision. I moved into this community specifically so my children can attend Oak Grove Elementary. We would be losing one of our greatest pillars by closing the school.	2/24/2026 8:48 PM
3226	I am strongly opposed to the consolidations. Neighborhood schools and small schools provide more benefits than the additional programs, ESPECIALLY for elementary. Unless it’s very extreme (not the case in Tucker OR Dunwoody/Chamblee) - schools should not be consolidated. If the school is half capacity, sure- look. But otherwise that capacity is fairly arbitrary and larger than most parents want.	2/24/2026 8:28 PM
3227	I believe you will create over crowded classrooms. Smaller setting can produce effective learning	2/24/2026 8:23 PM
3228	I am concerned about the potential closure of Vanderlyn Elementary. While I understand there are many factors that go into this decision (which I outline in my below comments), I feel like it would be a real loss to the community. Vanderlyn is an amazing school because of the	2/24/2026 8:17 PM

	administration, staff and community that has been built. One of the things that makes it so special is the size. Having a small Elementary school has been the only reason we have stayed in public school. My older daughter in 2nd grade has ADHD and anxiety. Having this size school has made it extremely helpful for her to feel comfortable. Both of my daughters are in the gifted program and I am concerned that in a larger school they would not be challenged and would be overwhelmed with the number of people.	
3229	This is too drastic. This process needs to be SLOWED down. It seems rushed and uncaring.	2/24/2026 8:00 PM
3230	I'm ok with consolidating schools as long as students are not bused overly long distances.	2/24/2026 7:23 PM
3231	From our own personal experience of transitioning from a smaller sized school to a school 4x the size, the academic achievement of students begins to decrease as as the class sizes increase and scaled attention from teachers decreases.	2/24/2026 7:08 PM
3232	All of the explanations were based on data that focused on filling up buildings. What about the quality of education? We should make decisions based on THAT data that is relevant to EDUCATION.	2/24/2026 6:56 PM
3233	I support addressing overcrowding at Dunwoody High School and want strong long-term facilities planning across the cluster. Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends and utilization, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. Before any closure decision, it would be helpful to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications.	2/24/2026 6:48 PM
3234	I amd concerned that there are populations in lower socioeconomic groups that will be disproportionately affected. In addition, I amd concerned with the loss of community schools and creation of mega elementary schools. I dont think that creation of mega schools creates a good learning environment.	2/24/2026 6:42 PM
3235	I don't want it to happen	2/24/2026 6:39 PM
3236	Not happy about losing our neighborhood school	2/24/2026 6:34 PM
3237	It's needed...we need to save money, however I think it could also be a good thing to use the facilities for other things etc.	2/24/2026 6:31 PM
3238	Not on board with closing these schools.	2/24/2026 6:29 PM
3239	Ok with consolidation of two middle schools into a high school	2/24/2026 6:25 PM
3240	I am concerned about the sizes of these schools. Oak Grove elementary is the perfect size for elementary age kids. I think we have done a disservice to our kids by making the middle and high schools way too big. It's time to bring the neighborhoods back and stop spending so much money on executive offices for the dekalb county central office staff.	2/24/2026 6:13 PM
3241	Obviously I was incredibly disappointed to see Vanderlyn included on the list given it's standing in the community/neighborhood, diverse student population and historically high academic achievement. Given the criteria for which schools were or were not included, it is hard to see how VES was on there - naturally I understand that ramifications outside the walls of VES come into play (HS overcrowding, etc.), but those remain rather obscure and I would assume that any information re: downstream impact on classroom sizes, student reassignment scenarios, etc. would and should be shared publicly and with parents before any final decision is made.	2/24/2026 6:07 PM
3242	I have a lot of questions	2/24/2026 6:05 PM
3243	I think consolidating makes sense with building repairs needed and declining enrollment. Glad the community gets feedback.	2/24/2026 6:04 PM
3244	I support addressing overcrowding at Dunwoody High School and want strong long-term facilities planning across the cluster. Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends and utilization, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. Before any closure decision, it would be helpful to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications.	2/24/2026 6:01 PM
3245	Concerned about important programs no longer existing, such as DLI	2/24/2026 5:45 PM

3246	The lack of students in seats can be an opportunity to provide more catered curriculums for students and less stress on staff/teachers and admin	2/24/2026 5:44 PM
3247	In instances where the enrollment rates aren't low and the reason listed is just because excess capacity is available doesn't seem to be a valid reason when there are several other schools with lower current/forecasted enrollment rates. Also in case where a school has a low adequacy score but then is indicated to be modified that seems conflicting. Why not just make the modification(s) without closing the school.	2/24/2026 5:12 PM
3248	My child would be entering kindergarten in 2027-2028 school year at McNair, which is considered for closure. My concern is the timeline of final closure and rezoning decisions being made to ensure a proper transition into the school system.	2/24/2026 4:45 PM
3249	How is it that nowhere is it mentioned that smaller elementary schools provide a better school environment and better student outcomes? These studies are easily found. Certainly, larger schools are more cost effective from a facility standpoint. However, for the students themselves, it is hard to make a case for an elementary school with over 500 students. The only thing in your literature that addresses what is best for the students is “Improve support for diverse learner needs through more intentional differentiation and targeted Interventions.” What exactly does this mean, and how does it benefit the students who are being disrupted? If you close Vanderlyn, where will these students go? What about those students who are at Vanderlyn on a school choice voucher? Please provide this information. If one of the reasons for closing Vanderlyn is the needs of Dunwoody High School, please elaborate on how the space would be used. (Parking or more athletic fields is not an acceptable reason!)	2/24/2026 4:41 PM
3250	I support addressing overcrowding at Dunwoody High School and want strong long-term facilities planning across the cluster. Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends and utilization, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. Before any closure decision, it would be helpful to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications.	2/24/2026 4:34 PM
3251	I don’t think you should have schools that 6-12. Keep the sixth graders in elementary school l in longer if need be and do K-6. Or even PK-8.	2/24/2026 4:10 PM
3252	Seems ok?	2/24/2026 4:07 PM
3253	I would like to know how the SAP process is connected to the DeKalb county strategic/economic planning process. The under enrollment in South DeKalb is related to underinvestment in the South communities. While maximizing schools is a good start, it is incomplete without neighborhood economic development. There are also resources like Georgia State that can be utilized as Early College draws to underpopulated areas.	2/24/2026 4:05 PM
3254	I don't agree with closing schools. I am concerned about class sizes becoming to large.	2/24/2026 4:01 PM
3255	We moved a 1.5 miles down the street to specially attend Ashford Park Elementary due to outstanding and dedicated staff and the staff to student ratio. This school has over 700 registered students and continues to exceed state and local testing. It would be a disservice to this neighborhood to close this school and consolidate to a larger population.	2/24/2026 3:53 PM
3256	I am very concerned about the initial scenario proposed by the SAP. Though I have concerns about all of the schools, I will be focusing this survey on the school my children attend, Henderson Mill Elementary School. I've broken my concerns out below: Large Elementary Schools -Based on the data here (https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/divisions/operations/planning) and with the assumption that HMES would merge with either Briarlake or Hawthorne, we would be looking at approximately 900 students in an elementary school building. -large elementary schools make it very hard for the administration to have personal relationships with students and allow for students to be effectively lost in the system. Our current admin know my son, myself, even my daughter who isn't at HMES yet by name. They know the students and families that are struggling financially, they know the kids who are having issues at home. By almost doubling the size of the student body, there will be kids who slip through the cracks and whose struggles will go unnoticed. -Classroom sizes are already larger than they should be and it is negatively affecting students and teachers (https://www.nea.org/nea-today/all-news-articles/class-sizes-growing-issue-among-educators). While additional classes will obviously be required with such an increase in students, will the class sizes remain the same (20-25 students)? Traffic -With the assumption that HMES is merging into either Hawthorne or Briarlake, we can expect absolutely horrific	2/24/2026 3:44 PM

	traffic issues. Hawthorne is in the middle of a neighborhood. The residents of that neighborhood are going to have to deal with an estimated 200 additional cars (and buses) in the morning and afternoon in an area that is already congested due to Globe Academy. Briarlake is at the intersection of LaVista and Briarlake Road, a very busy throroughfare to residents trying to get either to I-85 or Lawrenceville Highway/285 area. Traffic on Briarlake Rd already gets back up to Twin Lakes regularly. Again, adding an additional 200 cars as well as buses is going to make this area impossible to drive through during the height of traffic Facilities -Any expansion is going to require a massive renovation, if not full tear down and rebuild, of these schools. There is no space at Hawthorne to expand so I'm assuming they would have to build up. Having a multi-story school for elementary is not ideal, especially for the younger students and students with disabilities. -Along with concerns about space in these schools, I'm also extremely concerned about the contractors that Dekalb County is going to hire to complete these renovations. Briarlake just had an entire HVAC replacement where they put the whole HVAC system on the roof. It looks terrible and according to families at the school, was done with shoddy work that was almost not completed in time for school to begin. I do not trust Dekalb County to hire good contractors and am concerned the contractors they do hire will overcharge for poor craftsmanship. Impact on Low income families -one of the best things about having a local, community school is that it is just that: local. Most all students are within walking/biking distance, and buses can easily and quickly get to and from school in a timely manner. Making our children travel further away from their homes to attend school will have the greatest effect on our low income families that do not have consistent transportation. Of course these children can ride on a bus to and from school, but at what time will they have to be picked up to get to a further school on time? Kids are already having to be at the bus stop by 6:10 to be picked up at 6:15 for some neighborhoods. If the additional travel time adds 10-15 minutes due to traffic, we will be having students waiting on a bus before 6 AM and getting dropped off at 4 PM. Also, these families will have a harder time getting to and from school events that they were previously able to walk or bike to. So with these increasing physical distances between students and their schools will come an increased social distance and lack of community. Finally I wanted to touch on the optics of this move. Everyone is very concerned with the decline in # of students attending Dekalb County Public Schools, but what will this move do to that? Families will not want to send their kids to our school in the coming years because they know they will be moved while their child is still in school. Those that have the means will send their child(ren) to private schools or charter schools so that they don't have to deal with the transition. I am sure we will see a drop in enrollment as soon as next year just because of the scenarios being presented. Families do not want to live in a gray area when it comes to their children's education and the "conversation" that has been started with these scenarios is making it hard for families to support the end goal of providing the highest level of education and support for all students at all schools.	
3257	Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends, utilization, and long-range planning, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. I support addressing capacity needs at Dunwoody High School, but would like to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications before any closure decision. Strong, stable elementary environments are important for students and communities.	2/24/2026 3:37 PM
3258	Us parent believe that large structures don't allow our students to thrive in the best way, especially in elementary schools. We believe schools which are performing best should stay open. We believe merging/closing neighborhood schools would worsen traffic, transportations issues, attendance and tardies. We believe a bigger school would also impact parent involvment and volunteering. Save our small elementary school and the DLI program that it offers. We believe the response to the decrease in enrollment should be smaller classes, increase Gifted programs and more custom education. Also increase the preK spot offered	2/24/2026 3:28 PM
3259	I agree w closing and consolidating	2/24/2026 3:27 PM
3260	My older child has just started at Henderson middle school and the number of students in 6th grade (400+) is incredibly overwhelming. My younger child is still at Oak Grove Elementary and one of the best things (about this otherwise excellent school) is the size. I completely disagree that creating fewer "mega" elementary schools puts the interests of the children or staff first. Everyone benefits from the small neighborhood elementary school — especially the students and the community.	2/24/2026 3:24 PM
3261	Poor decision to close Henderson Mill Elementary.	2/24/2026 3:22 PM
3262	Keeping Ashford park in the chamblee HS cluster	2/24/2026 3:17 PM

3263	Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends, utilization, and long-range planning, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. I support addressing capacity needs at Dunwoody High School, but would like to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications before any closure decision. I also want to know what would happen to displaced students from Vanderlyn and Kingsley should they be closed. There aren't enough seats between DES and Austin to absorb them all while over already overcrowded Chesnut expands - I imagine they'd have to rebuild completely and that could take a very long time. The high school wasn't marked for expansion, so I don't understand how closing Vanderlyn would help DHS. If there are thoughts of redistricting Chesnut and Kingsley to Chamblee - those schools are already overcrowded as well. Would school choice students be redistricted with their current home school or would they be returned to their home district?	2/24/2026 3:15 PM
3264	Strong, stable elementary environments are important for students and communities, and I would like to better understand how this proposal supports long-term cluster planning. I support solutions for high school overcrowding, but it would be helpful to see complete modeling on reassignment, receiving school enrollment and capacity, transportation, and feeder impacts before decisions are finalized.	2/24/2026 3:04 PM
3265	It's always my opinion that having fewer students, especially in the primary grades, is ideal.	2/24/2026 3:02 PM
3266	So very many on the list to be closed.	2/24/2026 3:01 PM
3267	I like the consolidation plan if the money saved goes to teacher raises and more support staff. I would like to see what the proposed savings would be and a plan for how we would use this money.	2/24/2026 2:29 PM
3268	Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends, utilization, and long-range planning, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. I support addressing capacity needs at Dunwoody High School, but would like to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications before any closure decision.	2/24/2026 2:25 PM
3269	Kinglsey is loved by parents and students, we moved to Dunwoody for the schoool choices. Don't close it. A simpler option, route Vanderlyn kids to Kingsley, then its closer to capacity since Vanderlyn is right next to Dunwoody Elementary. Do not rezone Dunwoody residents north of Peeler Rd. to Hightower Elementary. You will see a large uproar from the community backlash.	2/24/2026 2:22 PM
3270	As a current Oak Grove parent, and former teacher of 15 years myself in 3 different districts (2 in GA), I understand why OGE is being considered for closure. It is an amazing little school, and I am so thankful for it in all 3 of my kids' lives, but the facilities need updating, and there is no space for expansion. If I was a teaching candidate walking in for an interview there versus the big beautiful classooms I taught in in Roswell, I wouldnt be excited seeing the OGE facility as a potential workplace. I want my area schools to be able to attract excellent teachers by having a better facility and more support. I am actually excited about the possibility of our staff joining forces with either Sagamore or Briarlake to have an even better facility with more programming, address more needs, and offer more support for our teachers. Now I would not want to see our elementary schools become 800-900 seat spaces because teams of 8-9 teachers are a challenge to work on and communicate between. I have had that experience as a teacher myself and it IS hard. But that sweet spot of 500-700 to me, would be ideal. I am also concerned how other OGE parents are acting and talking about how OGE is better than all our area cluster elementary schools, in which our neighbors live. It reflects poorly on the rest of us. I know the value of our cluster and know that all our area elementary schools are good quality desirable places to send our children. Another concern though is how overcrowded Lakeside continues to be. PLEASE do not lose sight of how our older kids cannot use lockers, move in teh hallways or have enough opportunities to shine when there are only so many spots on the team, in the play, in the band, etc... for way too many kids who deserve opportunity. Please don't let the lower school reorganization take your eyes off of our overcrowded high schools and needed facility repairs too.	2/24/2026 2:21 PM
3271	I do no have enough information. You need to share where the closing schools will be re-zoned to before people can make an informed decision. Generally, I am supportive of consolidations, it makes sense. We just need more information on where those kids will be sent.	2/24/2026 2:19 PM
3272	I do NOT support a general movement away from smaller neighborhood schools into vast	2/24/2026 2:16 PM

	mega schools. This plan looks to shutter schools that are small and welcoming, and forcing students to travel to large schools that are not in their neighborhood. I am against this.	
3273	I am concerned about the kids who are enrolled in Vanderlyn via the School Choice Program. What happens to them if the school closes?	2/24/2026 2:14 PM
3274	Strong, stable elementary environments are important for students and communities, and I would like to better understand how this proposal supports long-term cluster planning. I support solutions for high school overcrowding, but it would be helpful to see complete modeling on reassignment, receiving school enrollment and capacity, transportation, and feeder impacts before decisions are finalized.	2/24/2026 2:08 PM
3275	Yes something needs to be done about the dropping enrollment. Closing and combining schools should be the last resort. Maybe redrawing attendance lines with a range of enrollment for elementary, middle, and high schools. Also look at cutting the budget outside of the classroom. Main office staffing should be cut before changing the schools.	2/24/2026 1:55 PM
3276	Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends and utilization, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school, like Vanderlyn, aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. Before any closure decision, it would be helpful to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications. I also understand the need to close schools that are not fully used, but Vanderlyn is at full capacity, and is a thriving school. I fail to understand why you would take an awarding winning school that is not under capacity and close it. I also feel that neighborhood schools are very important to the emotional growth of elementary children, and closing a smaller school to throw children into a large environment seems like a detriment to their emotional growth and stability.	2/24/2026 1:43 PM
3277	Makes no sense. Closing Henderson and expanding Hawthorne which is located in heavily residential area.	2/24/2026 1:26 PM
3278	I understand the necessity of combining some schools and closing Others but many times people buy homes in a certain area for the schools.	2/24/2026 1:13 PM
3279	What i have seen and witnessed (born and raised in South DeKalb county) I went to Flat Shoals elementary (one of the schools being closed) for kindergarten and then from there used the old school choice then known as M to M to go to schools in North DeKalb i.e Kittredgeand Chamblee. As with most things unfortunately, it's not so much as South DeKalb isn't growing as that many parents are choosing to send their children to other schools due to the inequity in our County. There are also parents moving to this area and choosing private school which is another downfall of gentrification. We need equity and possibly the North DeKalb schools wont be as crowded.	2/24/2026 1:01 PM
3280	Closing 2 elementary schools in Dunwoody would significantly shift the school culture in this area. Smaller, neighborhood schools help build a true community where parents are connected with the staff and teachers at the school as well as other parents. Consolidating to larger elementary schools that are further away would lose this sense of neighborhood community that many parents find valuable. Additionally, the traffic on N. Peachtree near Chestnut elementary is already very challenging. Expanding the school and the number of students will only serve to worsen the traffic in this area which is already a safety concern for students attending. Living in Dunwoody, if we are reassigned to Doraville schools, we plan to exit the Dekalb public school system through whatever means necessary.	2/24/2026 12:58 PM
3281	Closing Evansdale along with the French Immersion program would be extremely detrimental to Dekalb County. Learning French has been a vital element in my child's education, and I would like my younger children to have this option as well. It currently takes us 45 seconds to get to Evansdale and so I'm able to be involved by volunteering during the day, being part of the school's PTO, running fundraising efforts and picking up my child. If we were unable to keep our children at Evandale and were forced to go into Pleasantdale Elementary, I would pull my child from DCDS. If we were combined with Henderson Mill, but still in the Lakeside district, we would consider staying.	2/24/2026 12:53 PM
3282	This seems ok, but I think repurposing may be better suited than closing schools in Dunwoody.	2/24/2026 12:46 PM
3283	The current SAP would be detrimental to my family and our Evansdale students and community. We moved into the Evansdale-Henderson Mill-Lakeside neighborhood 10 years ago for the ideal neighborhood and school district setting. My daughter is just about to enter preschool and into the school system. Evansdale is less than a mile from our house with	2/24/2026 12:40 PM

	neighborhood friends also entering this system or already in the system. Our neighborhood has several renovated family homes on the market from families that are retiring or aging out of the community. Younger families will continue to move into these and other homes in the Evansdale area, and it will continue to grow and thrive if Evansdale is not closed. We are responsible parents and would be very involved in making sure our daughter gets the best education and experience at Evansdale, Henderson Mill, and Lakeside. We were planning on enrolling in either the STEM or French immersion program for our daughter. We highly desire an elementary school with a small student to teacher ratio right here in our community. This allows a more personalized and successful education where each student is valued and feels encouraged and safe. The data also shows that Evansdale is projected to increase in enrollment in the upcoming years. The expected increase in enrollment and already established French immersion and STEM programs make it an ideal school to remain open. Our students should not feel like numbers that can be moved into mega schools without the proper infrastructure or planning. Closing of Evansdale would mean an increase in traffic. This would require student drop-off and bus pick-up and drop-offs that cross busy, main roads that will only become more congested. This would decrease parents' ability to participate in school functions. Students should feel like valued future members of the community that will later encourage others to follow in their footsteps to stay in the DCSD. Many research also shows little to no academic improvement for these mergers which would be particularly concerning if merging into a school that already has poor academic standards. This plan would leave Evansdale unoccupied with no immediate plans for use. An abandoned elementary school would not help property values or encourage others to move into the neighborhood ultimately leading to a decrease in safety. People will also leave the county, decreasing home values and tax revenue. If this plan continues for Evansdale closure, we would have no choice but to investigate private school options or moving out of DCSD to obtain the proper education and community for our daughter. Thank you.	
3284	Stone Mountain needs their elementary school. The staff has worked so hard to care for the students and upgrade with help from the community, but the school needs more support.	2/24/2026 12:39 PM
3285	I think the direction to close elementary schools in favor of larger facilities is a mistake and bad for the overall Dunwoody community. I also find it largely unfair that Vanderlyn has been targeted due to being adjacent to the high school. Also, the value of moving into Dunwoody (recently) was for small public elementary schools, this is a very unwelcome development that seriously concerns us with the eventual quality of our children's educational journey amongst change.	2/24/2026 12:38 PM
3286	I strongly support keeping Vanderlyn Elementary open and preserving it as a PreK–5 school. Our family is now sending our fifth child to Vanderlyn, and the impact this amazing (and smaller) school has had on our family and our neighborhood has been profound. Vanderlyn is not just a building to us — it is a special community that has helped shape our children during their most important early years. Every day, I see moms and dads walking their children to school. The kids are happy here. They feel known, supported, and cared for. That is not something that can be easily replaced. One of the greatest strengths of Vanderlyn is that the staff is so special and truly able to support the students in a meaningful way. Because the school community is the size that it is, staff can handle the capacity in a way that allows them to give children the love, support, and education they need at these early ages. That kind of environment matters deeply for young children and for families. Please prioritize solutions that keep Vanderlyn open and maintain it as a PreK–5 school. Preserving this school means preserving the stability, relationships, and strong neighborhood community that help our children thrive. Thank you for including community input in this process.	2/24/2026 12:05 PM
3287	I understand the facilities scenarios and the cascading use. I believe that combining the cultures and academic performance of Laurel Ridge, McClendon and Robert Shaw is a great opportunity. However I am concerned about space.	2/24/2026 12:03 PM
3288	Please consider school performance in your decision to close schools. Vanderlyn is a high performing school and should not close.	2/24/2026 11:55 AM
3289	High school clusters should remain intact whenever possible. Communities are built around their high schools, and redistricting at that level has an outsized impact on identity, feeder patterns, athletics, and long-term stability. If changes are necessary, the district should strongly consider grandfathering current students to avoid abrupt disruption for families who have invested deeply in their schools. Families who prefer to transition should have that option, and siblings should be allowed to follow older brothers or sisters to maintain continuity	2/24/2026 11:50 AM

	and stability. Preserving cluster integrity and minimizing forced disruption should be a guiding priority.	
3290	I think it makes sense to close older/underutilized buildings	2/24/2026 11:36 AM
3291	The actions taken in behalf of the benefit of all students and the community. I will approve and support. Just remember that this situation could be temporarily and all those decisions are taken for the long run.	2/24/2026 11:35 AM
3292	I went to Brockett ES, and it saddens me to see it on the list. But I understand the reasoning. What I don't understand is why Livesy is chosen for expansion when it is on a) a busy road and b) on a smaller plot of land. Expanding Brockett, from a facilities standpoint, makes more sense. But I understand that the Livesy parents would have a cow at having to be bused *all the way* to Brockett. Dunwoody High School needs expansion. The gym cannot hold the entire student body for assemblies or pep rallies. The first all-grades pep rally in 10 years was held in Feb. 2026, and that was only possible because half the senior class checked out & went home, and because they asked students to "volunteer not to go." Students were farmed out to the library & classrooms for study hall instead of going to the pep rally. If Vanderlyn were to close, Dunwoody High School could expand onto the Vanderlyn lot. There could be a 9th grade academy, or an auxilliary gym, or a practice field for the marching band that currently practices in the parking lot (while there are still cars parked in it). Too many parents only focus on the negatives of "my kindergartener's school is closing" and not focusing on what it could possibly mean for their future high school student's experience. I think you should talk about the possibility of expanding Early Childhood Centers into some of the closed elementary schools. For instance, Kingsley & Ashford Park could be converted to ECCs for the Chamblee & Dunwoody clusters.	2/24/2026 11:32 AM
3293	Iam worry about my kids which school going to	2/24/2026 11:27 AM
3294	I have several concerns: - I have seen in a few different areas that for academic outcomes at the schools WAS NOT considreed. there are several schools that are top schools and have waiting lists due to demand that are on the list for closures - schools have been announced for consideration that without having anything concrete about what would happen to the students - the enrollment for our school (oak grove elementary) was incorrect. it makes me concerned about the quality of data being used to create the scenarios -	2/24/2026 11:24 AM
3295	Evansdale Elementary is an extremely important school in our neighborhood!!!!!!!! Parents are very very involved! Putting those students in another school would devastate students & families, especially students who are very well served & thriving at this school! It also has a dual language program which is rare in DeKalb.	2/24/2026 11:15 AM
3296	I am concerned about the many possible vacant school buildings which may become eye sores in our residential communities.	2/24/2026 11:01 AM
3297	Sharing that data without also sharing how dcsd will change curriculum or reduce district overhead is appalling.	2/24/2026 10:44 AM
3298	Generally I support consolidation of schools as long as decent geographical distribution is accounted for. It would not be fair for students in South DeKalb to trek 30 minutes across the county to attend school. I also think the road logistics around schools not considered for closing should be considered - Druid Hills High School, for example, has terrible congestion as it is. There should be a plan for relieving that congestion if it expects to take in more students, especially if bussing is not an option.	2/24/2026 9:52 AM
3299	What works best for the community. Are these students going to have the best opportunities when changing the schools	2/24/2026 9:52 AM
3300	I understand this is the first step, but there is just not sufficient information for the selection of some of these schools to be understood, considered equitable or the best decision for students and their communities. Kingsley Elementary is so close statistically to Chestnut, other than the future attendance projections which do not seem correct. Those schools data and outcome for the community could change drastically based on the boundaries. Instead of a very costly expansion to Chestnut, you could easily adjust the school boundaries to shift more students to Kingsley and have two fully utilized schools that meet the state threshold of 450. Furthermore, there's better land use surrounding Kingsley for expansion.	2/24/2026 9:13 AM
3301	I would like the scenarios to be readjusted. Each school has a purpose and its own individual talents.	2/24/2026 9:09 AM

3302	We moved to Dunwoody for the schools. We are heartbroken to see our kids school, Vanderlyn Elementary on the list for closing. I am concerned that the aggressive closures and shuffling of schools/staff/ administrators that is being considered will disrupt and dilute out our strong schools in Dekalb County. I think test scores and school performance should be taken into account when choosing what schools to close. I think it is too aggressive and quick. US birth rates dipped in 2020 but increased in 2021. I am concerned making such a large change based on a few years of data may put our public schools in a position where they can't go back if needed. I think closing so many schools so quickly will hurt our kids and lead to overcrowding and lower test scores. It a sewer pipe project takes five years in a neighborhood, I don't see how closing over 25 schools can take 6 to 8. Expansion of Chestnut Elementary is disruptive to the community as that school is on a main commuter road right next to 285. The traffic pattern for drop off at that school is chaotic (my kids do not go there but I drive past every morning to get to 285). Adding more students will cause major disruptions. It is also located right next to an overcrowded Middle school. The decision to close schools next to other schools that rely on old trailers does not seem to have the children's best interest.	2/24/2026 9:07 AM
3303	I believe that schools should be consolidated if there is not enough students in the individual schools.	2/24/2026 8:24 AM
3304	The schools do not need to be consolidated. It's good to have less students. Schools being at capacity is bad for learning.	2/24/2026 8:03 AM
3305	School consolidation can significantly impact students' mental health and sense of stability. What concrete plans are in place to increase access to social workers, counselors, mental health specialists, and coaches so that students—especially those with higher needs—are adequately supported?	2/24/2026 7:54 AM
3306	The scenarios fail to significantly consider the academic outcomes of existing schools and how they might be impacted. Oak Grove is the strongest performing school by academic outcomes. The scenarios focus more on logistics than student outcomes. How will the outcomes of Oak Grove students stay the same or improve by consolidating? If there is no plan for that, how can you suggest closing the school?	2/24/2026 12:56 AM
3307	Open to all ideas	2/23/2026 10:37 PM
3308	Currently my children were minorly affected by the recent changes across dekalb. However other children with may have struggled longer with the adjustment based on my observation. But Henderson Mill Elementary staff has done an excellent job is facilitating to the needs for those children. This team is amazing and loves there kids .	2/23/2026 10:35 PM
3309	I am writing to formally express my concerns regarding the SAP structural and safety protocols within our district. In light of the shifting social climate, the persistent threat of school violence, and the developmental challenges posed by the digital age, I believe a comprehensive restructuring of our schools is necessary to ensure the well-being of our students. I propose the following changes to our district's organizational model: I. Grade Level Realignment (Pre-K–12) To foster age-appropriate social environments, the district should adopt a standardized three-tier structure: • Elementary School: Pre-K through 5th Grade • Middle School: 6th through 8th Grade • High School: 9th through 12th Grade The intermixing of junior high students with high schoolers creates an unnecessary risk factor. By strictly separating these populations, we can better manage social hierarchies and implement security measures tailored to specific developmental stages. This separation is particularly vital in mitigating the influence of social media and preventing the introduction of contraband between older and younger age groups. Implementation of "Stair-Step" Bell Schedules We request a transition to a staggered start-time model that prioritizes adolescent health: • High School (Late Start): Biological research indicates that teenagers require later start times for optimal cognitive function and mental health. • Elementary and Middle School: These should follow in a "stair-step" fashion. This allows for more efficient transportation logistics and ensures that younger students are not navigating transit at the same time as older cohorts. Reduction of Class Sizes for Safety and Focus Current classroom densities are unsustainable in the modern social climate. Smaller class sizes are essential for: • Improved Security: Teachers can maintain better situational awareness, making it easier to identify behavioral "red flags" or unauthorized items. • Mental Health: In an era of constant "unwanted attention" from social media, smaller classes provide a grounded, intimate environment where students can focus on academics rather than social performance. The safety of our children depends on our ability to adapt to the realities of 2026. A school system that groups students by true developmental	2/23/2026 10:32 PM

	peers, respects their biological sleep needs, and provides small-group instruction is a system that can better protect them from both physical and social harm.	
3310	I think combining with another local elementary is sensible. My twins are in third grade and while we started the year off with 4 classes, we had to drop to 3 classes because we didn't have enough students. While I love the small class sizes I can see why it's a problem. My challenge is which school we would combine with. Henderson Mill may have classroom space, but parking for school events is a huge hassle. At some schools like Hawthorne, the school is in the middle of a neighborhood, which makes pick up and drop off traffic a nightmare. I'd be more in favor of seeing a new modern facility built to accommodate 5-6 classes per grade level. All our elementary school facilities and schools in this part of the county are equally small, older, and have various access issues. If I knew we were getting new facilities for teachers and students and I knew it wouldn't be a burden on the local neighborhoods, traffic, and community, then I'd be strongly in favor of consolidation.	2/23/2026 10:29 PM
3311	Stoneview needs to close, cause they can't house all of it students & Lithonia high school cause they always is on locked down	2/23/2026 10:23 PM
3312	Oak grove elementary was designated as a school of excellence. Great parental participation	2/23/2026 10:21 PM
3313	No concerns, it is necessary	2/23/2026 10:15 PM
3314	I understand the need to consolidate schools, however, the provided resources need to be evenly distributed amongst all clusters. This injured school experience, educators, extracurricular activities and parental involvement. Champion Theme school in particular, if moved, needs to be moved to a facility that reflects the standard and expectations fostered within their program. Their accessibility, resources and campus should reflect the quality experience they are offering	2/23/2026 10:06 PM
3315	Vanderlyn is old and likely unsuitable for an elementary school. Chestnut elementary is in a terrible location for expansion as its proximity to the highway makes a commuter artery a nightmare to navigate twice a day.	2/23/2026 8:58 PM
3316	Of the schools around Toney I think that Toney has the capacity to hold more students from the smaller surrounding schools that are being considered for closing. It was renovated last summer and has potential to house more students from surrounding smaller schools	2/23/2026 8:54 PM
3317	I think combining schools within the Dunwoody area for elementary makes sense given there are poorly rated schools within the district sitting right next to amazing ones	2/23/2026 8:39 PM
3318	I'm strongly against the consolidation of Ashford Park Elementary School because it's more than just a building and school — it's the heart of our community. The relationships between students, teachers, and families create a supportive environment that can't simply be relocated or replaced. Generations have walked these halls, building traditions and a sense of belonging that strengthens our neighborhood. Closing the school would not only disrupt children's education, but also dismantle a close-knit community that has grown around it.	2/23/2026 8:34 PM
3319	Ashford Park Elementary is a cornerstone of our Ashford Park neighborhood. I don't believe the same community involvement would exist if the school closed and the students were dispersed elsewhere. You have a high performing school because of the involvement, and there is no guarantee you would see that elsewhere. You could lose a high performing school and not move the needle at the other schools. Thus leaving dekalb with fewer high performers.	2/23/2026 8:31 PM
3320	Way too many elementary schools are affected by the consolidation. Smaller class sizes and ratios equal a greater impact on student success.	2/23/2026 8:11 PM
3321	I'm absolutely against this. Evansdale is a wonderful community school with a unique DLI program. They really aren't under capacity and it would be fairly straightforward to shift the zones and send some of the overflow from Livesey to Evansdale to preserve the smaller communities. If we close the proposed schools in my area, you will only push more kids into private schools and make your attendance problem even worse.	2/23/2026 8:08 PM
3322	Scenarios make sense	2/23/2026 8:00 PM
3323	I agree	2/23/2026 7:17 PM
3324	I am not a fan of linger school bus routes and less access to close schools. I think ignoring WHY attendance is decreasing while the population increases is the first fail.	2/23/2026 7:08 PM

3325	Highly disagree with the proposal to consolidate Oak Grove Elementary (and other high performing elementary schools). 1) OGE has a consistent history of academic excellence as a top performing school in the district. The model should be emulated, not super-sized. OGE test scores continue to be top performing within the district. 2) OGE consistently maintains the highest level community engagement, which promotes educational excellence, high property values, and a strong pipeline of students. Closing this school would be an act of intentional negligence that does not serve student best interests (high level academic instruction in a small student ratio environment) or tax payer property values. Closing OGE would create a massive negative impact to property values and tax revenues. Properties in the OGE zone have a value directly tied to the success of the school- all tax payers in this zone would be entitled to damages from the negative impact on their property value due to such an indefensible and irresponsible closure. 3) OGE student population is growing every year post-Covid. With the new $2B of healthcare investment in the direct neighborhood, the cluster will continue to see healthy student population growth. The data does not support a consolidation. 4) Mega-schools don't serve children. 100% of OGE 4th graders are involved in extracurricular and STEAM programming on campus. That level of engagement is simply not possible in a larger school. Henderson Middle is a great example of this- not all who are interested in being involved get in. A larger environment will deny access to learning opportunities for students that are readily available in the smaller school environment. Consolidating students into a larger environment would be neglectful of student opportunities, access and best interests. 5) Building maintenance has consistently been in the Dekalb budget each year and funds have not been managed responsibly, and approved projects and funds have disappeared. The money to maintain these building is and has always been there, but has not been managed. A priority must be placed on building a record of consistent fiscal responsibility at the district level before considering any moves that impact student access to buildings and educational resources. 6) Dekalb County School Board has negligently hired in criminals to lead the district. Despite the consistent history of failed leadership and poor decisions, we still have schools and communities excelling and leading with academic excellence. The Board should be thankful for that success, champion it, and protect it, not break it up, destroy the programs, and further break trust for the sake of a poorly researched and even more poorly managed balance sheet.	2/23/2026 6:54 PM
3326	Very concerned about the number of children that will be affected by this change. It seems there are double amounts of schools in the south end of the district that are proposing to close.	2/23/2026 6:31 PM
3327	I don't have an issue it based on reported open seats and projections for future enrollment.	2/23/2026 6:12 PM
3328	Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends, utilization, and long-range planning, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. I support addressing capacity needs at Dunwoody High School, but would like to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications before any closure decision.	2/23/2026 6:08 PM
3329	I do not understand the reason for consolidating ashford park and how those students will be redistributed. How will Montgomery be expanded if this school is already over capacity?	2/23/2026 5:48 PM
3330	Not happy. Ashord park elementary is an excellent school with a great culture and exceptional parent involvement. Why would you close that	2/23/2026 5:46 PM
3331	Sounds good	2/23/2026 5:29 PM
3332	Brockett elementary school is integral to the neighborhood. Many children walk to school. This may help with life long health outcomes in to mention less traffic, thus less pollution). Please reconsider closing this school.	2/23/2026 4:57 PM
3333	I support efforts to reduce overcrowding at Dunwoody High School and believe that comprehensive, long-term facilities planning is essential for the entire cluster. Since SAP focuses on enrollment patterns and utilization rates, I want a clearer explanation of how closing an elementary school with high usage fits these measures at the cluster level. Before making any decisions about closures, it would be useful to review detailed models for student reassignment, the capacity of receiving schools, projected class sizes, transportation effects, and changes to feeder patterns.	2/23/2026 4:39 PM
3334	I feel a lot of the schools are targeted on the south end of the county.	2/23/2026 4:34 PM
3335	How would shutting down one of the largest populated schools in the South of DeKalb solve any concerns. Why not consider rezoning the area that way the schools with a lessor	2/23/2026 3:54 PM

	population can accommodate for more students. Those schools with a small population, can combine the students and the staff at each school can work together to better serve the students. I believe this will benefit the students, parents and especially staff to remain employed with DeKalb in the same area. Then to have a staff to drive an extra 30 minutes or hour because they are possibly forced to transfer to an area that cause further commute or relocate employment to another county. DeKalb county has already lost some great teachers and other staff; this could cause any staff to discontinue employment with DeKalb and the students would be the ones who will lose out.	
3336	I strongly support my child remaining at her current school. She is thriving academically and socially, and the stability of her current environment is extremely important to our family. Avondale Elementary provides a supportive community and strong educational foundation. I respectfully ask the district to prioritize continuity for currently enrolled students when considering any boundary or assignment changes.	2/23/2026 3:45 PM
3337	dekalb county is too big to generalize for consolidations. areas like brookhaven and dunwoody have shown continue increase on enrollment, so lumping those schools in for consolidation doesn't seem to make sense, especially when nearby schools are already at or close to capacity.	2/23/2026 3:45 PM
3338	Disappointed to see Ashford Park ES on the list of closures, given lack of viable alternatives for those who live in the Ashford Park neighborhood.	2/23/2026 3:31 PM
3339	I believe it's going to become a problem because of the number of students that's in that area and it also the numbers of teachers and the numbers of classrooms that's in a certain building and trying to consolidate that can be an issue do you have to think about safety purposes also.	2/23/2026 3:28 PM
3340	I believe the idea of consolidating schools could be beneficial if it is planned carefully and communicated clearly. Consolidation may help maximize resources, improve facility conditions, and potentially provide students with more academic opportunities. However, I think timing and communication are extremely important. If schools are going to be consolidated, parents and students should be given ample notice so families have time to prepare emotionally, academically, and logistically. Sudden changes can create unnecessary stress and confusion. I am also concerned about the school choice schools that are included on the list. Many families intentionally selected those schools because of their specific programs or themes. It would be helpful to know what will happen to those specialized programs. Will they remain intact, be relocated, or be combined into a new theme school? Maintaining the integrity of those programs is important for students who depend on them. Overall, while consolidation may make sense from a facilities standpoint, transparency and clear planning will be key to making the transition successful for everyone involved.	2/23/2026 2:52 PM
3341	They are honestly scary. The consolidated schools on the southside have many behavior issues independently. Combining some of those schools will only make those issues worse and negatively impact the students that are trying to learn.	2/23/2026 2:46 PM
3342	FIRE more people at the TOP heavy DCSD County office!!!!!	2/23/2026 2:40 PM
3343	1. The redistricting maps should be shared before making the final decisions about which schools to close. It's scary to hear that your child's school might close without having a new plan in place to see where they would go instead. 2. If the best option is to close a smaller school, I would hope the district plans to make the other schools larger FIRST, so students aren't displaced into trailers while they wait for new facilities to be built. 3. Consolidating should not be rushed because the learning environments will suffer if the larger, new schools are not finished before shutting down the smaller buildings. 4. There should be a plan in place for teachers to move with their schools into new, bigger schools. Keeping familiar faces for the students having to move schools would be super helpful in the transition.	2/23/2026 2:36 PM
3344	Redistricting some schools seems extremely wise if looked at from a common sense appproach (ie-location). Closing schools is probably one of the worst things that could happen.	2/23/2026 2:33 PM
3345	I think the consolidations would impact the school community in a negative way. The neighborhood model promotes community assets and personal connections with the school, administration, and other students. Having schools combine would cause an overflow of students into schools that are already lacking on resources. It would overrun the school, and change the dynamics of the school community. There would be a school population where the students are unfamiliar with the other students and teachers. It would also require parents and	2/23/2026 2:21 PM

	students to travel further to these locations rather than the neighborhood schools they have close and accessible at the moment. I think this model would be detrimental to school testing scores because it would be unattainable to keep track of all students in a school that large.	
3346	Applying the same standard at all schools district wide is equitable, but most stakeholders are unaware that 90% of vacant seats exist in BOE regions 3-7. This data must be shared to inform stakeholders that DCSD previously invested in these communities by building larger and newer schools, many of which now have empty seats. Also, stakeholders need to be aware that per pupil expenditures at each school vary widely, depending upon school enrollment size. This is why HPM has said that schools with larger enrollments subsidize schools with small enrollments. HPM and DCSD should share alternative proposals with 4 elementary schools of 600 students per high school cluster.	2/23/2026 2:08 PM
3347	I have a student in 1st grade at Cedar Grove Elementary. I am concerned about what will happen to the students if the school closes. I understand there are two other schools in the area.	2/23/2026 1:45 PM
3348	I do believe that some consolidations could work in some areas, I just do not believe that schools should be consolidated at this time. Schools that have less than a certain number should may be looked at for consolidation, but pushing students together into new super schools just really makes effective education impossible. With larger classroom sizes, it really harms student progress.	2/23/2026 1:44 PM
3349	I love that Midvale is an IB/ STEM school near me. They are a vital part of this community.	2/23/2026 1:37 PM
3350	In my opinion this would suggest over crowding including students and teachers.	2/23/2026 1:35 PM
3351	Too many too big schools that require construction, an operational weakness of DCSD. Esplost projects fall years behind, costs explode, facilities continue to deteriorate. Especially when closing schools that are not under-enrolled or consolidating many schools like in Tucker and Lakeside far beyond what is needed to address empty seats, the construction will not reliably happen in 8 (or 10 or 12) years. It also assumes further esplost revenue when DeKalb families are taxed to death relative to better school systems like Cobb.	2/23/2026 1:25 PM
3352	While I can appreciate the statistics behind this project, the statistics does not include the true picture behind what actually drives these numbers.	2/23/2026 1:20 PM
3353	As a school who is over crowded, yet a high performing school with a HUGE PTO presence in the school and within the community; it is not wise to follow through with this decision. Especially, after already spending funds to renovate Ashford Park the next 2 summers.	2/23/2026 1:11 PM
3354	I have always said DeKalb had too many schools; which was spreading our resources too thin. I am with consolidation. However I feel we are not thinking BIGGER. Too close that many HS of course their would need to be a plan set for a Newer BIGGER HS or upgrading one to house that many students. It would also need to have all the amenities as others that have done such.	2/23/2026 1:06 PM
3355	My primary concern is that my home and child remain in the Druid Hills High School cluster. It is the ENTIRE reason I moved to my home. My secondary concern is with the potential close of McLendon ES. I want to be sure that the county is a good steward of the newly vacant property and takes community feedback into account when determining g what to do with the property. We do NOT want increased traffic on our neighborhood roads and we don’t want the property becoming an eyesore.	2/23/2026 12:59 PM
3356	I think that children learn better in smaller learning environments. Thousands of children in one large facility get overwhelmed. Mega-schools are detrimental to children's health! Smaller schools, better learning. Knowing who the people are in your school is very important. Kids fall through the cracks in large schools! Keep schools small. Pay teachers properly. STOP with the ridiculous, over- testing each year!!!!!!!!!!!!! Seems like a large number of the schools on the chopping block are near (or including) Midvale. Maybe combine one or two together, but don't get rid of all of these, including, Midvale, Brockett (leave Brockett alone!), McClendon, Oak Grove, and Evansdale. Too many in the same basic area to be gutted - NOT OKAY!	2/23/2026 12:53 PM
3357	I fail to comprehend the rationale behind shutting down schools exclusively in the Urban Neighborhoods. When contemplating attendance, have you taken into account the manner in which your staff engages with the students? Have you examined how the District shows preference for one area over another? The distribution of funds, attention, time, programs, and	2/23/2026 12:41 PM

	various opportunities ought to be equitable across the entire district, rather than being concentrated solely in the higher-income segments.	
3358	I do not agree with the closure or consolidation of Cedar Grove High School.	2/23/2026 12:24 PM
3359	Sad to see the drop in enrollment. Eager to see the parent and community involvement	2/23/2026 12:15 PM
3360	The lower grades do not need to be in the same schools with the higher grades. That will increase danger and violence. 6-12 should not be in the same facility it will be come overcrowded and then there won't be any time to make all this space for these kids to be grouped together: also; it will increase child on child assault.	2/23/2026 12:09 PM
3361	I believe it would be disastrous to combine more than two elementary schools. At this age students need some level of individual attention.	2/23/2026 12:07 PM
3362	I support the goal of using resources more efficiently and expanding opportunities for students. However, implementation details will determine whether consolidation benefits students equitably.	2/23/2026 12:06 PM
3363	As a teacher who has been with DeKalb County Schools for four years and at my current school for two, I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the initial SAP scenario regarding potential consolidations. My school is a Title I campus that has historically struggled with low academic performance and significant overcrowding. While the challenges are real, I have also witnessed noticeable positive shifts in culture, student behavior, and staff collaboration during the past two years. These improvements have not been rapid, but they have been steady, and they reflect the commitment of our teachers, students, leadership team, and families. Because of this, I have mixed feelings about the consolidation scenario: Potential Benefits Consolidation could bring access to updated facilities, better learning environments, and more equitable distribution of resources across schools. Overcrowding creates daily instructional and operational challenges; addressing capacity issues could directly improve teaching and learning conditions. A realignment of facilities may help ensure students have access to programs and supports that are currently stretched thin. Concerns Our school is in the midst of a cultural turnaround, and disruptions—such as relocation or merging with another school—may slow or reverse the progress being made. Title I schools often rely heavily on relationships, stability, and community trust; consolidation has the potential to impact all three if not planned thoughtfully. Staff and students deserve clarity on how their voices will be included in shaping the transition. Without that, uncertainty may increase anxiety for both teachers and families. Consolidation can benefit students academically—but only if implementation is strategic, transparent, and well-supported with staffing, mental health resources, and community engagement. Overall Perspective I recognize the enrollment challenges and facility needs across the district, and I understand why consolidation scenarios are being considered. At the same time, I hope the district will continue to weigh not just numerical data but also the human impact—especially in schools like ours that are making meaningful progress despite limited resources. I support solutions that truly help students succeed, but I urge the district to: protect the cultural momentum our school has built, ensure supportive transition processes, and maintain open communication with educators and families at every step.	2/23/2026 12:03 PM
3364	It's a little confusing to understand when you see something like "Towers HS" and then an arrow pointing to the next column to a block that also reads "Towers HS". However, after reading about it, it makes sense.	2/23/2026 12:01 PM
3365	After reviewing the consolidation plan, I recommend Cedar Grove Middle School remain open for several key reasons: 1. Community Impact Cedar Grove Middle serves as a central hub for the local community. Closing it would increase travel distances for students, which can negatively affect attendance, participation in extracurriculars, and family engagement. Many families have long-standing ties to the school, and its closure could disrupt community cohesion. 2. Student Academic Needs Cedar Grove Middle has a diverse student population with specific programs (e.g., special education, gifted services, STEM initiatives) that might not be easily absorbed by other schools. The continuity of instruction is important, especially for students in transition grades (6–8), who benefit from stability during critical developmental years. 3. Capacity and Growth Current enrollment data suggests that Cedar Grove is operating efficiently and may have room to accommodate growth in the area. Consolidating students into other schools could lead to overcrowding, which can impact teacher-to-student ratios, classroom management, and overall learning outcomes. Equity Considerations Consolidation often disproportionately affects low-income and marginalized students, who may face	2/23/2026 11:54 AM

	transportation challenges or barriers to accessing new schools. Keeping Cedar Grove open supports equitable access to education and resources in the local area.	
3366	Definitely against the idea. Our children need their local schools. The proposed areas would greatly suffer and put parents up against obstacles.	2/23/2026 11:52 AM
3367	What are you going to do with the closed school, I understand why they are closing but what are you going to do with the buildings, why leave them empty or tear them down and they can be used for educational purposes or activities, you are taking the money from the property taxes for the schools how are they going to be used if they dont have students	2/23/2026 11:52 AM
3368	If this is what needs to be done, then fine.	2/23/2026 11:47 AM
3369	Seems like a solution but, whatever gets the kids and teachers the best outcome seems like what should be done and I dont know thats it however I dont have any advice for was is either. If there's significant evidence breaking the grades up more helps students then thats good but if it's experimental I dont think thats helpful	2/23/2026 11:45 AM
3370	It has to be done for the best student outcome	2/23/2026 11:42 AM
3371	That's all of the home schools in my district. How will that look for school drop off in the morning/afternoon.	2/23/2026 11:41 AM
3372	I'd rather have higher operating costs, small class sizes, and a robust curriculum.	2/23/2026 11:40 AM
3373	I believe that it is necessary; however, make sure that transportation logistics are realistic for the plans.	2/23/2026 11:40 AM
3374	I think this is absurd and shouldn’t be done.	2/23/2026 11:39 AM
3375	To put it simply, this decision needs to be based on more than financial reasoning. Please take a close look at increasing school enrollments, especially at the elementary level, before deciding that consolidating schools is the right thing to do. Remember that our number one job is to educate children. Does increasing school enrollments help accomplish this goal? If it does not actively contribute to the success of educating students, then something else has to be considered. My small school is not on the list to be closed, but is on the list to be consolidated with other schools, thus increasing our student population. I cannot imagine what that will do to our intimate setting, close relationships with students and parents, and our ability to support the most vulnerable children. I don't claim to have the answer, but I do have the fear of what my school will look like if this scenario plays out. I have no doubt that our teachers will work tirelessly to support their students, but will their efforts be in vain because of the overwhelming number of students in the building?	2/23/2026 11:36 AM
3376	The concentration of identified schools is notably higher in the south than in the north, raising concerns about equity.	2/23/2026 10:31 AM
3377	Losing Vanderlyn would negatively impact the long-term future of Dunwoody High School. Vanderlyn is high-performing and is a pillar in the surrounding community. Getting rid of a high performing elementary school would only hurt Dunwoody High.	2/23/2026 10:25 AM
3378	I strongly oppose the proposed closure of Oak Grove Elementary. From both a practical and community perspective, it does not fit the goals of the consolidation plan. Oak Grove is one of the few schools already operating above the district’s utilization target. Enrollment has grown steadily for several years, reversing any temporary pandemic-related decline, and is projected to continue rising. By next year, the school is expected to reach roughly 96% capacity. This is not an underutilized building—it is a school in high demand. Closing Oak Grove would also create new problems the district will immediately need to solve. The two neighboring schools that would receive its students simply don’t have enough room. Sagamore Hills is essentially full already, and Briarlake’s current space is unlikely to remain available. The area surrounding Briarlake is in the middle of major redevelopment, including thousands of planned housing units and significant expansion from CHOA and Emory. These projects will attract families and naturally increase enrollment in the years ahead. Removing seats now only to rebuild them later is not an efficient use of district resources. Beyond capacity and forecasting issues, Oak Grove is an exceptionally strong school academically and culturally. Its students consistently perform at the top of the district, and the school benefits from stability—high teacher retention, strong family engagement, and a long history as a true neighborhood institution. Those are conditions that can’t be recreated simply by moving children to another school. Consolidation would disrupt student progress, break apart established peer groups, and likely lead some	2/23/2026 10:23 AM

	families to seek alternatives outside the district altogether. Given the scale of coming residential and employment growth in the North Druid Hills/Clifton Corridor, this area needs more capacity, not less. The district should revisit its projections using current, post-pandemic data and delay any closure decisions until updated numbers are available. A data-driven approach would focus first on schools with chronic, long-term underutilization—not a school that is thriving, growing, and central to its community.	
3379	Oak Grove Elementary should not be considered for closure. The district's stated goal is to bring elementary school utilization closer to 88%, yet Oak Grove already exceeds that target. It is currently at 89% utilization and is projected to be at 96% next year. Enrollment has increased consistently for the last four years, and based on current trends, the school will likely reach full capacity within the next few years. Closing a school that is growing—and already operating at or above the district's target—is not aligned with the purpose of the consolidation plan. Eliminating Oak Grove would also create immediate capacity challenges in surrounding schools. Sagamore Hills is already at 91% utilization and Briarlake, while lower at 73%, does not have sufficient available seats to absorb Oak Grove's 447 students without triggering overcrowding or major boundary changes. Even Briarlake's current excess seats are likely temporary. The North Druid Hills/Clifton Corridor is experiencing substantial residential and employment growth, including thousands of new units at the Lulah Hills and Corporate Square redevelopments and billions of dollars in expansion at CHOA and Emory. These factors will naturally push enrollment upward across the entire cluster. Additionally, Oak Grove is a high-performing school with a long record of academic stability, strong teacher retention, and a deeply engaged community. Its Content Mastery (94.2) and Readiness (95.3) scores are among the top in the review group. Closing a school with this profile would disrupt student learning and community continuity at a time when no academic or utilization problem exists. Before making an irreversible decision, the district should update its enrollment projections using 2024–2026 post-pandemic data and incorporate confirmed residential and employment growth that has not yet been reflected in current models. This corridor is not declining—it's growing—and closing a near-capacity, high-performing school would remove needed seats just as the area's population expands. A more targeted, data-aligned approach would focus closures on schools with long-term underutilization below 70%, where consolidation can actually improve efficiency without creating new capacity needs.	2/23/2026 10:14 AM
3380	I would like to see clearer data showing how this scenario aligns with the district's stated focus on enrollment trends and utilization at the cluster level. I understand the need to address high school capacity pressures, but sharing full reassignment and receiving school modeling — including transportation and class size impacts — would help families fully evaluate the proposal.	2/23/2026 9:56 AM
3381	Understand the need for consolidation but would hate to see all those schools on the list go away. This is especially true for Oak Grove Elementary school where many parents have contributed a lot of funds to enhance the school outside of what the county is able to provide.	2/23/2026 9:24 AM
3382	I feel like if consolidated is "really" needed that maybe allow those other schools to offer Autism classroom or other neurodivergent classroom settings what allow for schools to have "DEDICATED SENSORY ROOMS".	2/23/2026 9:04 AM
3383	The plans appear well thought out. With such a large surplus I think the district needs to make at least a partial decision an	2/23/2026 9:02 AM
3384	It is extremely stressful not knowing what will be happening to my school and my position. I am a media specialist and if the school closes that means that my job - which I love - goes away. I want to know how I can stay in DCSD. What are my options should our school close.	2/23/2026 9:02 AM
3385	I understand and support the need to address overcrowding at Dunwoody High School. I recognize that Vanderlyn's proximity to the high school places our campus within a broader facilities planning conversation. I also recognize that the district has framed SAP around enrollment trends and utilization. Any proposal should clearly demonstrate how those metrics are being applied at the cluster level. The combined Vanderlyn and Dunwoody High School campus presents an opportunity to explore thoughtful, phased solutions that address secondary capacity while preserving elementary access. The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made. Vanderlyn is a diverse, academically strong, and inclusive community. Preserving stable elementary environments while solving high school challenges aligns with district priorities. I would welcome collaboration between district leaders and both school communities to explore campus-level solutions that address high school	2/23/2026 8:54 AM

	capacity while preserving the Vanderlyn community. However, I am REALLY unhappy with the broad sweeping idea of consolidation. The reason we bought a house in the Vanderlyn district was specifically for the small elementary school community. It felt like a very natural and good fit for our family (we strongly believe in public school, but the sheer number of kids at schools like DES was overwhelming). We find a GREAT benefit in this type of unique small environment that our kids have THRIVED in and after lots of turnover and turmoil like COVID, our kids are thriving thanks to the environment created by truly passionate staff!	
3386	What are the performance levels of the schools possibly being consolidated? What is affecting current decrease in student enrollment? With these questions and answers in mind how would these decisions best affect the students and community?	2/23/2026 8:44 AM
3387	I understand that there may be a lot of empty seats in some schools, but I think the students learn better when the classrooms are not overcrowded.	2/23/2026 8:35 AM
3388	I don't have specific feedback for or against it.	2/23/2026 8:34 AM
3389	It makes sense to consolidate schools as needed even though the transition year will be rough for everyone.	2/23/2026 7:54 AM
3390	I understand the need for the changes. However, will students who are enrolled in Lithonia be able to graduate their school? My children are set to graduate in 2027 and 2028 .	2/23/2026 12:19 AM
3391	I strongly oppose the initial facilities scenario and the proposal to close 27 schools. This plan would disrupt students' stability, force longer commutes, overcrowd receiving schools, hurt vulnerable communities the most, and likely lower property values in neighborhoods that lose their schools. Our schools are community anchors, and closing them feels like abandoning the families who rely on them	2/22/2026 11:52 PM
3392	The consolidations are not supported. Teachers are already overwhelmed and consolidating adds more stress to the high pressure situations of over filled classrooms as is.	2/22/2026 11:10 PM
3393	Las instalaciones están muy sucias y descuidadas, los baños permaneces sucios la mayor parte del año, los salones de clase muy sucios y las persianas en muy mal estado. En fin escuela que de verdad necesita atención para mejorar la limpieza.	2/22/2026 10:34 PM
3394	As a parent zoned for ashford park, if your goal is to retain students in public schools, closing schools like ashford park, which service affluent neighborhoods will accelerate the exodus to private education. Consider the negative ramifications that has long term and the fact that many people purchase property to fit within the quality schools of their choice to best offer education to their children. By disrupting that, you erode the trust of parents further.	2/22/2026 9:12 PM
3395	Pk-3 and 4-6 (not 4/6) is ideal. My older child attended Kittredge for 4-6 and that was ideal.	2/22/2026 9:08 PM
3396	I was disappointed to see that Henderson Mill Elementary was included on the initial facilities scenario list for potential consolidation. As one of the larger enrolled schools in our area, Henderson Mill consistently serves a strong student population and remains a vibrant, fully engaged school community. Our size reflects the trust families place in our instructional program, staff, and overall school culture. Henderson Mill is not only well-enrolled, but also deeply rooted in the community, providing stability and continuity for students and families.	2/22/2026 8:53 PM
3397	We must stay within our budget. However , what will become of abandoned buildings ?	2/22/2026 8:14 PM
3398	Yes feel 6th grade should go back to elementary school.	2/22/2026 7:43 PM
3399	When thinking about why I Atlanta when I moved from Cobb County, I looked at the scores of the schools and what the community had to say. In the end, I picked Oak Grove Elementary for the school that both of my sons "graduated" from. I was in the community before I became a full time teacher. When I heard about the potential of OGE closing, I was surprised. Yes, enrollment went down due to Covid, however, it is increasing with every year. There are a lot of schools in the area on the list as well. I know this is just the beginning of the process.	2/22/2026 7:28 PM
3400	I understand the closures, but could the wide range grades be 7-12 instead of 6-12?	2/22/2026 7:15 PM
3401	Oak Grove Elementary is the heart of our neighborhood. While they experienced a drop in enrollment due to COVID, they have built back their population. It would be a huge mistake to close Oak Grove	2/22/2026 6:55 PM
3402	DCSD needs to pause on all consolidation. We are dealing with the fallout of multi-year Superintendent problems. We need to wait, examine DCSD administration for redundancy and	2/22/2026 5:53 PM

	waste in the central office. We also need to look at all real estate holdings and divest properties that are not being used. We should hire Dr. Sauce as permanent Superintendent and THEN we should look at redistricting and/or consolidations.	
3403	While it is understandable to want to close facilities due to numbers, the lack of understanding regarding impact on communities including inclusion, property value, cost of transportation for children, and future growth city planning is lacking. Closures will by far have a negative impact an all those mentioned and cause stress to a community leading to more school vouchers being used for homeschooling and private schools.	2/22/2026 5:49 PM
3404	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	2/22/2026 5:40 PM
3405	Oak grove is one of the highest performing schools in the state. You should be looking at what we are doing to have such a good school and modeling other after us. You are also including pandemic data in your overall numbers. Our population has been growing rapidly every year with people specifically moving to oak grove neighborhood to attend oak grove elementary. Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students →	2/22/2026 5:40 PM

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3406	In favor of initial facilities scenario as long as services for IEP are not impacted.	2/22/2026 4:02 PM
3407	We're alright with Kingsley closing and have zero issues with the facilities scenarios. We live 1 mile from Dunwoody & Chesnut so I just wonder which school my child will go to.	2/22/2026 3:52 PM
3408	I'm fine with Kingsley closing and have no issues with the facilities scenario.	2/22/2026 3:43 PM
3409	Based on the information I've gathered on the district's website and on the online newspaper, Decaturish, I am only aware of the potential school closures. I am a 3rd grade teacher at Henderson Mill Elementary	2/22/2026 3:17 PM
3410	Adequate.	2/22/2026 3:11 PM
3411	Hello! We are Kinglsey community members here with no current children, but are expecting. We are in extremely close proximity to Kingsley and were excited to have a ES so close by. However, from reading the statistics about enrollment, and seeing how few kids there currently are in the neighborhood, it is starting to make sense to consolidate schools and are more open to the closure of Kingsley ES. The following factors make consolidation more attractive: 1. Less car-dependent infrastructure for students to safely and independently bike or walk to the remaining schools and surrounding resources (e.g. library, park, recreation) 2. Providing more resources to socio-economically underserved areas. We do not support consolidation that benefits privileged families disproportionately more than underserved families. We consider ourselves privileged and would rather help others in need than further our privilege.	2/22/2026 2:43 PM
3412	Class sizes are already far too large. The idea that resources are spread too thin is not the problem. We need to reduce class size, retain these facilities, and reduce the grandiose salaries that our consistently corrupt education board receives.	2/22/2026 1:54 PM
3413	Great school. Should def stay open.	2/22/2026 1:44 PM
3414	I think they are doing amazing	2/22/2026 1:16 PM
3415	Yo	2/22/2026 12:32 PM
3416	Encourage keeping Oak Grove open	2/22/2026 12:30 PM
3417	Understand the situation at macro level and the tradeoffs between cost, size and robust offerings. Would be helpful to understand the expected impact of the scenarios (e.g. expect that school budgets would stay same/reduce/increase as a result of these changes?) It's also difficult to fully understand what's driving the expected lower enrollment in the future for the county -- understanding the why helps ensure that long-term decisions are not made for shorter term or otherwise addressable situations. (e.g. is the student-age population declining overall in the county or is this driven by movements into charter or private schools? If moving to charter or private, why? If it's for smaller school sizes perhaps combining into larger schools will only exacerbate this issue in the future) Additionally, what fact-based information is available about the implications of these trade offs? For example, what is the impact of large school sizes on student outcomes, particularly for young elementary aged students? In these scenarios, are school sizes also driving impact on classroom sizes or are there any expected changes to student-teacher ratios? What are the specific robust program offerings that could be retained through these scenarios and are they consistent across schools or do they vary? The initial scenario at a high level could make sense, but beyond the additional questions above, it is difficult to understand the justifications for specific school closures based on what's been provided. For example, our home school of Evansdale has a fairly stable student population	2/22/2026 12:12 PM

	that even shows projected increases in the future, but it is being shown as a school to close in this scenario. It is also difficult to truly judge the proposal without more details on the implications of where existing students zoned for those schools would end up and what program offerings could be maintained or would be discontinued. For example, language immersion programs have been very popular and hard to obtain seats in (e.g. French at Evansdale, GLOBE) and would we expect those to continue in the future?	
3418	Vanderlyn should not be considered for closure. It is a high-performing, inclusive school with a strong community. Vanderlyn takes students outside its zone through school choice, easing the pressure off the surrounding DCSD schools that are overcapacity. If DCSD is planning to remove that opportunity for families, there needs to be a clear plan for the surrounding schools to improve academics and facilities to accommodate the number of students. The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made. There needs to be a guaranteed placement for ALL Vanderlyn students to attend a school that is an academic equivalent of Vanderlyn. Closing a high-performing school and sending students back to an overcapacity, underperforming school does not align with the DCSD mission of empowering students to reach their full potential.	2/22/2026 11:25 AM
3419	Closing Vanderlyn ES would be extremely detrimental to the north cluster of schools and the reputation of DCSD as a whole. It is an inclusive, high performing school and should be recognized as a success story for DCSD rather than be considered for closure. Vanderlyn ES has a strong community - high parent engagement, regular collaboration with Dunwoody HS and local businesses. I would encourage dcsd to investigate further reasons for lower enrollment, I suspect it is due to the school producing so many high achieving students that then move into magnet programs for 4th and 5th grades. We understand that Dunwoody HS is over capacity and needs to extend the campus, other options need to be explored that do not result in the loss of access to an exceptional elementary school. My students are zoned for Huntley Hills elementary, which is over capacity and underperforming. Vanderlyn eases pressure on surrounding schools that are over capacity through the school choice program. DCSD considering closure of Vanderlyn is not aligned with their stated values particularly humanization - in closing a high performing school, the students are not being seen as the in hardworking individuals they are, they are being seen only as numbers.	2/22/2026 10:24 AM
3420	I don't like the idea for consolidation	2/22/2026 9:34 AM
3421	Strong, stable elementary environments are important for students and communities, and I would like to better understand how this proposal supports long-term cluster planning. I support solutions for high school overcrowding, but it would be helpful to see complete modeling on reassignment, receiving school enrollment and capacity, transportation, and feeder impacts before decisions are finalized.	2/22/2026 8:31 AM
3422	No one should be listening to recommendations from a committee run by Sarita Smith until she and other employees put in place by Horton have been fully investigated and the community feels safe.	2/22/2026 7:30 AM
3423	I think it makes sense to close schools to save money. However, I also struggle to see how the schools will fit everyone. I hope this would allow for more co-taught classes because teachers already struggle with their current class sizes. Also, as a staff member, I worry about the district providing enough staff and office space and office space for the staff to appropriately support the students. My concerns are not in these scenarios but rather in how they would be carried out.	2/21/2026 7:24 PM
3424	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units;	2/21/2026 7:03 PM

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3425	We wouldn’t be affected based on proposed scenarios.	2/21/2026 6:09 PM
3426	Students are shown to have better outcomes with smaller classroom sizes.	2/21/2026 2:07 PM
3427	There is no problem at	2/21/2026 1:24 PM
3428	Would the kids get as much one one time with their teacher? Would the schools be over crowded?	2/21/2026 1:18 PM
3429	I dont have any complain, it looks good!!	2/21/2026 1:13 PM
3430	Please reconsider closing Oak Grove. As a special needs parent to two children there it has been an incredible experience for us and all the other special needs kids there. Because of Oak Groves reputation as a school for not only upholding IEPs and 504s but exceeding most parents expectations in services they offer our kids may special needs families seek out the school. I know we specifically moved here for Coralwood and Oak Grove. And I know lots of families apply for the lottery hoping to get in if they don’t have the means to move. As a parent who Autistic kid came from a larger public in Dekalb county, Peachcrest, who could offer my nonverbal autistic kid the services he needed (not enough support at school for proper Speech and OT therapy) I know what it’s like to see your kid suffer and not get the education they deserve. And after being a parent of that same kid at Coralwood and Oak Grove I know what the system done right feels like. Because of Oaks Grove’s higher percentage of kids on IEPs and 504s they are able to have 2 teachers in most classrooms, a gen Ed teacher and a special ed teacher (but almost all of the teachers there are special Ed certified, and all are gifted certified) allows them to do true inclusion for special needs kids correctly. And look at how well Oak Grove does on test scores!! We are one of the top performing public elementary schools. You should be looking to replicate Oak Grove not close it. Bigger schools make for worse outcomes in education at the elementary level, especially for kids with IEPs and 504s. Please reconsider closing Oak Grove, it is truly one of the gems of Dekalb County Schools.	2/21/2026 1:08 PM
3431	When I was growing up in Gwinnett county and my mom was a teacher in Dekalb, we heard so much about the problem of overcrowding in schools. It was considered bad for education for class sizes to be too large and the buildings couldn’t hold everyone. Now, I would think the smaller class sizes and smaller schools would be viewed as a positive. One thing I love about my daughter’s school is its relatively small size. I also love that we can walk to our school. Having people drive across town to one central school will make traffic worse too.	2/21/2026 11:19 AM
3432	We purchased our house partially to be able to send our children to Oak Grove elementary. We are recently married and don’t have children yet, but closing the school would be a huge devastation to our community, especially since it is one of the most excellent elementary schools in Georgia.	2/21/2026 10:12 AM
3433	While I would be sad to see McLendon closed because it is so close to us, I understand consolidating is likely the best option to better serve student. At the same time, I am concerned about having an abandoned building in the neighborhood and would like to make sure there is a plan for the empty building.	2/21/2026 9:52 AM

3434	I mainly am concerned with Chamblee cluster which is my area, and we are overcrowded, so I am pleased we are not closing. I hope the Huntley Hills ES will expand to be able to safely and effectively hold all the students that are zoned there.	2/21/2026 5:29 AM
3435	Consolidation of high schools merging together can lead to more issues such as an increase in fights, impact academic performance, decrease school pride, teacher employment, etc.	2/21/2026 1:02 AM
3436	I strongly opposed the proposal to close schools as suggested or any other major changes at this point. Quite frankly, this is a cost cutting attempt disguise as a consultation. It is meant to obfuscate, not to clarify. First, the plan as proposed is not meant to be assessed by parents. It is the work of bureaucrats for bureaucrats. This is evident from the sheer complexity of the proposal and the remarkable level of abstractness. We are told this is "an opportunity to consolidate resources and strengthen programs," but which programs? Which ressources? You proposed to close our school, Evansdale in the name of this potential opportunity. We emailed you and asked if the french program would be continued if the school was closed. We were told that this: "We are talking about building only. The conversation about programs will occur in the fall." No parents cares about "the building" as an abstract entity, or undefined programs or ressources! We care about a building in as much as it is the place where specific ressources (our wonderful teachers like Mrs Young, Devine and Shunnarah) and our great program (the french immersion one) Separating the programs/ressources /functions of building may make sense to data analyst, but not to people who have kids who go to one school. So the "opportunity" you describes sounds like we are asked to risk the reason we moved to this neighborhood (Evansdale and the french program) so that we may get some abstract benefits that you can't define nor guarantee. Secondly, our school is actually overcrowded, so why close this one? Our school has a unique program so why close this one? Once again, because it is close to another one and a convenient one to close for you to cut cost. But people who go to these school have a completely different grid of analysis. Third and final point. This is gigantic endeavor. It is a BIG project. And you make these proposals with an interim superintendant while the last one is being indicted of multiple counts of frauds as of February 12 of 2026, so a week ago. Add to this the multiple stories about the power struggle and the mismanagement of the school board members and the multiple stories of rats, sewage water, mold and other issues with building in the county. So maybe I am a bit cynical, but it seems to me that a modicum of self-awareness would lead the SAP team to realize that they have near zero trust, and before doing such a vast reform, building a bit of trust with the community might help.	2/20/2026 10:45 PM
3437	I strongly oppose the initial facilities recommendations, especially the closure of neighborhood elementary schools. Research suggests that the optimal size for an elementary school is around 400 students, after which performance declines. I would like to see evidence from DeKalb County that larger consolidated elementary schools produce the same results from a educational outcomes and overall student well being standpoint. Indeed, families are choosing not to send their students to the larger elementary schools in the district in favor of school choice. The benefits that you raise are about cost and efficiency and not about the health, happiness and well-being of our students and families--at least at the elementary school level. You may argue that better facilities, more programs, etc. = well-being, but from a parent's perspective it is not the case. Neighborhood elementary schools mean community connections and support for students beyond purely institutional frameworks -- consolidations and closures will destroy this community support. I also think that the scenarios presented are inadequate, and the research presented incomplete. Indeed from a data standpoint, the projections for the Evansdale area seem flatly wrong, even if the complex formulas of proximity and enrollment in the larger area are applied. Finally, how can changes be made with an interim superintendent, however well-meaning, at this particular moment in our national's history and given DeKalb's administrative challenges? We need to support what works right now given the tumult that surrounds us. And our school works. We will apply for non-federal grants, and raise funds if need be. Finally, it is impossible to separate the facilities from the instruction that occurs within them. Please reconsider the proposed closure of the elementary schools on this list, especially Evansdale Elementary School.	2/20/2026 10:27 PM
3438	I understand, empty seats stop funding. However, where will the amazing teachers at Rock Chapel and other schools go? What about the children that have created bonds with teachers and students?	2/20/2026 9:34 PM
3439	We love our school and do not want the elementary schools to split off. It would disrupt so many families	2/20/2026 9:12 PM
3440	Beyond sad and concerned to see Evansdale slated for closing. It is a high-achieving school,	2/20/2026 8:17 PM

	it draws people to buy in the area (thus benefiting the county), and it is a major community asset. In a recent home purchase in this neighborhood, access to Evansdale was listed as a major component in the valuation. Neighborhood elementary schools are important safety features for students and parents. The school has a diversity of attendees that is important for emotional and social development of children. Separately from just this one school being targeted for closure, the sheer number of schools closing is alarming. The text refers to 25, but 26 are highlighted. That is an extraordinary number -- over a third of the existing elementary schools. I have to wonder if closing this number of the neighborhood schools that tend to provide "community" for parents will have the opposite effect desired here and will potentially push people to choose counties other than DeKalb when making a home purchase.	
3441	Well situated	2/20/2026 7:21 PM
3442	Vanderlyn Elementary is more than just a school — it is the heart of a deeply connected, tight-knit community. Many families, including ours, made the significant decision to purchase our home specifically because of Vanderlyn's reputation, culture, and neighborhood cohesion. Closing the school would not only disrupt our children's education, but would also fracture a community that has formed around it. For our family and many others, this decision would likely mean withdrawing our children from the DeKalb County School District altogether. I strongly urge the district to consider the long-term community impact and retain Vanderlyn as a cornerstone of Dunwoody.	2/20/2026 5:49 PM
3443	Killing our well functioning school with support of the community would be very disappointing.	2/20/2026 5:41 PM
3444	My school is near capacity and fits my community needs very well. I object to closing oak grove elementary, because the alternative would likely lead to an overcrowded school substitution.	2/20/2026 5:20 PM
3445	I don't believe it to be a good idea to consolidate younger children with the older children.	2/20/2026 4:41 PM
3446	While I too believe schools with less than 300 students should be consolidated, I'm very concerned that the majority of of the schools are on the southside and it's not because the kids don't live that way, but because we've bused or dropped them off on the North side in hopes of better schools and opportunities for our kids…just a think about.	2/20/2026 2:30 PM
3447	The consolidation logic makes sense but its not clear on what impact that will have to students in those districts.	2/20/2026 2:26 PM
3448	I'm not opposed to consolidation but do hate to see neighborhood schools close	2/20/2026 2:14 PM
3449	I think this is an awful idea and would place too many students in one classroom and not enough attention will be paid to the students learning or safety.	2/20/2026 2:03 PM
3450	Vanderlyn a cornerstone of the community. One of the reasons we purchased our home. Closure and rezoning means potentially lower rated school and a bigger school that is not as close and community minded	2/20/2026 1:04 PM
3451	I'm baffled by the proposal to close Ashford Park as there is clearly a need from a student perspective. The proposal to expand other elementaries clearly doesn't take into account the "community" of the Ashford park neighborhood. This community has been built over decades and is forged by being neighbors, walking to school, friendships. This all enriches the student experience. These families have bonded over Ashford Park and Chamblee middle/highschool and grown together. Sadly, that fabric can crumble quickly with the loss of a school. There has already been talk about either moving out of district or sending to private. I hate to see this happen to our community and Dekalb county schools. This could hurt the achievements of Dekalb schools beyond repair.	2/20/2026 12:51 PM
3452	Closing Oak Grove Elementary does not align with SAP goals, as it is not under capacity and is in fact increasing in enrollment. Moreover, the closest schools to which OGES students would be redistricted to do not have the capacity to absorb Oak Grove students, which would result in over crowding, increased use of trailers, and increased instability for all the students impacted, which has been proven to reduce academic performance.	2/20/2026 12:25 PM
3453	I do not understand how this scenario is feasible when surrounding schools do not have capacity to absorb all the students from the schools that are marked to close. I do not think it is fair to close an overcrowded school and then potentially move other students out of their local school to make room for students from the closed school. I also do not like the idea of 1000+ student schools at the elementary school level. I understand the cost savings, but I	2/20/2026 11:14 AM

	think it is worth the cost to have smaller class sizes and smaller, more intimate schools. Instead of consolidating so many schools, can we look at reducing class sizes? Dekalb County has a waiver from the state and all their class sizes are way over the state max. This has always bothered me. If we want students to benefit from the programs and services offered, then we need the classes to be small enough for them to effectively utilize the program/service. I'm referencing gifted classes so large that students do not get the more focused attention they need. Or co-taught classes so large, the students with IEPs are not getting their needs met. Or special ed teachers with case loads so large, they cannot give students enough individual attention to meet their needs. I'm seeing this in Chamblee Middle School. Consolidating schools in the Chamblee cluster seems like it will only compound the problems in this area. I have lived in this neighborhood for 20 years. I have been paying into the local schools long before I had kids and I was happy to do so because I wanted to support these schools where my kids would attend. I'm worried about being redistricted away from our elementary school in order to make room for students from Ashford Park if it closes. I'd like to see ways to build additional buildings or enlarge the schools we love instead of cut students out. I can't see how closing Ashford Park helps any of the issues facing our cluster.	
3454	This only works if there is a plan to reduce overcrowding in classrooms that will remain open. While our school has 'empty seats' in terms of building capacity, our classrooms are maxed out in terms of student-teacher ratios. We are looking at reducing the number of teachers per grade next year , which will only increase the number of students in a classroom. The classrooms at Dunwoody ES are small and kids are crammed together because of limited classroom space when the strategic waiver is being utilized.	2/20/2026 11:05 AM
3455	Obviously, making the best use of facilities and resources is important. I would hate to lose Evansdale Elementary. It is an institution in our neighborhood. It is a polling center. The walking path and soccer field are used by the community. If it is no longer an elementary school, it really should be used as an early-learning or community center. Would hate to lose it altogether.	2/20/2026 10:44 AM
3456	I am disappointed that a plan to merge the schools into newer state of the art facilities is not presented as part of the future state.	2/20/2026 10:43 AM
3457	I strongly oppose the proposed closure of Ashford Park Elementary School. The rationale being offered does not align with the reality of this school or what our community is seeing on the ground. Ashford Park Elementary is at full capacity and performing well. Closing a thriving, fully utilized school disrupts students' learning, fractures a stable community, and undermines the momentum that families, educators, and staff have worked hard to build. If this proposal is driven primarily by dollars and cents, (which I don't understand since I pay $14K a year in school taxes), I urge the district to reconsider. Closing a successful neighborhood school often backfires: families relocate or choose other options, enrollment declines elsewhere, transportation costs increase, and the district loses trust and long-term stability and mainly community and parental involvement which is bigger than any adminstrative efficiency you are trying to achieve. That is not sound planning and it's not putting students first. Before any vote moves forward, I'm requesting that the district provide: A transparent, school-by-school impact analysis (enrollment, capacity, class sizes, staffing, program loss, community loss.) A transportation plan and cost estimate (bus routes, ride times, safety impacts) A receiving-school readiness plan (space, staffing, supports for transition, community and parental involvement.) A clear explanation of why a high-performing, fully utilized school with massive parental engagement is being targeted Alternatives considered (boundary adjustments, phased plans, repurposing space, cost-saving measures that don't displace students) Please keep Ashford Park Elementary School open and focus on solutions that preserve strong community schools rather than dismantle them. I'm asking you to pause this proposal and engage in a transparent process that genuinely accounts for educational outcomes and community impact not only short-term budgeting.	2/20/2026 9:10 AM
3458	Brockett Elementary is a great school with strong community support. The school receives strong support from Mt. Moriah Church that is located next door. They provide the school with a location for their annual plays and volunteers as needed. Brockett Elementary school plays are not your average school plays. These are full on theatre productions that the children, teachers, and staff work very hard on. Walk to School Day at Brockett is another example of an event the whole neighborhood participates in. The kids, parents, and teachers all meet at Mt. Moriah and walk to school together. Brockett's crossing guard is another asset to the neighborhood. Everyone in the neighborhood knows her and loves her, people who don't even have kids at Brockett stop and visit with her. It would be a shame to shut down a school that is deeply rooted in the neighborhood. Besides what would you do with the land?	2/20/2026 8:49 AM

3459	I think it’s a good idea to consolidate where needed, but the expansion schools like Briarlake should get more detail on what that means - new building(s), better resources?	2/19/2026 11:27 PM
3460	We are happy with Vanderlyn school and I would strongly recommend to continue to run this school	2/19/2026 10:26 PM
3461	Traffic patterns definitely need to be looked into. We live near Austin ES and traffic may get worse for us. In general, this question is difficult to answer since our children don’t live/study near one of the schools consolidated. Now when school choice scenarios are rolled out and we learn more details then we definitely have an opinion to share.	2/19/2026 10:11 PM
3462	c	2/19/2026 9:11 PM
3463	I think it would be good to have fewer schools so staff and students can be better allocated. Though, I would still like class sizes to be considered.	2/19/2026 8:54 PM
3464	It seems like the cascading approach amplifies the problems. If there are too many HS, MS, and ES to start with; school conversions add to the excess. I think elementary education is the most critical of the 3 levels and that elementary students are most influenced by proximity to their school. I would focus closure/ consolidation at the HS&MS level and keep ES open to maintain the geographic proximity at the gateway to education.	2/19/2026 8:38 PM
3465	I want three specialized schools for the disabled K through 12 with wraparound services such as counselors ptot everything interventions field trips 1 South 1 in the middle Clarkston area and one North I believe it's one off Clairmont	2/19/2026 8:32 PM
3466	Vanderlyn is a neighborhood school that should not be part of any consolidation. Moving multiple elementary schools into one larger school harms the children at Vanderlyn at classrooms become larger and attention is spread across larger number of students. The community is heavily involved at Vanderlyn; consolidating Vanderlyn would be a very unpopular decision among the Dunwoody voter base.	2/19/2026 8:18 PM
3467	I understand the need to consolidate. Will other adjustments been made to accommodate this process? School choice should be suspended until the district has a better understanding of what actual numbers should look like across the county.	2/19/2026 8:03 PM
3468	I just fear that a new school could potentially be very far from my current home.I don't want to have to travel much further than we do now. Also sad that if wr had another child, evansdale ES may be moved or changed. It is in walking distance, safe neighborhood, tucked away, and feels like elementary school should. The culture there is home-y, warm, inviting.	2/19/2026 7:59 PM
3469	I haven’t looked the map configurations for the scenarios, but my thoughts went to the following:whether school zone lines would be redrawn, whether start times would have to change considering pickup spots would be more and wider or would pickup locations change instead; what resources (that are currently in the schools)outside of human bodies would go to which schools and how would that be determined; when and who would be on the discussions for the rebranding (new name, colors, mascot, etc) of the schools; what budget will be used to pay for the new uniforms of all the athletic teams; would school songs be changed to be more inclusive; would schools start to create a guiding coalition to help in the transition; is there a plan for how to create the “One Team One Dream” for the staff?	2/19/2026 7:49 PM
3470	How is it that there are classrooms in trailers, but decline in enrollment is a problem? So we close some facilities so that students can be crammed back into trailer classrooms? Get rid of all the trailer classrooms in the county first	2/19/2026 7:48 PM
3471	It makes sense to close schools and redistribute students to be more cost effective with our time, talent and money.	2/19/2026 7:30 PM
3472	I don’t like the idea of closing any schools in DeKalb County . I don’t have faith in the county to handle this right. We have a neighborhood school that is thriving just like our community, now you want to uproot a school?	2/19/2026 7:29 PM
3473	The initial facilities scenario (consolidations) has some valid points but I would like to ensure all possibilities have been considered with experts on actionable plans to prevent 27 schools being closed to more than 17 to perserve community and housing markets for what education could be in the next 10 years. Are there options to repuprose 10 schools to gain funding through renting out or leasing with the premonition that if the population of students increases,	2/19/2026 7:08 PM

	those spaces will return to school buildings to support the learning trajectories of our future and current citizens (giving them at least a 3 year notice).	
3474	I don't like it. I love Cedar Grove elementary and middle school. My daughter just graduated from Cedar Grove High in the top 10% of her class. And that all started at the elementary school. So I'm not advocating for the scenario's that are in play.	2/19/2026 6:45 PM
3475	I understand and support the need to address overcrowding at Dunwoody High School. I recognize that Vanderlyn's proximity to the high school places our campus within a broader facilities planning conversation. I also recognize that the district has framed SAP around enrollment trends and utilization. Any proposal should clearly demonstrate how those metrics are being applied at the cluster level. The combined Vanderlyn and Dunwoody High School campus presents an opportunity to explore thoughtful, phased solutions that address secondary capacity while preserving elementary access. The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made. Vanderlyn is a diverse, academically strong, and inclusive community. Preserving stable elementary environments while solving high school challenges aligns with district priorities. I would welcome collaboration between district leaders and both school communities to explore campus-level solutions that address high school capacity while preserving the Vanderlyn community.	2/19/2026 6:37 PM
3476	Very uncertain... the south eastern area already doesn't provide good middle schools for the community.	2/19/2026 6:37 PM
3477	Why BrownsMill? It is a fairly new building. Built in 1990.	2/19/2026 6:27 PM
3478	Oak Grove does no align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. We are already at 89% utilization and projected to hit 96% next school year. Our residential area along with the area zoned for Briarlake and Sagamore is continuing to show sustained growth. Combining these schools would result in mega elementary schools, which is not conducive to learners. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools. Why would you close a school that is meeting utilization goals, shows sustained growth and is a high performing school?? We are a community school with strong academics, teacher relationships, community buy in and a strong foundation non profit to help offset costs from the district. Financially would cost A LOT more to create the space at Briarlake or Sagamore to house our Oak Grove students. WE DO NOT WANT OUR CHILDREN LEARNING IN TRAILERS!	2/19/2026 5:24 PM
3479	I agree that it does not make sense to keep operating older facilities with declining enrollment as those costs can be very burdensome on the district and take away from funds for educational programs.	2/19/2026 5:13 PM
3480	I understand what needs to happen and respect the scenario created. I agree that Lithonia HS is close to Miller Grove HS. The history and ties to the community of Lithonia HS must be taken into consideration. I feel that Miller Grove HS building needs to be renamed Lithonia HS and become Lithonia HS. Miller Grove is so new, no one would care if it were closed. But Lithonia HS has to remain a school.	2/19/2026 4:19 PM
3481	Evansdale elememtary es buena escuela con una comunidad maravillosa.	2/19/2026 4:09 PM
3482	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students	2/19/2026 3:57 PM

	over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	
3483	Agree that consolidations need to occur--too many facilities with lower enrollment.	2/19/2026 2:46 PM
3484	I support addressing overcrowding at Dunwoody High School and want strong long-term facilities planning across the cluster. Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends and utilization, I would like to better understand how closing Vanderlyn, a highly utilized, top performing elementary school, aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. Before any closure decision, it would be helpful to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications. Vanderlyn Elementary is a vibrant, diverse, and active school. Our testing data shows that our kids continue to thrive academically. We have a highly engaged parent population. The location of the school related to the homes it serves makes transportation easy and it allows kids to build community well outside of the school experience. The building is safe, up to date, and well maintained.	2/19/2026 2:44 PM
3485	Lies!!! All lies Stoneview elementary doesn’t have low enrollment	2/19/2026 2:12 PM
3486	Choose wisely	2/19/2026 1:49 PM
3487	Additions on old buildings are extremely expensive. Has a study been done to ensure that adding onto Briarlake, Sagamore and Laurel Ridge will be cost effective compared with continuing to operate Oak Grove with empty seats, and are those lots really equipped to handle larger facilities and more people? I don’t think they necessarily are. What is the payback period? I happen to believe that population/enrollment will continue to decline past 2030, so putting additions on these schools will result in even more empty seats down the road. Perhaps it makes sense to wait until students can be consolidated without additions.	2/19/2026 12:56 PM
3488	I don't want my kid's school to close. He loves it there and we hope his little brother will, too. It was the 1st STEM school in GA.	2/19/2026 12:43 PM
3489	Do not close Bob Mathis Elementary. Our community is in transition. Young families will need our educational infrastructure to remain in tact.	2/19/2026 11:33 AM
3490	Oak Grove is not underutilized as the data states. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization and projected to be at 96% for the 26-27 school year. This does not align with district's goal of increasing elementary utilization to approximately 88%. We are there and growing.	2/19/2026 11:23 AM
3491	Oak Grove Elementary seems to be the strongest elementary school in our area with the most parent and community support. Of all of the elementary schools to close in our zip code, this one seems to make the least sense to close.	2/19/2026 10:01 AM
3492	Our area is experiencing an incline in children and students. The district’s goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%, but Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%).	2/19/2026 7:13 AM
3493	Overall, I recognize that Dekalb county has to address older facilities and capacity planning. My child goes to Vanderlyn. I believe the school, on its own merits, would not be targeted for closure. It is an excellent school, has a great community and delivers one of the best learning experiences in the county. The facility, while old, has been well maintained and has received the benefits of an active parent community which continues to invest in its upgrades and upkeep. I believe the Vanderlyn community is extraordinary and the results it drives should be preserved. I also believe that the elementary capacity still reflects lower volumes that started during the extended closures in Covid (when parents moved kids to private.) Prior to Covid	2/19/2026 7:13 AM

	Vanderlyn was over capacity and the overall cluster could easily add several hundred more students without much trouble. I don't think it makes sense to strip out this much capacity from elementary schools in district 1. As for how this might help capacity at Dunwoody high. I have a daughter who just graduated so I am familiar with the extreme problems there. Closing Vanderlyn doesn't instantly solve the Dunwoody high problem - as a parent I only want to give up a great elementary school if it is absolutely necessary to deliver a better high school. I have lost confidence that this will happen and I need to see the detailed plan to believe one is related to the other.	
3494	I strongly oppose the consolidation of high-utilization schools like Oak Grove Elementary. The district's claim of 20,000 empty seats is a county-wide average that ignores the reality of the Lakeside and Druid Hills clusters, where schools are at or over capacity. Consolidating these schools would destroy neighborhood stability and worsen already dangerous overcrowding.	2/19/2026 4:44 AM
3495	No closing the school	2/18/2026 11:13 PM
3496	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization). The space in the other schools would be insufficient. Additionally, Oak Grove is one of the highest-performing schools in the County. Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	2/18/2026 9:33 PM
3497	The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made.	2/18/2026 9:22 PM
3498	I understand the need for consolidations. I feel like it is important to keep popular/high-enrollment schools though, including Ashford Park. I also feel that it is very important to keep the Chamblee cluster intact, whatever is decided.	2/18/2026 8:34 PM
3499	Good for budget reasons, less SF to maintain. Student teacher ratio, neighborhood self worth, close social interaction and familiar neighborhoods will suffer or be lost with c!osings.	2/18/2026 8:09 PM
3500	Teachers aren't paid enough but her job security. You're how removing that and expect people to still enter this profession	2/18/2026 7:05 PM
3501	Shocked but understanding that schools need to be consolidated	2/18/2026 7:00 PM
3502	I don't know much about the schools listed as we didn't attend, however they see to be some of the higher functioning schools. It might mean that smaller class sizes are good for the students and community.	2/18/2026 5:06 PM
3503	I'm a parent of children at both Vanderlyn Elementary and Dunwoody High School and I strongly oppose closing Vanderlyn Elementary School. Our family has attended multiple schools in DeKalb County including Dunwoody Elementary and Kittredge, PCMS and also a private school in Roswell, GA and by far, Vanderlyn Elementary School has provided the best learning and social environment for our children. The size of the school and the amazing teachers, staff and PTO have combined to provide my children with an exceptional education at Vanderlyn Elementary! I would hate to see this school close, it would be a terrible decision for the families in our area!	2/18/2026 5:00 PM
3504	I am very concerned that losing Evansdale Elementary, as well as several elementary schools in our surrounding area (Tucker), will be devastating to the communities. Two of my 3 children have attended Evansdale. Although we started at Brockett ES, the switch to Evansdale -solely because of the language immersion program - has been such a positively impactful decision for our family. We also had a wonderful experience at Brockett Elementary. It was very community-centered with a very caring staff. We only made the difficult decision to move to Evansdale for the opportunity to have our children study a second language. An opportunity that should be available at Brockett, perhaps a Spanish Immersion program?	2/18/2026 4:57 PM
3505	Surprised that there are 18,000 student vacancies.	2/18/2026 4:41 PM

3506	Muy acogedor? Pero necesita algunas modificaciones el edificio	2/18/2026 4:33 PM
3507	Consolidations make sound economic sense.	2/18/2026 4:27 PM
3508	I see the need to consolidate resources for efficiency and sustainability. I am concerned about the size of the elementary schools in the facilities scenarios as I firmly believe strong communities are best developed and maintained in smaller numbers. In the scenario of elementary closures, I do not understand how the factors considered relate to the closure list. For instance, Evansdale Elementary is well-utilized and high educational adequacy but appears as a potential closure. These factors are opaque and do not align with the reality of the schools presently.	2/18/2026 4:24 PM
3509	It's terrible! We went with school choice to go to Evansdale because of the DLI program which has been great for our child and are looking forward to my daughter doing the same. We also wanted to avoid Smoke Rise at all costs because of the unprofessionalism of that school's administration, would would have considered Livesy but they are not a part of the school choice program.	2/18/2026 3:36 PM
3510	As a DLI parent in Evansdale, the consolidation plan seems helpless. Parents like me would seek out another French program instead of our children being thrown randomly into another elementary school. The numbers issue would remain. The thought of closing our wonderful, close-knit neighborhood school is painful, as well. I am not I favor of this plan. Evansdale has worked too hard to reach its full DLI potential to be closed. Don't close Evansdale!!	2/18/2026 3:23 PM
3511	I do not want Evansdale Elementary to close.	2/18/2026 3:12 PM
3512	It makes sense that resources should be consolidated and low enrollment schools need to close	2/18/2026 2:56 PM
3513	worried Montgomery would become overcrowded if Ashford park closes, would need to add capacity in permanent buildings (not trailers). Worried for Ashford Park families too, if Montgomery that is fine, but the other alternatives are not as strong academically for the community.	2/18/2026 2:22 PM
3514	If you go through with the facilities scenario it will have no effect on my child. I purposely moved to the Chamblee High district for his benefit, so to me the facilities scenario is great.	2/18/2026 1:53 PM
3515	I understand the need for consolidation to improve resources and approve of it. My main concern is that my child will be redistricted away from current feeder pattern. She is at McClendon now, and should then go to Druid Hills Middle and High. I do not want to see her redistricted to a different high school.	2/18/2026 1:26 PM
3516	Converting schools seems more efficient with resources.	2/18/2026 1:15 PM
3517	It is hard to know how to feel with out a plan on what would come next - where would our kids go to school? What would the closed school land become? When would this happen? I also think having more data to share would be helpful - is the over or under capacity seats a one year thing, a trend over 2-5 years, 10 years?	2/18/2026 1:10 PM
3518	It is a lot. Closing too many elementary schools in one area or cluster impacts the overall community. Younger children will be impacted by longer commutes which can impact their overall health and well being.	2/18/2026 12:58 PM
3519	Oak Grove is an excellent facility. It could use further updating of garden and PE space	2/18/2026 12:29 PM
3520	I understand that the county is facing a significant enrollment imbalance which requires thoughtful long-term planning. However, I strongly oppose redistricting plans that would move students out of high-performing schools like Ashford Park solely to balance enrollment or reduce facility costs. Many families, including mine, made significant financial and personal decisions based on school assignments. We chose to purchase homes in specific neighborhoods—often at $1M+ price points—because of the academic quality, reputation, and outcomes of the assigned schools. School performance is directly tied to property values, and altering boundaries in ways that assign students to lower-performing schools would negatively impact both home values and the return on substantial investments families have made in reliance on existing school zones. While equity across the county is an important goal, redistributing students from high-performing schools into lower-performing ones is not a solution that addresses the root causes of inequity. It risks weakening strong schools without meaningfully improving underperforming ones. Instead of diluting access to high-quality education, the district should focus on replicating what works in its most successful schools—	2/18/2026 11:31 AM

	strong leadership, rigorous academic offerings, engaged parent communities, and programmatic excellence. If facilities are under capacity, I would prefer to see consolidation of under-enrolled schools and reinvestment into expanding and modernizing high-demand, high-performing schools. Renovations and additions at schools that families actively seek out would better align supply with demand than redrawing boundaries in ways that undermine confidence in the district. I am also deeply concerned about potential changes to magnet and advanced academic programs. My currently assigned high school, Chamblee High School, offers a large amount of AP courses and that breadth is not available at other schools. These courses play an important role in college preparation and competitiveness. Reducing or decentralizing such programs in the name of equal distribution may unintentionally lower overall academic rigor and harm student outcomes. Expanding access to advanced coursework is a worthy goal, but it should be done by raising standards and investment at other schools—not by reducing offerings at the highest-performing ones. Families who invested heavily in homes within specific attendance zones did so with the reasonable expectation of stability. Significant changes to school assignments should carefully consider the financial and educational consequences for these communities. I urge the district to prioritize: Consolidation of underutilized, underperforming facilities before redrawing boundaries in high-demand areas Expansion and modernization of high-performing schools where demand exists Investment in improving academic quality at lower-performing schools rather than redistributing students Preservation and expansion of advanced academic and magnet programs Long-term planning should strengthen excellence while addressing inequities—not compromise successful schools in an effort to balance numbers.	
3521	I am a parent that had children at Evansdale Elementary. This school has been very important to the community and neighborhood in bringing families together with the goal of giving our children a great learning and social foundation. To close Evansdale would have a very negative impact on this neighborhood.	2/18/2026 11:18 AM
3522	It is very difficult to provide constructive feedback on the current scenarios based on the information provided. What would be helpful: 1) where will kids go once their current school closes, and will that affect where they are currently projected to go for any school that they would currently "feed" into (for example, if Ashford Park closes, where would they go, and would they be in a different middle/high school than currently projected to go to) 2) impacts on bus times and routes; 3) teacher/staff loss estimates under the scenarios under projections; 4) program loss under each scenario (for example, if an ES is currently STEM certified, but then the teachers are split up, will the district be able to maintain current program offerings). 5) evaluation method and data for each of the scenarios as we go through the process (for example, are you using some sort of transportation modeling to determine the "more efficient" transportation routes, and if yes, stakeholders should be provided with access to that modeling platform and the inputs).	2/18/2026 11:17 AM
3523	I am opposed the consolidations as it’ll make commute to and fro schools longer for some individuals	2/18/2026 10:32 AM
3524	I understand the district feels as though this is the only solution however these is nothing presented that details where the students would go once schools are consolidated.	2/18/2026 10:25 AM
3525	Plan does not seem to assess growth that may occur in some areas of county tied to business development. I’m in an area that is building medical facilities that will attract residents with families (Blank hospital and several other medical facilities).	2/18/2026 10:16 AM
3526	Some changes will have to occur given declining enrollment.	2/18/2026 10:01 AM
3527	My concern is closing down schools due to low enrollment. Do we know why enrollment is low?? I think that should be a starting point. Small classroom sizes are supposedly better for learning.	2/18/2026 9:59 AM
3528	I think that shouldn't be closed so many elementary school. Because these school are good. The school that dealkb trying to close need to stay in the community. Because kids learn more better in small school.	2/18/2026 9:35 AM
3529	As a parent of three children attending Montgomery Elementary and Kittredge Magnet School in the Chamblee cluster, I appreciate the district’s effort to address facility utilization and long-term planning through the Student Assignment Project. I understand that consolidation discussions are often driven by enrollment shifts, building capacity, and resource allocation. However, I have several concerns about the initial facilities scenario. First, stability matters tremendously for families. Consolidations can significantly disrupt students’ academic	2/18/2026 9:26 AM

	continuity, peer relationships, and sense of belonging. Our schools are not just buildings — they are established communities with strong family engagement and support networks. Any consolidation proposal should clearly demonstrate how educational outcomes for students will improve, not just how facilities will be more efficiently utilized. Second, transparency is critical. If consolidations are being considered, families need clear data showing: Current vs. projected enrollment by school Building capacity and utilization rates Cost savings (if any) and how those savings will directly benefit students Impacts on class size, transportation times, and program access Without that level of detail, it is difficult for families to fully evaluate the necessity or fairness of consolidation decisions. Third, the Chamblee cluster has strong feeder patterns and community identity. Consolidations that alter feeder continuity or split established neighborhoods could have long-term ripple effects on enrollment stability and family trust in the district. If changes are unavoidable, grandfathering provisions and clear transition plans are essential to prevent siblings from being separated or students from being forced to move multiple times. Finally, I urge the district to weigh non-quantifiable factors such as school culture, PTA engagement, and magnet program integrity. Kittredge's magnet model, in particular, requires thoughtful planning to ensure its mission and accessibility are not compromised by facility decisions. I support responsible stewardship of district resources, but consolidations should only move forward if they clearly enhance student experience, maintain community cohesion, and provide transparent, measurable benefits to families.	
3530	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: +50 students → ~83% utilization +100 students → ~90% utilization Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion Ongoing Emory hospital expansion $1.1B in FY24 research awards $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	2/18/2026 9:16 AM
3531	The class sizes are too large at the current elementary schools. It is well known that lower class sizes are beneficial to student learning. I do not understand how closing 25 elementary schools is possible without overcrowding. Many of the ES proposed for closing are within the Tucker area. Why is there a focus in this area? The Tucker area is a thriving and desirable community for which the elementary schools are a reason families choose to live there. Evansdale Elementary has a unique and successful French Imersion program that is an asset to the county and the community. Similarly, Midvale has a great STEM program. Programs like these drive enrollement and school community engagement. Investing in more school choice programs is beneficial to the community. It creates excitement for schools. Shouldn't we instead focus on trying to bring in more residents into Dekalb by creating schools they want to attend?	2/18/2026 8:43 AM
3532	I do not support the proposed consolidations. Closing or combining schools would disrupt	2/18/2026 8:42 AM

	students and families, increase transportation challenges, and potentially overcrowd receiving schools. I encourage the district to consider options that maintain stability and preserve each school community before moving forward.	
3533	Some schools are in a neighborhood, how does that affect increasing numbers? Will you build larger schools in neighborhoods and will they allow it. If old/under enrolled schools close will you build larger schools for those who will be accommodating more students? Have you thought of traffic problems when you consolidate. Chesnut already has traffic issues.	2/18/2026 8:25 AM
3534	It's seems that South DeKalb schools have been targeted in a district that already seems to not serve this area of the county to the best of its ability. Instead of pouring more into our community schools so that caretakers in this area do not feel like they have to look for other options for our kids, you are instead planning to just close them.	2/18/2026 5:52 AM
3535	I have 4 kids and am zoned for Montgomery. 3 will be at Corralwood next year, one of which is in a self contained pk3 classroom, and the oldest is currently in K at Montgomery. I believe Ashford Park has some of the services my child in the self contained classroom would need. With Ashford Park proposing to close, I am curious how exceptional education services would be distributed through the area. Best case scenario for my family would be to have all 4 kids at Montgomery with available resources and therapies available.	2/18/2026 12:10 AM
3536	I believe placing kids in grades 6-12 in 1 school significantly increase the possibility of bullying & exposure to older behaviors. Not to mention 6th graders (11-12) are still children while 12th graders are nearly adults. Emotional maturity, physical size, social awareness differ drastically. Safety & discipline concerns. Just to name a few things.	2/18/2026 12:10 AM
3537	I am not very familiar with the schools on the south side of the county, but in cluster 1 we have been dealing with overcrowding and trailers for years. Kittredge had to move farther south to an inconvenient location in order to accommodate overcrowding at the Dunwoody elementary schools, and yet you are looking at closing two Dunwoody elementary schools, so that's confusing to me. It seems like that will increase the overcrowding in that area, which has already been an issue. I don't have a lot of insight into other school closures, but I'm hoping/trusting you are making those decisions with transportation time in mind. Traveling very far to school is extremely difficult when navigating around traffic!	2/17/2026 11:32 PM
3538	Adverse impact	2/17/2026 9:28 PM
3539	I don't have an opinion on a specific closure but agree 100% you must make hard decisions. You can't make everyone happy but that is not your job. Your mission as leaders is to LEAD our county and use our dollars and resources wisely. Please do not back down.	2/17/2026 9:21 PM
3540	Looking at the list of schools and the map of potential school closures, it looks like a sledge hammer approach to district wide issue. A complex solution of which has alot of moving parts, costs a ton of money and has implications of rebuilding and destroying well established communities. There is an eb and flow to population. By the time this kind of plan could be implemented, the demographics could look different. The consolidation of schools will increase traffic in areas where it's already impossible to navigate during peak school hours and roads can't be expanded. A more surgical approach to expand certain schools that have the land and close a few would make more sense. Put the money that a massive approach such as this into our existing infrastructure that is consistently neglected because dekalb county funds are constantly abused.	2/17/2026 9:14 PM
3541	My primary concern is that the scenario proposing closure of Oak Grove ES appears heavily driven by capacity considerations without sufficient weighting of educational stability, school performance, and community impact. Oak Grove ES represents an established, high-functioning learning environment. Closing a stable elementary school introduces significant academic and social-emotional disruption for young students, which may outweigh projected facility efficiencies. DCSD should balance facility utilization with student-centered factors including: • Student stability and continuity of learning environments • Academic performance and school effectiveness • Transportation and commute impacts for elementary students • Community and enrollment consequences • True lifecycle and transition costs Capacity metrics alone should not determine closure decisions, particularly for schools that are performing well and meeting community needs. I support strategic consolidations where there is a clear educational benefit and minimal student disruption. However, I do not support closing Oak Grove ES given its strong educational environment, established community role, and the potential negative impacts on students and families.	2/17/2026 9:07 PM

3542	Based on Vanderlyn's metrics, I am truly confused as to why it is listed for closure other than that it is a smaller neighborhood school. Based on the information on the SAP page, the district does not want small schools believing they cannot have robust programs or cannot operate at low cost. This sends a very "we are only worried about our bottom line message." FCA: Vanderlyn 75.5% - Closing a school with acceptable facility condition creates avoidable capital inefficiency. Investment already made in the building is lost or underutilized Building adequacy: 74.72% - The building is already adequate for educational delivery. Closure would shift students into buildings that may have similar or worse adequacy constraints Utilization: 85.7% - Vanderlyn's ~86% utilization reflects efficient use of capacity and does not align with typical underutilization-based closure criteria; please provide cluster-level utilization comparisons and post-reassignment projections. Capacity: 552, Enrollment 473 - Keeping schools with flex capacity is strategically safer than running all schools near max capacity. Closing a stable enrollment school does not solve long-term district enrollment shifts. At this stage, it is difficult to fully evaluate consolidation scenarios without additional detail about student-level impacts. Before consolidation decisions are finalized, it would be helpful to see projected reassignment plans showing where students would go, projected enrollment and class size at receiving schools after reassignment, and expected transportation time changes. Consolidation decisions are not only facility decisions — they are student experience decisions — and understanding those impacts is important for families to provide meaningful feedback. I would also encourage the district to clearly define which capacity metrics are being used in evaluation (program capacity vs operational capacity), and to provide cluster-level data rather than districtwide averages. District averages may not reflect real seat availability within specific feeder patterns.	2/17/2026 8:55 PM
3543	I think that consolidating the schools with low student numbers makes sense, UNLESS it creates OVERCROWDING, where students won't receive true small groups for remediation/enrichment. Larger class sizes create a disadvantage for not only the students but also the teachers. I do not think consolidation is good in the lower-income areas where typically students perform lower and need more attention during instruction. If the goal is to increase scores and student performance, numbers should stay low in class size so that teachers can teach academics and not worry about behaviors.	2/17/2026 8:32 PM
3544	It makes no sense for Evansdale to be on the list. It is rarely truly underused and is support by the community and parents of active students at a very high level. It is a community asset.	2/17/2026 8:21 PM
3545	I have concerns on which schools will combine. How that will effect students who walk to school.	2/17/2026 8:13 PM
3546	Shut the elementary schools, close any high schools AFTER the current freshman class graduats	2/17/2026 8:02 PM
3547	We could combine elementary schools in the Some Mountain area. There is no reason the area should lose Stone Mountain elementary and Stone Mill elementary at the same time. Hambrick is not the best facility, nor is it in the best neighborhood located on Central Drive. Also, I only see high schools in the South end of the county that are proposed to close. Would it not Make more sense to consolidate rather than close them because they are performing low?	2/17/2026 7:10 PM
3548	I do not support the loss of so many schools including those that are over capacity. This is not the solution to a larger problem and will place nothing but a bandaid over the issue. When I see the plan for the transformation of Lithonia high school and middle school I am nothing but disappointed. This space needs to be expanded, not consolidated.	2/17/2026 6:21 PM
3549	There is no doubt that Oak Grove Elementary should remain open. It is viable, efficent and effective.	2/17/2026 5:47 PM
3550	Like the idea but have lots of questions. There is currently over crowding at Peachtree Middle school. I think it would be helpful to include ideal class sizes for each grade. What would this plan accommodate? Peachtree's class sizes are too big with high 20s low 30s per class.	2/17/2026 5:27 PM
3551	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73%	2/17/2026 5:22 PM

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3552	Bad. I do not like them. They don't make sense. Oak Grove doesn't fall into the stated objective of "utilization". Moving around this many children from a thriving school environment just doesn't make sense for the children or the community. Oak Grove is in an area experiencing growth, shutting down a school near capacity with a thriving community makes 0 sense.	2/17/2026 5:04 PM
3553	Oak Grove Elementary School is an excellent school. The students perform well both academically and socially. Most parents live close to the school and know each other. It was and still is a nice community. Many parents are actively involved. I sincerely doubt that the Oak Grove Elementary School will see a drop in student enrollment. Recently, more young parents with children moved into the neighborhood. For some of them, Oak Grove Elementary was a major reason.	2/17/2026 4:50 PM
3554	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those	2/17/2026 4:16 PM

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3555	It is clear to me that falling enrollment is a critical issue facing the DeKalb County school district. No one is well served by schools that cannot be maintained due to a lack of funding. I disagree that consolidation on this scale is the correct path forward. My children have thrived at Brockett Elementary not only due to the dedicated teachers, staff, and administration, but also the small school within close proximity of our home. The close proximity allows us to attend many school events. Combined with the small size, this provides a path for parents and students to develop close relationship with educators and other families. Consolidation as described in the initial facilities scenario would push family-school participation out of reach for us. On the SAP website, trade-offs are outlined between small school size, robust program offerings, and low operating costs. Rather than focusing on consolidating small schools, operating costs may be an area to explore. Are there additional state or federal grants that could be utilized to cover higher operating costs? Could some facility maintenance be provided by community volunteers/donations of services from local businesses? Are there more parents like myself who are willing to raise and donate funds to keep our small schools open? A small task force could be created to research how to secure greater funding for our district. If it appears viable, a team could be designated to engage the community and raise funds. I implore you, please keep small elementary schools in DeKalb County. Families need to be engaged with their school, which is not possible for many in large schools far from our homes. Brockett Elementary in particular is a special school. Our family made the decision to stay in DeKalb County so that our three children could all attend this incredible tight-knit school. We would be devasted to see Brockett closed and will put in the work to keep it going.	2/17/2026 4:03 PM
3556	I’m concerned about the transition and people pulling kids out of public school. I do think it’s a great idea for more theme schools, early learning and changing from neighborhood schools. It makes sense to consolidate.	2/17/2026 3:54 PM
3557	It is difficult to understand the expenses and plans of expanding the schools neighboring the closing schools to incorporate the students. How could the district facilitate so many of these schools expansion over the course of the 6-8 year timeline provided? Seeing quantitative numbers with the school closings with the anticipated capacities of the remaining schools will better visualize the overarching plan DCSD is exploring. There are some concerns with neighborhoods with increasing population growth trends, such as in the Tucker area, as several elementary schools feeding into both the Tucker and Lakeside clusters are proposed to close. How can Livsey and Idlewood, Briarlake and Hawthorne absorb all of these additional students? What would happen to the students attending the schools that are slated for expansion during the inevitably significant construction period?	2/17/2026 2:40 PM
3558	Chesnut is land locked. How in the world will you expand this school? It makes more sense to move forward with the Kingsley expansion and use Chesnut for Peachtree Middle classes rather than the current trailers.	2/17/2026 2:03 PM
3559	I was shocked at the number of elementary schools listed in the consolidations. I believe it to be a bit more aggressive and as far as additional bus routes that are going to be needed to get students to the newly delegated school. I would like to consider adding 3 year old classes to the district.	2/17/2026 1:36 PM
3560	High schools becoming middle schools and middle schools becoming elementary schools could be necessary	2/17/2026 1:32 PM
3561	lithonia impact too severe	2/17/2026 1:16 PM
3562	It would be detrimental to kids and our community to close Ashford Park. Please do not do this. Our school is physically being expanded and renovated and the parents involvement in the school is some of the best in the nation.	2/17/2026 1:03 PM
3563	I am wonering for the high schools are we taking into account the amount of students who drop out, and for the other schools, the very high transient/homeless population of students we have.	2/17/2026 12:26 PM
3564	Las instalaciones están en malas condiciones, muy sucio tanto, cafetería, salones de clase y	2/17/2026 11:53 AM

	baños. Es importante cuidar la presentación de la escuela ya que por eso muchos alumnos se enferman frecuentemente.	
3565	I believe they are okay, I'm concerned about community	2/17/2026 11:25 AM
3566	Not a good idea, because the focus is on buildings... not students. This doesn't solve the cause of the declining enrollment. The problem is the Dekalb County Commissioners has only focused on SENIORS. creating more facilities and housing for Seniors. Not creating an environment and community for families. Also, the elementary schools carry most of burden and from my research, the elementary schools are also bringing in more money for athletics. Closing neighborhood elementary schools can disrupt young children the most, this can also increase transportation time for them. In other districts, school closures has lead to 45-60 mins additional commute times, increased absenteeism. And it reduces flexibility for FUTURE GROWTH!	2/17/2026 10:39 AM
3567	Ashford Park Elementary is integral to the Ashford Park Community. Please do not close this incredible school.	2/17/2026 9:19 AM
3568	Dekalb Schools have gone from an excellent system in the 1970s to a laughing stock currently. The board and county office have run schools into the ground despite high tax revenue. The schools are overcrowded without any discipline, instruction, or accountability.	2/17/2026 8:54 AM
3569	As a local resident, who is considering having children soon, this plan makes me want to leave the area. I worry what will happen with the empty schools - what is the plan to keep them safe and repurpose them, rather than leaving them empty? What will happen to all the jobs in the community for those across the schools? These concerns need to be addressed before moving forward, if at all.	2/17/2026 8:36 AM
3570	The information provided about the "whys" of elementary closure is inadequate compare to the reasoning behind high/middle closures. AP is the most over crowded elementary school, nearby schools are operating at over-capacity, where do you propose these 725 students go?? How do you justify closure when you are currently spending money renovating? And what does it say about your county when more and more are moving away and going private not because they want to, but because the board antics and corruption, give them no positive options.	2/17/2026 8:35 AM
3571	Schools should not be consolidated.	2/17/2026 8:09 AM
3572	We love Oak Grove - the community, teachers, staff, and environment all make for a wonderful experience both for our child and for us! There is a string sense of community involvement and development amongst everyone who attends.	2/17/2026 7:55 AM
3573	Consolidate as many facilities as possible and reevaluate every 3-5 years	2/17/2026 7:46 AM
3574	Do not close OAk Grove Elementary. The school is a hidden Gem. The school does everything right they teach phonics. They hire extra teachers out of their own foundation money to help with reading. They encourage field trips, international days, literacy parades school dances. It has been the best experience of my child's life.	2/17/2026 1:12 AM
3575	What kind of excuse is this????? Your resources are going to "empty seats" redirect them with the taxes we pay. I want my taxes to pay for OPEN, FUNCTIONAL, AND ENRICHMENT, of Dekalb Schools. Dekalb is a metro atlanta county experiencing rapid growth. Closing TWENTY-SEVEN SCHOOLS, while law enforcement and teachers ALREADY complain about teens not having enough resources to invest in their education & extra curriculum. As a dekalb resident for GENERATIONS. WHOS FAMILY IS FULL OF SUCCESSFUL DEKALB COUNTY GRADUATES & CURRENT SCHOLARS, WHO WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE GENERATIONAL SUCCESS IN THIS COUNTY, THE SCHOOL BOARD NEEDS TO IMMEDIATELY REVOKE THESE BS "DISCUSSIONS" and properly fund our damn schools	2/17/2026 12:57 AM
3576	I'm worried about the impact of Ashford Park ES closing. My fear is a large majority of those students will end up going to private school rather than to an elementary school that has historically not been as strong. I fear the parent involvement that is a big part of Ashford Park Elementary's success will not relocate to a different ES, instead it will follow the students to a private school.	2/16/2026 11:35 PM
3577	Makes sense to consolidate and improve the current facilities to create a better learning environment. Get rid of all trailers and inadequate infrastructure.	2/16/2026 10:37 PM
3578	I do not understand how you think closing 3 of the best performing elementary schools in the district (Livsey, Evandale, and Oak Grove) is good for the surrounding DeKalb County	2/16/2026 10:04 PM

	communities. Is this part of your plan to destroy the strong communities in the northern part of DeKalb? Our kids can walk or ride to their schools, with few needing to bus. These are community schools with strong parental engagement. Do not do this or I and my families will do everything we can to vote you out of office.	
3579	I think capacity numbers tell one element. I think for folks to feel fully informed, we need data by school for number and percentage of unfilled seats, how many students are in each homeroom/grade classroom and how many the district expects. There has also been very little data about the type of programming schools currently lack and formal commitment to how any operating cost savings would go to schools - which schools and which programs/students benefitting. Impact analysis on remaining schools, traffic and infrastructure. Sagamore will not have a larger parking lot or added drop off and pick up areas. Safety and community are at risk. My child has benefited tremendously from being in a small community based school. Its small size and positive family feedback was a HUGE reason we did not choose private school. If our school experiences dramatic growth in classroom size and overall numbers, it's very likely we would look to private school for our children. Is there data on prek programs and ultimate enrollment. Turning away preK students in the lottery must result in transitions to private prekindergarten and with it a higher likelihood of private elementary and schooling in general. Personally our children are much more likely to attend dekalbs large middle and high schools only because of our smaller elementary drawing us into the public school pipeline. I worry greatly plan this will worsen enrollment issues.	2/16/2026 9:59 PM
3580	I understand that the scenarios aren't final, but it would be helpful to understand the specific metrics behind proposed closing/expansion.	2/16/2026 9:09 PM
3581	Makes no sense. A lot of money and time have been put into the schools that are marked closing. Many of these schools have trailers because there is not enough room. How are they not filled to capacity?? Having to drive far to elementary or making the kids take a bus that would take a significant amount longer than it already does is a waste. My daughter rides the bus in the morning and it takes 30 minutes to get to school. That means getting on the bus at 6:30am. What time would these kids have to wake up to go to an even further school?	2/16/2026 8:51 PM
3582	Neighborhoods want to make sure that the schools stay in tack, ensuring consolidation doesn't lead to students get bused further away, having to wake up earlier than already necessary. Teachers want to work in the community they are currently assigned to and their commute needs to be taken into consideration. Programs need to be marketed so that there is a reason to support the changes. Clarity needs to be provided as to where the consolidations will be moved to. It is hard to determine where the closed schools will be moved to based on the diagrams provided.	2/16/2026 8:43 PM
3583	Based on potential enrollment numbers it makes sense.	2/16/2026 8:39 PM
3584	I totally disagree and it appears that most of the schools. that are not affected with the scenarios are schools that in the northern part of Dekalb County.	2/16/2026 8:36 PM
3585	The traditional school configuration of K–5, 6–8, and 9–12 reflects natural developmental stages and has served students well over time. While enrollment efficiency is important, it should not outweigh what is developmentally appropriate for students. Wide age gaps within the same school—such as elementary students with middle schoolers or middle schoolers with high school seniors—raise valid concerns about social, emotional, and academic alignment. At the same time, creating very narrow grade bands can unintentionally place strain on families. Splits such as PK–3 and 4–5 may increase the number of transitions students experience and make it difficult for siblings to attend school together. This can significantly complicate daily logistics for parents and caregivers.	2/16/2026 8:00 PM
3586	Just broadly looking at the closure map, it does present a very stark picture of our lowest income county residents having to travel further for school, and our higher income residents receiving both expansions and fewer closures.	2/16/2026 7:45 PM
3587	Less students means better student to teacher ratios and better outcomesof individual needs being met. If you consolidate schools, you're overcrowding classrooms to save money. That's not right. And the staff loses jobs.	2/16/2026 7:34 PM
3588	Some additional research needed. Oak Grove elementary has growing statistics and with many of the neighborhoods around getting younger demand will go up.	2/16/2026 6:26 PM
3589	It's a financially responsible step that would ensure all students are learning in solid, brick-and-mortar buildings with working AC, reliable heat, and roofs that don't leak. At the same time,	2/16/2026 5:11 PM

	some of the schools on the closure list are in areas where other schools are already overcrowded. I hope any buildings that close will be repurposed for programs and will continue to serve students and local communities.	
3590	I would be against closing Oak Grove Elementary as it is nearly 89% full with projections to rise to 96% with continued housing development. I would not be in favor of grades 6-12 at the same school for the most part.	2/16/2026 4:55 PM
3591	Still not sure what is happening	2/16/2026 4:47 PM
3592	I believe the benefits of consolidation may outweigh the drawbacks. Aging school buildings can create real challenges for both teachers and students, especially in a rapidly advancing world where modern, interactive learning environments are essential. Schools should strive to be engaging and dynamic spaces that inspire students to stay involved and motivated. At the same time, we must consider the potential impact of larger class sizes, which can make individualized attention more difficult. One possible solution could be increasing the number of teacher assistants to help ensure that every student feels supported, seen, and heard.	2/16/2026 4:19 PM
3593	I'm concerned about overcrowding schools and increased class sizes with so much consolidation.	2/16/2026 4:07 PM
3594	Oak Grove Elementary is a shining example of an elementary school done right. Closing it would be a mistake.	2/16/2026 4:07 PM
3595	Your plans increase enrollment at schools that are already at capacity. I will personally work to vote every one of you out if you close these schools.	2/16/2026 4:06 PM
3596	Concerned about the capacity.	2/16/2026 3:53 PM
3597	I feel that the approach is to stuff as many children into a school as possible and to close successful schools with good test scores and place them in failing schools based solely on numbers. Dekalb County should be ashamed of themselves.	2/16/2026 3:30 PM
3598	Concern about the closing of some good schools.	2/16/2026 3:27 PM
3599	The initial facility scenarios seem largely justified and sensible at least in District 2.	2/16/2026 3:25 PM
3600	Well it's good	2/16/2026 3:18 PM
3601	Please keep ashford park elementary as is	2/16/2026 3:08 PM
3602	Strongly oppose the closing of a well loved school deeply rooted witihin the community.From the data available Oak grove is near capacity expected to be at 96% capacity as per projections for the next few year. Consolidation will only remove functional capacity rather than eliminate excess capacity. Closure would further cause Oak grove students to primarily shift to Sagamore or Brairlake which would mean an expansion of these schools need to be done before adding more students to it , which would only add more chaos than helping a smooth transition in a good teaching environment.	2/16/2026 3:07 PM
3603	Strongly oppose the move to close Oak Grove elementary(OGE). OGE is the heart of Oak grove community. Oak Grove meets the utilization goal and is a high performing stable school. Closing a high performing school questions the real goal of a school district. Does the school district care about quality? Oak Grove Elementary is a long-standing neighborhood school that has served multiple generations of families in the Oak Grove community for decades. Its stability and continuity are reflected in strong academic performance, high teacher retention, and consistent enrollment demand. High performing schools are not made in few months or years. This requires a strong community as well. Strong academic culture is made over many years and decades. Closing such a school would be destructive to students and community. Oak Grove's 2025 Performance Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among the 26 elementary schools reviewed; Top-tier performance within DeKalb County) Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest in the review group). The district's consolidation model targets approximately 88% elementary utilization. Oak Grove is already operating above that level and continues to grow. 2025: 447 students (89% utilization) 2026 projected: 487 students (~96% utilization)	2/16/2026 3:06 PM
3604	I think that schools should be combined and staff should be combined to allow for more effective learning opportunities.	2/16/2026 2:55 PM
3605	Consolidating is fine, so long as students can get proper instruction and transportation.	2/16/2026 2:54 PM
3606	I hate to see Midvale ES on the list. Midvale is a great neighborhood school that prepares	2/16/2026 2:50 PM

	students for life through the IBPYP. I don't think there's another elementary school in that cluster that is IB Certified.	
3607	I would prefer Oak Grove stay open	2/16/2026 2:48 PM
3608	no feedback	2/16/2026 2:46 PM
3609	no feedback	2/16/2026 2:34 PM
3610	This seems to be a regular cycle and is a fairly expensive option to keep repeating.	2/16/2026 2:34 PM
3611	These scenarios make sense, although I am concerned that in closing/repurposing high schools, already at/over capacity schools (such as Lakeside) will incur an excess of students.	2/16/2026 2:34 PM
3612	Keep Oak grove the same	2/16/2026 2:32 PM
3613	Oak Grove should not close - amazing teachers, great academic performance, great test scores, great teacher retention	2/16/2026 2:29 PM
3614	It would be a big mistake to consolidate Oak Grove Elementary when it is a great school, it has done amazing work with our children and continues to grow in size	2/16/2026 2:22 PM
3615	I don’t agree with the school closures.	2/16/2026 2:16 PM
3616	I think it's great so far. I would love to see how school attendance zones are determined.	2/16/2026 2:11 PM
3617	Inappropriate and not best serving students	2/16/2026 2:10 PM
3618	The plan seems to make sense based on the projected resources. I know that this process is supposed to be separated from the redistricting, but I believe some minds could be eased and we could provide more informed input if there was insight into redistricting.	2/16/2026 2:08 PM
3619	I understand the need to consolidate buildings, based on decreased enrollment. However, the human element needs to be considered, not just seeing students/teachers as "numbers." Alos, certain buildings may need to be reimagined/redesigned to cater to the different populations. For example, if a middle school building will house elementary school students, the restrooms would need some changes. The building configurations would need to be taken into consideration, as well.	2/16/2026 1:57 PM
3620	I absolutely 100% disagree with closing small neighborhood schools to make larger clusters of schools. I worked in larger schools. You lose the ability to really connect with students and help with their needs. My child is in a large middle school and he has become lost in a sea of children. He has an IEP and he isn't being served as well as he had in elementary when it was only 400ish students. Larger schools do not perform well. I think that you can retain smaller schools and just use them more effectively. Also, larger schools like Fernbank Elementary were built, and they weren't able to fill the space, while smaller schools were crowded. STOP building larger schools that ultimately will have many classrooms that are empty.	2/16/2026 1:16 PM
3621	KMS is essential to the DeKalb and Atlanta community. It has educated and trained top work force for Georgia and lead to strong economic growth that we all benefit from. Oak Grove Elementary serves as an award winning school in the community that has built the history of the neighborhood and community. Talented alumni of Oak Grove are the leaders in all areas in Georgia today which can not be ignored. We need to keep these two schools operating as is if not better invested for the greater good of all.	2/16/2026 1:08 PM
3622	It makes me sad to lose some of these schools. I understand the challenge, but these schools are also part of the community. Ashford Park is our local school and it has been wonderful for our family. If that were to close, where would the children in this neighborhood go?	2/16/2026 1:06 PM
3623	I strongly urge the district to reconsider consolidating Midvale Elementary School. We are the only IB and STEM elementary school in the area and the only IB elementary school within the Tucker cluster. Families intentionally choose our school because of this unique programming, and consolidation risks losing these valuable programs. Our school has excellent staff, supportive families, and strong community involvement. Our size allows us to build meaningful relationships and provide individualized support to students. Losing this unique school option would have a significant impact on students, families, and the Tucker cluster community.	2/16/2026 12:52 PM
3624	I do understand the possible consolidations, my question is, how will you repurpose Cedar Grove MS?	2/16/2026 12:45 PM

3625	Don't close the schools.	2/16/2026 12:32 PM
3626	I believe that one of a school's primary responsibilities is to build communities. The scenarios presented where schools close and/or become monstrosities in modest communities and shifting attendance zones away from a child's home take away from this very belief.	2/16/2026 12:30 PM
3627	While I understand the trends and information provided. The information fails to mention the root causes of decreased enrollment in DCSD. While consolidating schools might seem like a logical idea it fails to address the success of individual schools and specific programs. In my case my daughter is thriving in Evansdale French DLI program	2/16/2026 12:23 PM
3628	I think it makes sense to consolidate schools, especially if they just don't have enough kids.	2/16/2026 12:07 PM
3629	How am I supposed to provide any meaningful feedback if you do not provide the reasons to close certain schools. You say that Ashford Park Elementary is overutilized/too crowded but then you want to close Ashford Park Elementary but not give reasons? You need to provide reasons and supporting data. I live within a 10 minute walking distance from Ashford Park Elementary and I want my current 2 year old to attend Ashford Park when he is older. I do not want you to close Ashford Park Elementary but I'm agreeable to keeping an open mind. But you did not provide any reasoning or supporting data for the closure of Ashford Park Elementary so I cannot provide any feedback other than DO NOT CLOSE ASHFORD PARK ELEMENTARY BECAUSE IT IS ONE OF THE BEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY.	2/16/2026 11:41 AM
3630	I think Midvale should not be consolidated because it is an IB school. IB schools lose certification when they are consolidated with other schools that are not IB certified. If Midvale is closed, we will not have a school in our community. When schools are consolidated, the students may lose the nurturing they were formerly receiving. This could have a negative impact on student success.	2/16/2026 11:36 AM
3631	If my children's classroom's student-to-teacher ratio increases, I am not in favor of consolidation. Smaller class sizes are ideal learning environments. I do not want a ratio greater than 10:1.	2/16/2026 11:24 AM
3632	I think this would be terrible for the community. This neighborhood is full of young families. Closing Oak Grive would destroy property values.	2/16/2026 11:14 AM
3633	In the Tucker cluster, it makes far more financial sense to expand Brockett or Midvale and close Livsey. Midvale could be expanded onto the current field and still have room for a playground. They could also build a new footprint entirely on the field and then tear down the current building to make playground and much needed parking. Brockett also has a footprint much more condusive to expansion. The Livsey property is not condusive to an expansion without excessive cost to make the site viable. The school is tiny, there is no direct access to the front door, parking is very limited, and they already have multiple grades in trailers, and have for years.	2/16/2026 11:05 AM
3634	Makes complete sense for operational expenses.	2/16/2026 11:02 AM
3635	I agree with consolidation to reduce the strain of overload classroom sizes that some teachers has to deal with.	2/16/2026 10:55 AM
3636	I am a teacher at Lithonia High School, and I'm concerned that the school may be closed down in the future. This high school serves 1600 students and is in the heart of the city of Stonecrest, which is growing rapidly. Lithonia High School should either be expanded or a new larger build should be built for the high school.	2/16/2026 10:51 AM
3637	Henderson Mill Elementary is a fantastic STEAM certified school which is a big reason that I chose it. Regardless of where the consolidation pushes my child I would hope that STEAM certification will be present for that school as well. I could have my child attend private school but for the education I know Henderson Mill has with the STEAM certification I chose not to. If Henderson Mill is closed what will the school be repurposed as? For it to be an empty behemoth that can be trashed would be a very sad thing for the community. I really love Henderson Mill and all the opportunities it offers, but mostly the education and wonderful quality of teacher it has.	2/16/2026 10:46 AM
3638	I believe the district’s consolidation planning should focus on efficiently using resources while ensuring strong support for students’ learning and well-being within DeKalb County School District.	2/16/2026 10:34 AM

3639	I think that the focus should be on not consolidation but fixing up Chesnut, and not closing Kingsley or Ashford park.	2/16/2026 10:31 AM
3640	While I understand combining and consolidating schools and changing usage dynamics. I'm not sure best practices for the whole is being considered	2/16/2026 10:20 AM
3641	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion.	2/16/2026 10:04 AM
3642	I do not understand the specific reasons for proposing to close Evansdale Elementary, the only French dual language immersion (DLI) program in DeKalb County, which is well-established and has shown to enable students to more effectively gain proficiency in a foreign language than traditional models, leading to greater cognitive skills and higher performance on standardized tests, among other benefits. Evansdale has a very high Great Schools rating, including compared to other nearby elementary schools (e.g., Pleasantdale), and has a highly engaged parent community and strong PTO. Proposing to close Evansdale because of the age of the facility without regard for its thriving DLI program, successful outcomes, and passionate parent community is inadequate and short-sighted. As a parent, community member, and DCSD stakeholder, I want to hear the SAP panel affirm the ongoing existence of the French DLI program (and other DeKalb DLI programs), and its continuity through middle and high school as currently implemented. If you want for me and parents like me to be on board with this shake up, then we need to hear you all affirm that these successful programs WILL continue regardless of where they're located.	2/16/2026 10:02 AM
3643	Brockett and Evansdale are a tight knit community that has served the community for the longest and graduated generations of household. There are literally educators who returned to serve to give back what they received. A school like Evansdale that is predominantly Hispanic and the ONLY FRENCH school in Dekalb should hold its legacy and remain standing. It is challenging enough that our Hispanic population is experiencing major challenges due to ICE - this has caused (and still causing) major displacements and instability for family where the school may be their only safe haven. Evansdale should remain standing, so should Brockett.	2/16/2026 10:01 AM
3644	Disheartened. I understand the financial side of things but as a teacher, I don't believe that larger elementary schools is necessarily best for students.	2/16/2026 9:54 AM
3645	Are there excess seat because people are going to private school? It would be great to know that. That would mean instead of closing some schools, work on the academics. For example, Kingsley was once very good, bit through poor leadership it lost its charter, STEAM program and has a lackluster gifted program. Any thought to making these schools with opportunity to serve a smaller amount of students into academic institutions that bring the kids back?	2/16/2026 9:54 AM
3646	I strongly oppose the proposal to convert the high school into a middle school and reassign high school students to other campuses. While consolidation may aim to address budget or enrollment shifts, the educational and operational risks appear significant.	2/16/2026 9:46 AM
3647	I don't believe we should close schools.	2/16/2026 9:45 AM
3648	I worry that as the COVID exodus from public school is not as prominent and new families return to public school, we will be in an overcrowding situation again in the Dunwoody cluster. Dunwoody high school is overcrowded which does not seem to be addressed in any of these scenarios.	2/16/2026 9:43 AM
3649	It makes sense that DeKalb will have to consolidate schools due to the declining birth rate. Maybe at some point, the district will take better care of the school facilities and teachers too. We speak specifically from our title 1 school experience, rat infestations, no fire sprinklers etc etc	2/16/2026 9:40 AM
3650	Do not close Kingsley. Kingsley is a small school where teachers know students throughout the school, not just in their class. It creates a sense of community that supports learning through a shared trust.	2/16/2026 9:39 AM

3651	Closing of Kingsley does not help our community. The community is small yet mighty. We have loving and caring teachers who drive instruction with data. Our community feels supported by our school.	2/16/2026 9:37 AM
3652	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed consolidation plan. I appreciate the district's focus on improving facility utilization and long-term planning. However, based on the data presented, closing Oak Grove Elementary does not appear to align with the stated goals of the initiative. Oak Grove Already Meets and Exceeds the Utilization Target The district has identified approximately 88% utilization as the target benchmark. According to the October 2025 Enrollment Report, Oak Grove is already operating at 89% utilization (447 students enrolled in a 504-seat capacity), exceeding the stated goal. Furthermore, projections shared at the February 2026 PTA meeting indicate enrollment is expected to reach 487 students in 2026—approximately 96% utilization. Enrollment trends demonstrate sustained recovery and growth following the temporary pandemic decline: * 2023: 389 students * 2024: 428 students * 2025: 447 students (89% utilization) * 2026 projected: 487 students (96% utilization) This is not a pattern of underutilization, but of steady upward growth. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within the next two to three years. Closing a school that already exceeds the utilization target does not resolve underutilization; instead, it removes capacity from a corridor that is approaching full enrollment. Capacity Constraints in the Lakeside Cluster If Oak Grove were to close, its 447 students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake. With only 173 seats of combined availability between those two schools, they cannot absorb Oak Grove's enrollment without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. This proposal appears to relocate where capacity must be built rather than eliminate the need for it. In addition, there is documented residential development within 2–4 miles of the Oak Grove neighborhood that is expected to increase student enrollment across all three schools. This growth does not include the continued housing demand associated with expansion by CHOA and Emory. This area is not experiencing structural decline; it is experiencing concentrated growth. Academic Performance and Stability Oak Grove is one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: * Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) * Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) It is a sought-after school with strong academic outcomes. Research consistently shows that non-voluntary elementary school moves can reduce short-term academic performance due to cohort disruption and loss of continuity. When stable neighborhood schools close, some families leave the public system for nearby private or charter options. This reduces enrollment and funding without eliminating facility needs. Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top academic tier does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	2/16/2026 9:34 AM
3653	Oak Grove Elementary school is at capacity with the number of students. The teachers and level of education provided is excellent. I do not see any reason why would this school be a candidate to be closed down.	2/16/2026 9:30 AM
3654	Evansdale has a unique French/STEM program that warrants our smaller enrollment size. We are creating multilingual learners. Knowing another language is integral to becoming a global citizen, which today's youth will increasingly need. Starting at a young age (elementary school) is essential to learning a new language.	2/16/2026 9:29 AM
3655	I think everyone in the financing department should be FIRED. Dekalb county must do better in budgeting the district's money. They also need to require a CLAUSE in the superintendent's contract that states if they are fired, get arrested, or quit then the contract is null and void. Teachers need a significant raise so we can actually live in this economy.	2/16/2026 9:28 AM
3656	My initial thought is that this looks like the right thing to do.	2/16/2026 9:28 AM
3657	Mold in the building, leaks, a lot of empty classrooms and teachers call out of work a lot. There are always substitutes there that don't teach so children are not learning. The state test scores are very low for it to be a "Theme" school	2/16/2026 9:27 AM
3658	I think it makes sense.	2/16/2026 9:22 AM
3659	Closing Oak Grove elementary is a horrible idea. The school is high performing, almost at capacity and it's the reason we moved to this neighborhood. We will move to the suburbs if the current plan to close it is implemented.	2/16/2026 9:22 AM
3660	I feel that it negatively impacts the entire community that surrounds these schools. Schools such as Kelley Lake ES have been beacons in the communities in which they reside.	2/16/2026 9:16 AM

3661	Oak Grove is not underutilized. For many years, it was actually overcrowded. It currently satisfies the goal of 88% utilization, and the trajectory is upward. The other schools in the cluster do not have the capacity to absorb the students from Oak Grove without significant expansion. The creation of mega-schools instead of community schools is a poor choice. It requires more busing (which the county already struggles with) to concentrate kids in larger schools where community building is more difficult. A higher quantity of smaller schools is preferable for the education of children...which should be the goal of any school system. Moreover, the schools slated to absorb the students from OGE are themselves growing because of a resurgence of this area including construction of high density projects. This plan leads to larger overcrowded schools.	2/16/2026 9:07 AM
3662	I do not believe that Sagamore Hills should be on the expansion list. Sagamore Hills was built in the 1950's and it truly is designed as such. As a staff members there we have many issues such as not enough parking for staff members and visitors, We do not have enough bathrooms for staff and even students, and the building in truly outdated. Sagamore Hills should be turned into a District Office of used in a different capacity. Maybe if they did slight changes and upgraded the bathrooms in the building it would be a great office for Area 1.	2/16/2026 9:06 AM
3663	Major concerns need to be further addressed. 1. Clarity on school-level rationale. Families need transparent criteria, including facility adequacy, enrollment projections and cost analyses as to why the 27 potential schools are being closed/repurposed. 2. Families need to know how magnet programs, theme schools, STEAM/STEM pathways will shift within this new facility configurations. 3. Transportation Impacts. With 27 school closings, this will impact transportation to new schools causing longer bus routes and more attendance infractions due to tardies/ absences because of longer traffic issues.	2/16/2026 9:05 AM
3664	The only plan that i feel is feasible enough for implementation is combining k-8 and leaving 9-12. This conversion is going to affect many low income households that are already struggling to effective care for, transport, and educate multiple kids. By having kids that need to go further from home, go to multiple different schools in different directions without a stable support system is going to put undue stress on many of the parents, which are likely to be single parent households. These households are likely to use public transportation, can't afford ride sharing, or have a vehicle that is not reliable. I would like to understand the school bus issue more with having a k-8 and 9-12 schools only.	2/16/2026 9:00 AM
3665	People choose schools based on ratings, parent involvement, principal, and school resources. This proposed plan could drastically impact the property value of our homes if there is a major redistricting of the school lines. I can also see this causing a lot of parents to pull out of public school and choose private which would have adverse reaction of keeping our schools full.	2/16/2026 8:58 AM
3666	I do not think this is the answer, nor will it be beneficial to the students, families, or enrollment in the long run. (See feedback below).	2/16/2026 8:57 AM
3667	One of the only advantages an elementary school in south Dekalb has right now is smaller class sizes. I am concerned that this one advantage will be taken away.	2/16/2026 8:55 AM
3668	I’m a bit confused about some of the proposed facilities being proposed to close in my area. I understand Oak Grove has lower enrollment but I’d think it more capacity than some other schools in the area and more updated facilities due in part to it’s Foundation that pays for playground and other improvements. I can’t speak to the closing on many of the schools as many are not near me so I don’t know much about them.	2/16/2026 8:52 AM
3669	It was very upsetting to see Oak Grove Elementary on the list of possible closures. OGE was a huge draw for us to buy a house in this neighborhood, and we have loved the community it fosters. My son, who attends currently, sees his friends and classmates at the playground, the grocery store, and all around so we really value having this neighborhood school. I think the research is clear on the value of small schools as well. OGE is in demand, near capacity and high-performing. I think DCSD risks losing many of these families and students should they close it. I am also concerned about the lack of information about what the district plans to do with the school building in the event of a closure.	2/16/2026 8:47 AM
3670	Seems to be a lot of disruption in South Dekalb and little to no disruption in North Dekalb. This leads to the incorrect perception that south Dekalb contains the problem schools. I don’t like that look. I want to know your plans for increasing the enrollment in Theme schools, which are your highest performing schools in South Dekalb.	2/16/2026 8:46 AM
3671	I think the schools for closures are too close together and will impact transportation and	2/16/2026 8:42 AM

	access way too much.	
3672	I would like our school to stay open. It's a nice building and it's close to my home.	2/16/2026 8:40 AM
3673	Please don't close Oak Grove Elementary	2/16/2026 8:40 AM
3674	I am both surprised and disappointed	2/16/2026 8:39 AM
3675	Oak Grove should be turned into a 4th-6th grade magnet school. The building cannot be expanded. The parking cannot be expanded.	2/16/2026 8:36 AM
3676	Any change of schools within a neighborhood will be a disruption and need an adjustment period for students, teachers and parents.	2/16/2026 8:33 AM
3677	I feel that this is a great consideration. I would hope that all factors are fairly considered and implemented.	2/16/2026 8:30 AM
3678	I would not recommend merging the elementary and middle schools. There are already too many students in 1 classroom. I have about 27-29 students in just 1 home room class. Students, parents, and teachers will be overwhelmed. Not a good move Dekalb	2/16/2026 8:23 AM
3679	The consolidation is a big shock to the community. I have no children at this time but in the future I would hope my children have close proximity to the schools they attend. Fortunately the school near that is on the consolidation list is browns mill elementary. I think that in the event of closures we need reassurance of what the closed schools would turn into. If we are trying to push charter schools thats going to be an issue, if we're repurposing schools for businesses then that would be interesting. Im not necessarily against the consolidation but everyone need assurance of what these closed schools will turn into.	2/16/2026 8:18 AM
3680	N/A	2/16/2026 8:17 AM
3681	Can we see a breakdown of the reasoning behind each school listed on the close list	2/16/2026 8:16 AM
3682	I am vehemently and adamantly against the consolidation of these schools. Small neighborhood schools are the bedrock foundation for community growth and neighborhood support.	2/16/2026 8:10 AM
3683	From a financial standpoint it makes sense. However, I believe a lot is lost when moving away from smaller neighborhood schools. Not just from the education but neighborhood fabric which leads to more stable housing stock and DeKalb be long a better place to do business which will come full circle to improving schools and their budgets over the long term.	2/16/2026 8:08 AM
3684	We strongly oppose the closure of Oak Grove Elementary School. It is stated that it is under-enrolled, but we believe we are still recovering from the pandemic when many families pulled their kids out of Dekalb. Many kids went to private because of loss of confidence in Dekalb. Let's focus on making the district great, not further reducing numbers in a downward spiral. Elementary schools should remain small for the best experience of the kids, teachers, and parents. If we remove all those trailers, is OGE at the capacity for which it was originally intended?	2/16/2026 8:07 AM
3685	SRES served as a test case; ask me how that turned out. If it had been successful, there wouldn't be any concerns. However, you have more children, larger classes, and the same resources. You end up with a building full of kids without parental and family involvement. It doesn't make sense. Children thrive in smaller settings. Spending $10 million on new district salaries and acquiring a $6 million rundown building could enhance families' confidence in their local schools. Instead, they are crammed into a facility with more resources, knowing that these very resources are diluted by the increased number of children. Make it make sense. We want what's best for the kids, and even the teachers, not what's better for the CO and its top-heavy, high-paying positions. Conduct the forensic audit, dismiss the BOE, and perhaps you'll uncover funds that can be redirected and properly utilized to provide our teachers and staff with a living wage. Stop overspending on testing. There's too much testing and technology while teaching is neglected. Let the teachers and students breathe and stop treating them like machines. The decline is evident everywhere, but that's because they keep implementing the same foolish changes.	2/16/2026 8:02 AM
3686	They're ok but do need improvement makeover maybe	2/16/2026 7:58 AM
3687	It makes sense to consolidate.	2/16/2026 7:57 AM
3688	Would be great if Lakeside students would not be in trailers. I worry about security and weather	2/16/2026 7:55 AM

	events.	
3689	Please do not consolidate 6th graders with high schoolers.	2/16/2026 7:43 AM
3690	As a Cedar Grove High School teacher, I do have some reservations about us consolidating and moving to McNair High School, especially since the schools have been rivals for years. Not only am I a DCSD teacher, but I am also a product of the DCSD. While I lived in the McNair area, my parents did not want my brother and I to attend it because of McNair High School's reputation of having limited instructional opportunities and increased behavioral issues. Therefore, I attended Lakeside High School via the M to M program, and my brother attended Cedar Grove High School by my parents using a friend of the family's address. At the time, Cedar Grove was a school of excellence, and McNair was viewed as problematic.	2/16/2026 7:36 AM
3691	I do not support the proposed school consolidations. Schools are the heart of their communities, and closures would disrupt students academically and emotionally while increasing class sizes and transportation burdens. I strongly encourage the district to explore alternative solutions that preserve neighborhood schools and prioritize stability for our students and families.	2/16/2026 7:28 AM
3692	Consultations eliminate 4 elementary schools that are near my house. It's concerning that my children (ages 2 & 1) may not have a local school due to this consolidation. Also, this proposal seems to create larger class sizes which is not effective for learning.	2/16/2026 7:10 AM
3693	when I go to Arabia or miller grove they are cleaner then tucker high. Tucker has mold growing	2/16/2026 7:10 AM
3694	The finances and numbers cannot be the largest factor in making a decision. Class sizes are already too big, even for small schools. Children are unable to learn with limited resources and larger class rooms.	2/16/2026 5:49 AM
3695	I don't believe that these schools should be shut down because there more than just schools there important they hold great memories for not just myself but my family and I sure the entire community.	2/16/2026 1:35 AM
3696	Consolidation does nothing for the amount of resources necessary to equip a facility that will likely double in size. If resources are thin now, they will likely remain thin with consolidation. The budget and resources will not be able to prioritize the students environmental shift and learning. It will cause a significant impact on both the parents and students, as far a district and zoning goes, effecting transportation costs and complexities of education. The initial facilities scenario is extremely vague, lacking the necessary information to make a responsible decision in consolidation favor.	2/16/2026 1:18 AM
3697	Consolidations may be needed and updating or relocating buildings may also be needed. However, the smaller size schools are most beneficial in my opinion. Removing the small neighborhood schools would totally change the advantage of the Dekalb County model for the more human small-scale schools, especially at the elementary level.	2/15/2026 11:32 PM
3698	I know it needs to be done for the sake of improving outcomes for our students and district overall. I have concerns regarding the McNair - Cedar Grove scenario	2/15/2026 10:49 PM
3699	I think it’s a lazy move from the district. I would like more information on why and how resources are spread thin, and why that requires uprooting 27 schools. I think schools that are over capacity can be evaluated so that students are not suffering in overpopulated hallways and classrooms, but shutting down that many schools simply isn’t a long-term solution either.	2/15/2026 10:35 PM
3700	It's a inconvenience to every student that wants a better future for themselves as long with the parents and teachers and any everyone involved with these schools	2/15/2026 10:26 PM
3701	I think that one of the things that makes Dekalb County schools special is that we have small community schools. Our schools are not built on huge pieces of land like in Gwinnett so it makes it impossible to change these schools into huge schools. Nobody wants a towering huge school in the middle of their neighborhood or the traffic that it creates coming into their neighborhood. The Sagamore neighborhood already complains about the traffic from Cliff Valley, so I cannot imagine how upset they will be once more people are speeding into the neighborhood. I think that there is something to be said for a true community school. You definitely won’t save on gas for buses. The schools will be way too large for the footprint of the building. Also, what are you going to do with all of the open buildings. We don’t want empty buildings that are unkept in our community.	2/15/2026 10:13 PM
3702	Closing that many schools seems beyond necessary, what happens to the buildings and land?	2/15/2026 10:10 PM

	If they are to be sold or repurposed, the budget for that will exceed maintaining the current school. What happens when attendance rates increase again? COVID withdrawals account for a huge decrease in Dekalb public schools. Keeping smaller schools provides students with better educational opportunities, the cost to build and expand some schools would be higher than leaving the schools that are at or above a certain enrollment. OGE attendance is full and multiple Dekalb choice students choose this school, would be a huge loss to the community if it were closed. The OGE foundation provides support and resources far beyond most public schools.	
3703	Chestnut is a gem and its small size works. Close Kingsley and split its zone between chestnut and vanderlyn.	2/15/2026 10:03 PM
3704	All three of my children attend these neighborhood schools.	2/15/2026 9:53 PM
3705	DCSD should pause this discussion until more information is provided to the public on the data used to reach the closure list. The Lakeside cluster should be reviewed further. Closing Oak Grove Elementary does not make sense - and the enrollment projections are inaccurate. Enrollment is projected (per DCSC records) to increase for the 4th consecutive year this coming fall. With correct data, the school meets utilization criteria. It is also one of the top performing schools in the district.	2/15/2026 9:39 PM
3706	As my students (2) go to Oak Grove, I am sharing my feedback on the recommendation to close Oak Grove Elementary. Oak Grove currently meets the county's target utilization percentage at 89% and according to projections over the next year or two should continue to increase that utilization percentage (up to about 96%). While the building is old and needs some renovations (for example HVAC updates/repairs; like a lot of Dekalb County Schools that have been neglected), the students are being successful. Further, DCSD has not demonstrated that this plan of consolidating schools will be effective. Beginning consolidation on such a large scale (closing 27 schools) seems ill-advised and a better scenario would be to start with a smaller scale of very targeted areas with solid reasoning and research to show that such consolidation will be successful- both financially, but also in academics and student success.	2/15/2026 9:17 PM
3707	There should be gifted programs, and specific high schools to cater to specific student categories like Innovation and STEM based to prepare the kids for higher level studies.	2/15/2026 9:02 PM
3708	As a mom of two children who we hoped would attend Oak Grove Elementary school - the proposed closure is not only shocking, but heartbreaking. I grew up in the city of Decatur and grew up waking to Westchester elementary - it wasn't until I left Decatur that I realized how rare yet wonderful true neighborhood schools are. My best friend went to OGE and I've always known it was a special place. My son is currently in the 3s class at Shallowford and we hope he and his 2 year old sister are able to experience what everyone has come to know and love about OGE.	2/15/2026 8:58 PM
3709	Oak Grove has always been high performing and this should be part of the decision making process. Why would you close high preforming schools.	2/15/2026 8:13 PM
3710	OGE has a very active parent foundation that supports the school and students with additional funding that provides an enriched environment above what the county offers. When you have an active parent bae you have better schools. When an elementary school get to big you loose that community. Maybe more should be put into building more schools that build a self supporting framework for STEM, afterschool enrichment, teacher continuing education that is not funded only by the county but by the parents whose students benefit from it.	2/15/2026 8:11 PM
3711	DO NOT get rid of Oak Grove Elementary! It's the best with great utilization and test scores. Our family loves it!	2/15/2026 7:28 PM
3712	You say that enrollment is down, but our classes are 20 plus students. Consolidation will make for even more crowded schools.	2/15/2026 6:56 PM
3713	We would be very upset if Oak Grove Elementary school closed. Our kids have had an amazing experience and the school is the heart of the oak grove community. Removing it would be devastating for the area.	2/15/2026 6:56 PM
3714	Shocked to hear of Oak Grove elementary school being on the list, while older classes may have been at capacity I know a number of younger families unable to get in on school choice because of capacity.	2/15/2026 6:50 PM
3715	As a parent of a current and future student, I am highly opposed to the closure of Oak Grove	2/15/2026 6:49 PM

	Elementary	
3716	There is strong community involvement, including an active foundation and PTA, at Oak Grove Elementary. I do not believe the bare metrics paint a full picture. Even though our children would likely be gone from OGE by the time it might close, the school's absence would be felt by all of us in the Oak Grove neighborhood.	2/15/2026 6:47 PM
3717	I feel strongly that OGE should be removed from the list.	2/15/2026 6:45 PM
3718	Strongly disagree with this plan	2/15/2026 6:43 PM
3719	With all the violence with guns and kids bringing them to school, other random people getting into schools will make it more easier to target these situations more I feel. It's already hard enough to govern the safety of kids going to school everyday as it is. Once you package all the schools together, unless you're adding a record hire for security and staff this doesn't make sense. Further hiw many students per class are you aiming for with this merging? Teachers have been dealt the short end of the stick for so long without major financial gain for attempting to teach the youth. The kids have been difficult enough to keep their attention on academics and with this is putting more emphasis on attention and the ability to get the to focus on the subjects. The sports section would even be more of a challenge because now your merging districts and there are only a handful of spots on theses teams this will create major disconnect between the youth and sports because they now have to find a lane where it's not as congested which will spark a huge increase in people moving and finding the best area to stay to make the best situation for their children. This is a bad idea on so many other levels that the thought of it should scare parents and others to the core!	2/15/2026 5:57 PM
3720	Include the wording proposal in the introduction for future changes, especially if the project is still in the planning stage.	2/15/2026 5:42 PM
3721	Oak Grove doesn't have a problem underutilization and it's one of the highest schools in the area	2/15/2026 5:38 PM
3722	not good, My kids come home and they don't know how to spell... Jerry's also been hitting the kids and I don't know what to do?...	2/15/2026 5:20 PM
3723	The Oak Grove Elementary School district is a very important part of this community. Being inside the perimeter with little to grow and expand has been a struggle, but we have supported these schools and will continue to do so as a community.	2/15/2026 5:16 PM
3724	Our grandchildten attend Oak Grove Elementary and have thrived there. Their love of reading, their teachers and special program offers after have been impressive. Keep tis school! The students adore it and it's so important to have a community school like Oak Grove.	2/15/2026 5:01 PM
3725	Do not like the idea of eliminating some very important high schools	2/15/2026 4:38 PM
3726	It seems overkill to close 2 schools in the Lakeside area. I think mega-size schools will not make for a good learning environment.	2/15/2026 4:33 PM
3727	DO NOT CLOSE ANY SCHOOLS, DO NOT COMBINE SCHOOLS!!!	2/15/2026 4:27 PM
3728	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students →	2/15/2026 4:23 PM

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3730	It worries me. We used school choice to enroll our kids at Evansdale due to the DLI program. All of this leaves a lot of questions as to what happens if that goes away.	2/15/2026 4:18 PM
3731	I hate this idea. Our schools are good because they aren't overcrowded.	2/15/2026 3:53 PM
3732	As a PTA member and resident of Pendley Hills who is also the Hospitality Chair of our neighborhood community association, not only did my son attend Rowland, we bought our home specifically so we could walk our student to school. Many residents in the area have done the same. Our community association meets monthly in the cafeteria and we have hosted several back to school fundraisers as well as National Night Out events at Rowland. We work with the PTA leading to the most successful Scholastic Book Fair yet this past winter as well as the installation of a Little Free Library in front of the school. With the PTA we have had successful Parent Night Out events as well as several Teacher Appreciation events. The school over the last 10 years of my and my family's residency has seen several improvements with a new playground built by the community and Kaboom!. As a member of the Principal's Advisory Council, we voted to see new security fencing installed to secure the grounds. Our community votes at Rowland and it is not only going to impact our kids and our community as a gathering place, it will impact our community's future with the area being a place of	2/15/2026 3:34 PM

	significant growth and opportunity with the building of The Electric Owl, new apartment and townhome builds planned and begun in the area, as well as the significant improvements planned and being implemented at the South Indian Creek MARTA station. Closing Rowland Elementary would be cutting out a vital portion of our community and how we exist. When we saw the trailers removed from the school grounds post-COVID, we saw this as a blessing for our students and the community. You say small schools stress resources, I say you will stress the resources of the families and students of Rowland if you move forward with closing. We value a small neighborhood school and consolidating elementary schools into a large facility like Bethune is what we saw as our student transitioned to middle school. An age appropriate transition in which he felt ready to be in a large building with a larger population. Smaller classrooms and schools work. Please, let our Rowland Eagles SOAR!	
3733	I think it's a considerate plan and this allows more teachers to have support and hold each other accountable to help the education crisis we're in.	2/15/2026 3:24 PM
3734	Keep everything the same!	2/15/2026 3:22 PM
3735	This is very disappointing as I know my family and many of our neighbors who have young children who will be of age to start school in a few years purposefully moved to the Oak Grove Elementary School district with plans to one day send our children there. We made the decision to spend our hard-earned money to move here and do want to rethink this decision in a couple years if Oak Grove Elementary does in fact close. While I understand that this is being done because of low enrollment, I feel that this could end up with overcrowding.	2/15/2026 3:13 PM
3736	It is not a good solution. As we all know student come from different backgrounds, and also have different spped and techniques of learning. If you go through with consolidation, number of schools will decrease, but the number of students in a school as well as in classrooms increases exponentially which is a formula for the learners getting poor quality education. In my opinion it defeats the purpose.	2/15/2026 2:56 PM
3737	Closing Vanderlyn would be damaging since it is a high performing school, while expanding poor performing schools like Huntley Hills makes no sense.	2/15/2026 2:16 PM
3738	Consolidation is needed, but consideration should be given to community involvement and support at the schools considered being closed.	2/15/2026 1:36 PM
3739	I do not want Evansdale closed. It is a thriving school with a robust DLI program. I am greatly opposed to sending Evansdale kids to Pleasantdale.	2/15/2026 1:11 PM
3740	I agree with the purpose but did not see a measurement on the impact to my community and property values.	2/15/2026 12:41 PM
3741	Satisfactory	2/15/2026 12:08 PM
3742	I think this is a good and efficient effort.	2/15/2026 11:55 AM
3743	We don’t need any school closures. Rather if we do need to close schools make them more stem focused and let them compete with schools in better districts as far as resources. Stop failing kids in areas with high black populations. It looks very suspicious. Secondly feed the children better food options. Poor treat scores are linked to poor nutrition and give them sessions of relaxation stop making their schedule so tense.	2/15/2026 11:45 AM
3744	Consolidate where needed, but grandfather existing students instead of uprooting them. Unless the school is to fully close.	2/15/2026 11:42 AM
3745	I am concerned about the closure of schools to fill schools that are already at capacity. I have seen incredible benefits of a small, close-knit school, and am concerned that many of these benefits will end if school enrollments significantly increase. The benefits of a smaller school and robust options are worth the cost. We should not be cutting taxes that go to the school system.	2/15/2026 11:40 AM
3746	The quality of Oak Grove Elementary School was one of the driving factors for our move to the area.	2/15/2026 11:31 AM
3747	Where will the kids in my community go to elementary school if you close all of the elementary schools in my area? I want to remain in the Lakeside cluster!	2/15/2026 11:25 AM
3748	Appears to be a short term gain for the budget for long-term devastation for children's educations and for neighborhoods to retain invested families. It's incredibly short-sighted and	2/15/2026 11:15 AM

	not taking actual educational needs of children.	
3749	Not addressing current overcrowding needs. Not addressing current building repairs/upgrades. Not addressing housing prices, housing depreciation, and general housing market. Not to mention the horrendous traffic scenarios that already exist.	2/15/2026 11:10 AM
3750	I'm extremely concerned that no solutions were provided regarding where students may end up. Additionally, schools like Evansdale have specialized programs. There isn't clarity if that is a closure or a reorganization (e.g., could Evansdale become wall-to-wall choice STEM and DLI French?)	2/15/2026 11:09 AM
3751	Consolidation isnt a terrible idea. As long as you have an idea of how the neighborhoods will react.	2/15/2026 10:56 AM
3752	Consolidation is important to distribute resources fairly. Some schools are over populated accommodating students in trailers. Also Lacking playgrounds for scholars.	2/15/2026 10:27 AM
3753	I oppose closing OGE in Scenario 1, as it doesn't align with your goals of addressing underutilization (district from 75.8% to 88%) and practicing cost avoidance. Oak Grove's enrollment has grown steadily for the last 6 years, reaching 89% utilization (447 students/504 capacity, October 2025), with projections at 487 for 2026-2027 (96%). The growth is likely driven by major investments in the Druid Hills/North Druid Hills area, including the $1.5 billion Arthur M. Blank Hospital (opened September 2024) and Emory's $87.7 million Heart & Vascular expansion (2024), ongoing J-Wing hospital addition, and $1.1 billion in F&24 research awards - totaling over $2.5 billion recently. We don't yet know the full effects on local schools, but clear growth suggests Sagamore Hills, Briarlake, and Oak Grove may need expansions anyway to accomodate incoming families, rather than closrures that could lead to overcrowding. Start smaller with 4-16 elementary closures (your original estimate) to better meet utilization targets without overreaching, allowing fiscal prudence and time to assess area development. Prioritize truly underutilized schools (<70%) for efficiency and sustainability.	2/15/2026 10:25 AM
3754	I hope the county is also looking at the residential buildings permits to estimate how many students may possibly move into the Lithonia High and Miller Grove School districts	2/15/2026 10:21 AM
3755	I understand the intent. But we moved to our current home because of the school. This is shocking	2/15/2026 10:18 AM
3756	I believe that schools with really low enrollment should be combined with like schools not specialty schools.	2/15/2026 10:16 AM
3757	Oak Grove Elementary is a fabulous school and a cornerstone of the community. If this school closed, it would be devastating to the community. Many students would end up at private school, not another public school.	2/15/2026 10:08 AM
3758	I strongly am against closing Oak Grove Elementary School. Closing it doesn’t align with your goals of addressing under utilization and practicing cost avoidance. Oak Grove’s enrollment has continued to grow the last 6 years, therefore it doesn’t make since to close it.	2/15/2026 10:03 AM
3759	Upon reviewing the initial scenarios, it appears they leave considerable room for interpretation unless one is familiar with Dekalb County's structure. Providing additional clarification regarding population density and land area would enhance understanding. Concerning school consolidations, my observations focus primarily on the Tucker cluster and county-wide considerations: • Tucker – The area is experiencing significant growth. Given both current and projected needs, I support the expansion of Livsey Elementary, as its existing capacity is insufficient for anticipated enrollment. Even with an expansion potentially adding 150–200 seats, there may still be insufficient space to accommodate students transitioning from Midvale (400+) and Brockett (300+), along with new families moving into the area. Therefore, closing both Midvale and Brockett may not be practical. However, closure of Brockett could be considered due to its proximity to Idlewild and the location of Brockett’s northern student population that could be supported by Midvale. Idlewild currently has excess capacity, and projections indicate that Midvale has some potential for growth. Additionally, as Tucker offers the IB track, closing Midvale would necessitate reconfiguring this program. • Recommendations: 1. Expand Livsey as proposed 2. Close Brockett Reassign students to Idlewild (which is underutilized) Reassign northern students (near Lavista) to Midvale 3. Maintain Midvale’s operations to support the IB program For the county as a whole, schools north of the perimeter are likely best served through expansions, given population density constraints that limit new school construction. In contrast, the southern portion of the county, with lower population growth, might benefit from larger schools that can serve broader areas of	2/15/2026 9:56 AM

	unincorporated Dekalb. Resolving the Lakeside cluster will be particularly challenging, as most schools are near capacity and additional space is needed. I don't have much insight into Lakeside cluster.	
3760	As an educator within DeKalb County School District, I strongly support keeping schools open while strategically redistributing enrollment to better utilize available seats. With approximately 20,000 empty seats across the district, there is a clear opportunity to rebalance enrollment without eliminating community schools that serve as vital hubs for families. School closures can disproportionately impact students from low socioeconomic backgrounds, students with IEPs, and families with limited transportation flexibility. Instead of reducing access, we should leverage underutilized capacity to create more balanced, academically strong learning environments.	2/15/2026 9:52 AM
3761	Change is scary. You children to have the best possible experience…	2/15/2026 9:34 AM
3762	I think it's important to make sure that you are not closing those schools that have performed at a high level. Evansdale elementary is a female county success story. A school with a high percentage of minorities that has such good academic achievement, while also being the only DLI/Stem school in dekalb is definitely not one that should be closed. It also has a very engaged PTO and the school community in general is very engaged. This school should not even be considered.	2/15/2026 9:22 AM
3763	I think Chesnut is on a large plot of land and could be rebuilt to hold a large number of students	2/15/2026 9:21 AM
3764	The change is necessary and the decisions will be difficult. Will the renovations to school being combined be communicated to the community before decisions are made. For example, "School A will change to an elementary school and will have the following renovations to better meet the new student population." New classroom cabinets, all classrooms painted, a new playground with a 40-student capacity, roof repair, etc.	2/15/2026 9:21 AM
3765	Closing these schools would drastically impact home ownership pricing, erode community identity, and cause over the over populating of certain schools. I do not like this proposal.	2/15/2026 9:15 AM
3766	I am concerned about the number of elementary schools in the Lakeside cluster slated for closure. I am also concerned about Hawthorne elementary's potential expansion. It would make more sense traffic-wise to expand at Henderson mill or Oakgrove as these schools are not tucked into neighborhoods. Hawthorne also has traffic patterns with lakeside and globe's elementary and middle schools that contribute to traffic issues.	2/15/2026 9:11 AM
3767	While smaller schools are preferred, it is understandable that this is no longer viable with reduced enrollment. Chesnut Elementary is the best school that any of my kids has attended. Mr MacFarlane is an excellent and dedicated principal, and I am confident he would manage an expanded school well.	2/15/2026 9:08 AM
3768	Evansdale Elementary has over 400 kids and is a great way for the neighborhood kids to go to school. It's not on a busy street. Several kids walk to school. Why is this school on the list of schools being considered for closure?	2/15/2026 8:46 AM
3769	I'm not happy with this at all. My son goes to Bob Mathis and most of my family went to this school. In my family we are about traditions and unity.	2/15/2026 8:31 AM
3770	I think the consolidations should only be considered for failing schools.	2/15/2026 8:01 AM
3771	We are heartbroken that our neighborhood school- Evansdale is on the closing list. Beyond that I have a lot of questions related to how this is going to impact our students. I understand the idea behind consolidation from a money perspective, but that can't be the only thing when you are talking about children. To go in and just look at the children as numbers is really sad. Lots of feedback from district people at this point has been we are only looking at numbers right now. But you can't do that with kids. Dekalb has historically had so much corruption financially. I would like to see that get cleaned up before major changes are made to where students are going to end up. We also need stability as a district. We have been through numerous superintendents in a very short period of time. This should also occur prior to moving	2/15/2026 7:03 AM
3772	I think this project is very costly, as it will be reallocating county funds into facilities instead of students. You mentioned the overall number of students in relation to max capacity, but didn't mention the breakdown of numbers per school, which may not show the same varient.	2/15/2026 6:21 AM
3773	I am disheartened. This is my child's first school year at Canby Lane. I have been so well	2/14/2026 11:33 PM

	pleased with Canby Lane. The school and staff have been such a great start for my Kindergartner. I was so worried of how it would be but Canby Lane has shown such great support for my little one. I would be disappointed if Canby Lane was chosen to be closed/repurposed.	
3774	I am pleased Chesnut would remain open. I do have concerns on how it will be able to consume many more students in its present state, or if the plans are to renovate/ expand what type of disruption that would cause. I also would not like it if the districts plan is to increase class sizes.	2/14/2026 10:51 PM
3775	I think the initial facilities scenario is logical and I support it.	2/14/2026 10:51 PM
3776	Solid - do it.	2/14/2026 10:42 PM
3777	Their good	2/14/2026 10:41 PM
3778	This will cause larger class sizes and they are already too big	2/14/2026 9:47 PM
3779	I feel as if there should be other solutions that could be thought of to improve the school attendance.	2/14/2026 9:42 PM
3780	I am pleased to see the status of the schools in my neighborhood but surprised that closure of Oak Grove would be suggested. I am also pleased that Lakeside, where I work in a trailer, will be right-sized to our facility.	2/14/2026 9:11 PM
3781	As long as it doesn't increase class sizes and is in the best interest of the students. As long as it provides more resources for the students, all good.	2/14/2026 8:46 PM
3782	I think there this scenario closes too many schools in one area... South Dekalb. I do not feel that the facilities of McNair Middle are the best for elementary age students...1. Safety- There are so many glass windows. 2. Middle students would continue to benefit due to spaces for programs that align to high school programs.	2/14/2026 8:32 PM
3783	The is not mentioned about p3 or p4 classes or schools. If you're in the business of education...let's have a lens focused on early childhood education.	2/14/2026 8:10 PM
3784	Larger elementary schools might consolidate the need for upkeep and cleaning but I see no benefit to having a large elementary school. Smaller schools develop a stronger sense of community and comfort with "knowing everyone." The issues with the enrollment in DeKalb is not because of run down facilities or not enough inhabitants, the issue is a county that has continually hired extremely poor candidates for superintendent and thus the selection for other leadership. Enrollment is terrible because parents can't trust a school system that hires someone under investigation/rumors of poor conduct/choices during the interview process. We're certainly seeing that fruit now! Another concern is that the DLI program at Evansdale hasn't been addressed. If you close the school, how does that affect the program? Could Evansdale become an expanded DLI school where every class at the school is DLI?	2/14/2026 8:00 PM
3785	Close towes down	2/14/2026 7:46 PM
3786	Seems like a great initial plan for Dunwoody. I wish they would address the need for expansion at Peachtree MS and Dunwoody HS too.	2/14/2026 7:43 PM
3787	Closing Lithonia HS would displace hundreds of students and some families may even need to relocate depending on where their children/child would need to attend. There would be a need for more bus drivers, longer wait times to get to school depending on how far students would need to travel etc	2/14/2026 7:10 PM
3788	While I appreciate the intentions behind these consolidations, it's crucial to consider several factors that could significantly impact our students. One immediate concern is the adequacy of staffing as we consolidate schools. With larger class sizes likely to become the norm, we must ensure that each classroom is adequately staffed to meet the needs of all students. A significant challenge we face is that many students are still recovering from the effects of virtual learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. For instance, students who struggled to engage in online learning, are now noticeably behind in their academic progress. This gap in learning can lead to frustration and disengagement, especially when compounded by larger class sizes. In addition, we must recognize the potential for increased behavioral issues. With more students sharing the same space, we may inadvertently create an environment that exacerbates existing challenges. Many of our students come from diverse backgrounds and may carry emotional and behavioral challenges that need to be addressed with sensitivity and	2/14/2026 6:59 PM

	care. Consolidating students into fewer schools without careful planning could lead to heightened tensions and disruptions in the learning environment. That said, I fully understand that consolidating schools can lead to significant cost savings and allow for more equitable distribution of resources to schools that remain open. This financial aspect can be beneficial to enhancing educational services and facilities at a fewer number of institutions. However, we must balance these financial benefits with the academic and emotional needs of our students. I urge you to continue to consider staffing, class sizes, and behavioral support in your planning process. Our students deserve an educational environment that genuinely supports their growth and development, especially in these challenging times.	
3789	Positive	2/14/2026 6:57 PM
3790	Communities are built through smaller local elementary schools. I understand the desire to focus resources and consolidate things but eliminating active schools with good fund raising via PTSA and foundations will loose money as communities are broken apart. Also, increasing difficulties for parents without transportation & decreased ability to access aftercare or activities before & after school	2/14/2026 6:15 PM
3791	The facilities scenarios do not seem to factor in educational outcomes of students; I do hope this will be considered in the future work - this should be a top priority for DCSD. However, even when reviewing evaluation criteria for facilities only, Oak Grove Elementary School should not fall into the closure category. Oak Grove did experience a dip during COVID, like every school. However, since that time, we have shown a strong and steady recovery. Based on current projections, we are projected to exceed 100% capacity (with 487 students expected for the 26-27 school year). This is based on publicly available data from the district. With projections for the 26-27 school year, both enrollment and utilization have increased consistently over the past five years. See further comments in box 8 on additional growth consideration for Duid Hills/North Druid Hills corridor and affected schools.	2/14/2026 5:42 PM
3792	The elementary school configurations will break apart neighborhood schools and the community that comes with that. Taking away the Champion Middle Theme school option will devastate South DeKalb which has no other high performing Middle schools. It makes sense to consolidate the South DeKalb high schools,but there needs to be serious investments in the culture and buildings for Columbia and McNair. People went to Cedar Grove to escape McNair.	2/14/2026 4:27 PM
3793	I agree that there is a need to reduce the number of facilities in DCSD to provide the highest quality education and resources possible in our district. My children’s current/future schools are not impacted by closures. I would like to further understand how the populations from closed schools could impact my school communities (covered by future phases of this project) to provide fully informed feedback. I did note that Kittredge Magnet was not included on the diagram and am curious why?	2/14/2026 4:20 PM
3794	Concerns about total number of students to teacher ration individual classrooms and mixed population of students in different grade levels during breakfast/lunch and restroom breaks.	2/14/2026 3:44 PM
3795	The mere thought of closing any of the schools within my community is very concerning. I live within walking distance of Evansdale Elementary School. We have a son who just finished school there and is now enrolled at Globe Academy. He is currently on track to attend Lakeside High School after he finishes at Globe Academy. How many language immersion schools are in Dekalb County? The answer is "not many." Meanwhile, Globe Academy has a waitlist every year due in part to its language programs. I would think the county would prioritize investing in a school like Evansdale rather than closing it. Then there are schools like Henderson Middle School and Lakeside High School. Both of these schools are long overdue for investment and EXPANSION. It is embarrassing for these schools to be in the conditions they are in- especially Lakeside. Lakeside is at 123% capacity. Why has Dekalb not invested in facility upgrades? Why are schools in the Lakeside cluster on the list of schools that could possibly be closed or repurposed? What has shared by Dekalb to residents thus far makes no sense to me and based on conversations I have had with many others within my community, nobody else is pleased either. Dekalb needs to INVEST IN and EXPAND the facilities within the Lakeside cluster, not close facilities.	2/14/2026 3:06 PM
3796	Despite decreases, student - teacher ratios and commute times should be considered	2/14/2026 2:46 PM
3797	I think it would be economically feasible but not at the expense of teachers loosing their jobs. Hopefully, no one will be cut.	2/14/2026 2:31 PM
3798	This would be horrible for the students and families. We chose to have our daughter and son	2/14/2026 2:22 PM

	attend Evansdale because it is a small, neighborhood school, offering a French immersive program. We would have never bought a house in Dekalb county had we known Dekalb was planning on shutting down schools and combining students. I do not want my kids to attend a big elementary school that has tons of students. Evansdale is an amazing school with caring teachers where everyone knows each other. If Dekalb decides to move forward with this plan, my family will most likely move out of the county.	
3799	These small neighborhood schools are what makes Dekalb great over other counties like Gwinnett where kids get lost in huge schools. Bigger schools doesn't equate to better schools	2/14/2026 2:12 PM
3800	Got to do what you got to do.	2/14/2026 1:58 PM
3801	I am very aware of funding issues that are the result of low enrollment. At the time of my retirement I was the LTSE at Ashford Park. At that time we had over 700 students. I also believe a great amount of work was done to the building in the last few years. Closing it seems a bit confusing to me. I truly believe adjustments in grade bands is a better approach.	2/14/2026 1:15 PM
3802	Resource allocation is essential for the county to be successful, in my view. With fewer students, resources such as funding, teaching staff, and facilities may be stretched thin. I'm on the fence. I'm a parent who values my child's education, and I'm also an educator who works in DCSD. A long-term plan is essential to consider for sustainability.	2/14/2026 1:15 PM
3803	I think that a large part of the scenarios are great. Closing Lithonia High School would be the best!	2/14/2026 1:13 PM
3804	Seems like a lot of schools to close - what would be the plan for the schools that are closed	2/14/2026 1:12 PM
3805	Generally understand but we should only be closing schools that are under capacity. I would keep any schools that are at 80% capacity or higher open.	2/14/2026 1:07 PM
3806	I appreciate that the district is trying to consolidate resources and respond to current and projected declines in enrollment. I can see the logic and thought that went into this proposal to convert and utilize the space we have while making strategic expansions at the elementary level.	2/14/2026 12:50 PM
3807	It will not personally affect our family, however, community is huge for so many people and if this will include busing students into one bigger school, versus a neighborhood keeping its neighborhood school, it's a detriment to that community.	2/14/2026 12:45 PM
3808	I do not like the idea of closing many small neighborhood schools. These schools allow for increased community togetherness and parental involvement than a large school. Students live close together and grade levels are smaller allowing students to know the entire grade and all the teachers in the school resulting in increased safety for students.	2/14/2026 12:29 PM
3809	Consolidation of resources is helpful, but the physical layout of schools may prevent more students from accessing quality education. For example, use of more trailers to fit into one campus would impact students.	2/14/2026 12:28 PM
3810	Concerned about the erosion of community schools and the loss of high touch personalized learning environments	2/14/2026 12:23 PM
3811	The concern i have: Will this cause over crowding in classes? Why are student population declining? Is it immigration ICE? If they are closed will they be converted to ICE facilities as it is the nee push? I see this is more than declining student population. Billions are now spent on ice facilities not improving schools. What is the real reason. Perhaps incarcerate black and brown citizens? I say no closures.	2/14/2026 12:11 PM
3812	There need to be more consideration about how this might affect specific communities. Some schools have longstanding community value and we appreciate its small size.	2/14/2026 12:09 PM
3813	I think it's a reasonable and balanced plan. There are areas of over capacity schools and under capacity and this needs to be addressed.	2/14/2026 11:56 AM
3814	The scenarios should have included a more detailed timeline. Telling a community their school is closing, but without any additional information, is not the way you build or gain trust.	2/14/2026 11:49 AM
3815	Although I can understand the situation of Resources being spread thin due to lesser student count, it should be seen as an opportunity for growth rather than shrinkage	2/14/2026 11:41 AM
3816	In theory this all sounds good, but what type of environment are we creating for the parents	2/14/2026 11:41 AM

	and students? Is it going to be difficult to get these children to and from school? Does this mean a longer travel time, more time in traffic, more pressure to get school work complete late at night? I am hearing that attendance is down across the county - do these changes exacerbate this issue?	
3817	I see no suggestion of where our kids will go instead. I am worried about the potential of large class sizes and kids being moved to trailers.	2/14/2026 11:35 AM
3818	Very upset about the possibility of Vanderlyn closing. Also, there is not enough information to understand the redistribution of students and new district lines. This will effect our community in so many ways and Dekalb County schools takes zero responsibility or input from the community at the end they base their decisions solely on money which has been severely missed managed historically.	2/14/2026 11:34 AM
3819	My main concerns are accessibility and improvement to DeKalb County School Systems.	2/14/2026 11:23 AM
3820	It is clear from data that schools need to be closed and consolidated; however, it is hard to make any conclusions based on the limited information that is given. For the Schools that close you need to say what happens to those students for any objective opion to be formed. For example, Evansdale Elementary school is recommended to be closed, Midvale in the same general area but in a different feeder is also recommended to be closed. That leaves two elementary schools in the geographic area, Pleasantdale Elementary and Livsey Elementary. If you look at the 2030 projections for attendance Pleasantdale can take 230 1,100 students projected to be attending Evansdale and Midvale in 2030. That means a new Livsey Elementary with a capicity of atleast 1,300 would have to be built to house the rest of the students. That is absurd. These closings are only considering the building and capacity not what happens inside the building. Studies show that there are advantages to smaller elementary schools in terms of academic performance, attendance and behavior. Take a while, go through Dekalb's data to see if there is a school size that works best. What if you looked at Dekalbs data and you see that Elementary schools of around 600 significantly out perform schools greater that 800? Why would you force the students into mega schools? To save a buck? These decisions will affect multiple generations of students. Why the rush to have this done in the fall? Why not study your own data on what works best, make decisions based on that and then present complete plans to the community.	2/14/2026 10:54 AM
3821	I disagree and majority is South Dekalb schools what about North Dekalb Schools. Looks bias.	2/14/2026 10:53 AM
3822	Depends on the demographics.	2/14/2026 10:52 AM
3823	Our schools are crowded, please allocate resources to areas that need them and are growing	2/14/2026 10:03 AM
3824	A timeline for closure of each school should be provided to the community. I’m for closing the schools if it’s done sequentially instead of all at once. This would give a better idea of true impact. Closing schools located in neighborhoods is absolutely ridiculous and should be reconsidered. Columbia elementary should be taken off the list. The neighborhood it occupies thrives because of that school. Please note the increase in home sales in that neighborhood, the rising prices, and the diversity of homeownership.	2/14/2026 9:59 AM
3825	I think that consolidating schools could be a good idea, but should happen sequentially to see how the communities and students are affected.	2/14/2026 9:55 AM
3826	Please retain the geographical neighborhoods. Do not bus students into schools they do not live close to.	2/14/2026 9:28 AM
3827	Ashford Park should not be closed—it is a large school in the middle of a large neighborhood.	2/14/2026 8:55 AM
3828	Concerned with elementary schools becoming too large and reducing the community feel and the attention students need at that age.	2/14/2026 8:51 AM
3829	Im not confident that the impact to the students are the priority over the bottom line number.	2/14/2026 8:40 AM
3830	Transportation and after school programs must not be adversely impacted by consolidations.	2/14/2026 8:38 AM
3831	It’s scary to hear but after knowing the cause, it’s understood. I think every parents’ first thought is “how will this affect me/my family, if at all”. If answers to that are available and can be vocalized to parents sooner than later, that would be great.	2/14/2026 8:29 AM
3832	I have read the entire document and understand the importance of the situation and need. The consolidations are well thought out. I agree with the consolidations.	2/14/2026 8:24 AM

3833	Most concerned about potential size of schools and ensuring if class sizes increase that teachers have the support to manage effectively. It's not clear how our school will be consolidated yet so hard to understand impact on student experience just yet.	2/14/2026 8:21 AM
3834	I think closing local schools is a huge mistake. I understand that resources are spread too thin, however school closures should be the absolute last resort. If anything, more resources should be put into the individual local schools.	2/14/2026 8:20 AM
3835	The closure of a neighborhood school is extremely disruptive to residents. We've chosen to buy homes in these neighborhoods based on our family needs, and these changes radically impact family life and finances. If the issue is that the overall school system is under capacity, is there a path forward in which you adjust the population of each school to right size? Can we remove the trailers at schools and shift those students to schools with adequate facilities? Or can we remove a class or two and reduce staff?	2/14/2026 8:18 AM
3836	N/A at this time	2/14/2026 8:17 AM
3837	Do not consolidate schools	2/14/2026 8:07 AM
3838	I understand the reality of declining enrollment and the need for long-term planning. Operating more facilities than the district has students to fill is a real challenge, and doing nothing is not a sustainable option. As this process continues, I hope the district clearly connects any consolidation decisions to how they will improve the strength of schools and student outcomes. Families are more likely to support difficult changes when they understand how those changes will lead to stronger academic programs, more opportunities, and better support for students. It is important that this process goes beyond buildings and capacity and clearly demonstrates how consolidation would improve access to academic programs, electives, extracurricular activities, and staffing stability across the district. I encourage the district to continue prioritizing transparency, community engagement, and a student-centered approach as scenarios are refined.	2/14/2026 7:46 AM
3839	Consolidation of schools will make schools crowded and overextend staff. The goal should be to make class sizes smaller to benefit students and teachers.	2/14/2026 6:48 AM
3840	Keep Vanderlyn	2/14/2026 6:44 AM
3841	Neighborhoods need neighborhood schools. I'm disappointed and sad that Brockett is slated to close.	2/14/2026 6:22 AM
3842	I. The Core Argument: Closing Lithonia Makes No Sense 📊 Enrollment Reality • Lithonia: 1500+ students • Larger than Towers & Cedar Grove combined • No enrollment decline crisis • In 1996: 1800+ students successfully housed This is not a school capacity problem. This is a facilities modernization opportunity II. Strategic Vision: Move Back to Randall Ave Why Randall Ave Works 1️⃣ Historical Capacity The original campus previously supported 1800+ students. With modernization, it can do so again. 2️⃣ 9th Grade Academy Concept • Downstairs wing = Freshman Academy • Separate entry / identity • Focused transition support • Reduces discipline & traffic issues This model is used successfully across Georgia. Proposed Athletic Plan 🏀 Build a New Competition Gym • Larger capacity • College-style seating • LED boards • Host region tournaments 🏀 Keep Old Gym Use as: • Practice facility • Volleyball • Wrestling • PE overflow • Community events (Modeled after Rockdale County's dual-gym approach.) With additional space: • Indoor practice facility • Turf practice field • Expanded weight room • Sports medicine room • Upgraded stadium entrance • Improved parking & traffic flow This creates a true athletic campus. Reinvestment Instead of Closure • Avoid community backlash • Preserve historic identity • Maintain enrollment stability 🔹 Long-Term Asset Optimization • Modernize existing footprint • Increase property value • Improve safety & traffic flow • Expand community event revenue ——— V. Political Strategy This proposal wins when: 1. Alumni are unified 2. Enrollment data is highlighted 3. Economic impact is presented 4. Community pride narrative is strong Your theme: "We are not shrinking. We are growing. Historic Lithonia Returns Home." That's powerful. VI. Phased Construction Plan (Realistic) Phase 1 (Years 1–2) • Secure funding (SPLOST / bond) • Architectural planning • Begin gym & athletic complex construction Phase 2 (Years 2–4) • Renovate academic building • Build 9th grade academy wing Phase 3 (Years 4–5) • Full campus transition • Stadium upgrades • Branding rollout	2/14/2026 6:03 AM
3843	Lithonia HS shouldn't be closed.	2/14/2026 6:01 AM
3844	Absolutely disagree with the closure or moving/relocation of Kingsley elementary school. If consolidation to bigger schools because class size is dwindling, how will forcing Dunwoody	2/14/2026 5:32 AM

	residents to other out of zoned schools help improve and attract other families to the area? This will directly go against building a community around the school local to the families and attracting more families into that community will be difficult if the school isn't even centrally located. Making huge capital investments on new buildings and combining into other buildings is a big swing to fix an issue which could instead be improved by funding to the teachers and schools to improve the curriculum and programs ran by the schools. With keeping class size lower and improving teacher resources, techniques, and abilities, then you are able to communicate and display these corrections/concepts to attract more families to the area. If you five families to go to school in a different area or rezone completely, I 100% guarantee you will force families to move and attendance will be even drastically lower than your predictions. This is not a school numbers issue, Kingsley has the appropriate amount of kids per class to effectively ensure our kids learn. We need to provide our teachers with more opportunities to ensure this is the case moving forward. We are very happy with our children's progress and learning this year at Kingsley and do not want this to change for our other kids who are going to be new students there in the coming years.	
3845	Please do not close. My kids walk to school. I leave too early to take them	2/14/2026 5:24 AM
3846	I agree that schools with declining/low enrollment should be closed.	2/14/2026 1:42 AM
3847	Why are all the schools closing in the southern part of Dekalb. I would like to see Lithonia highschool specifically saved from this consolidation effort. The school has a very long history in the county. The county made mistake building the new highschool smaller and in a land locked area. The original highschool should have been renovated and the new highschool used as a temp building while work was being done then turned into a middle school. My kids went to Fernbank elementary at the old building. When it was time to renovate Fernbank moved to a local middle school that closed while the work at the original location was going on. After all was finished the elementary school moved back. Why are no options available for older schools with strong history on the south side of the county. Same county different solutions. Something doesn't add up.	2/14/2026 1:06 AM
3848	I don't support the closure of the schools as a former student. It's important to recognize that a smaller student body allows teachers even more flexibility to teach their students and reduces the pressure of large class sizes.	2/14/2026 1:00 AM
3849	I do not agree with scenarios	2/14/2026 12:10 AM
3850	The consolidations tentatively make sense, though I would like more information. In my community the location of the school within the neighborhood is a keystone of the community; closing it would destroy this.	2/14/2026 12:08 AM
3851	My child school is the best school we don't want loss robert shaw elementary theme school is a community school the teacher are amazing the children are learning	2/14/2026 12:02 AM
3852	Ashford Park is at 822 enrollment well over capacity. No reason for this school to be on the chopping block.	2/13/2026 11:28 PM
3853	What are we doing about specialty schools causing some of the empty seats?	2/13/2026 11:21 PM
3854	Please avoid expanding already overcrowded elementary schools	2/13/2026 10:49 PM
3855	I feel that it would be a hard impact with a lot of those schools that's closing down. Honestly, I don't believe crowding a bunch of students in schools is going to be beneficial.	2/13/2026 10:34 PM
3856	Looks good and well thought out. Two questions - what is the projection beyond 2030. As it will take 6-8 years to implement and by then it will be 2034, what do we expect the numbers to be. I guess there's an option to change along the way. I assume the phases will be clarified as we move forward? When will re-districting of the elementary schools be announced as a part of the scenario?	2/13/2026 10:24 PM
3857	IÍm very worried about Ashford park potentially closing especially with no idea where our kids would be redistricting. In addition could have serious impacts on real estate prices in thr Ashford park neighborhood.	2/13/2026 10:07 PM
3858	The factors used in the analysis did not appear to align with the closure recommendations. In many cases the criteria completely contradicted the recommendations which makes it very difficult to assess the decisions. The criteria also did not factor in any current performance criteria or community engagement in the local school which is essential to foster education. I understand the population trend being addressed and consolidation being needed but the	2/13/2026 10:07 PM

	reports I read did not fully address areas where attendance was reduced due to the COVID pandemic where some families permanently moved to private school due to remote learning policies. In our case, we only moved to the district for the elementary school which is now proposed for closure.	
3859	Have not read up on it or followed it	2/13/2026 10:04 PM
3860	It seems as though all of these are on the south side of Dekalb County. It seems as though all of these are on the south side of Dekalb County. There is no money being filtered to these schools.	2/13/2026 9:50 PM
3861	7	2/13/2026 9:39 PM
3862	Is this a typo? "Converting 5 middle schools to middle schools, gives us at least 10 elementaries of excess seats." Should it say converting 5 middle schools to elementary schools? I appreciate that district leadership is thoroughly considering best options.	2/13/2026 9:34 PM
3863	Sad to possibly lose my neighborhood school.	2/13/2026 9:14 PM
3864	Consolidating elementary to middle and middle to high school would already create an overcrowding in black communities and would also lead to higher student teacher ratio.	2/13/2026 9:14 PM
3865	Lithonia High School is historic dating back to the early 1940's; it is a pillar within the African American community! I am deeply troubled by the number of schools located in south DeKalb targeted for closure and/or consolidation.	2/13/2026 9:00 PM
3866	I think it is a shame that smaller elementary schools will disappear. I suppose larger schools make more economic sense, but smaller school communities have a warmth and connection among students and staff that seems vital for those early years.	2/13/2026 8:59 PM
3867	Lithonia high school does not need to close the amount of children in the community. Our community has enough kids to operate a school within its community. Lithonia has been apart of this community for years. We value Lithonia and care for our children in this community. They should not have to do over crowding at Miller Grove.	2/13/2026 8:50 PM
3868	The best school I had chosen for my kids and the best staff members.	2/13/2026 8:48 PM
3869	I’m not in favor of eliminating Vanderlyn Elementary. It’s one of, if not the top elementary schools in the county. It is a tremendous asset to our community and it would be shameful to shut it down.	2/13/2026 8:40 PM
3870	Kingsley should not close. Chesnut should be overflow for Peachtree.	2/13/2026 8:36 PM
3871	With this possible scenario, every elementary school in my zoned high school district would close their building. Only one remaining open is a magnet school which requires a lottery. Several of the schools listed have had renovations, have many amazing supportive programs and improving their stats across the board. We’d all be smooshed together and our district is a large area . Transportation will be an issue and ultimately causing attendance problems. Many jobs lost in all these school. Also, what is the plan for the middle school if the middle school is now one giant elementary school? Because McNair HS was not named to close or consolidate. If you look on a map, there will be a huge gap area of no elementary schools. The schools directly impacted are title 1 global majority schools.	2/13/2026 8:30 PM
3872	Hate this idea.	2/13/2026 8:26 PM
3873	use of existing Middle schools to become Elementary schools makes sense given their proximity to their Elementary school feeders. making some High schools 6-12 may be problematic given the adult-like behavior of many High schoolers and the vulnerability of some early-age middle schoolers. a K-8 model might be more successful	2/13/2026 8:26 PM
3874	There is such value to smaller Elementary schools, particularly for the youngest students. Please do not close all of the small neighborhood schools. These are the places that teach kids to love learning and to be in a community. I am dismayed about the closing of multiple DLI track schools with no mention about whether or how DLI learning will continue. Your own research shows such powerful evidence for how amazing these programs are. Please don't end the DLI programs.	2/13/2026 8:24 PM
3875	There are multiple proposed closures to elementary schools in our area including Evansdale, Henderson Mill, and Midvale. Closing all 3 removes close and accessable elementary school for a huge number of families in the Embry Hills/North lake area. Looking at the projections for	2/13/2026 8:22 PM

	2030, both Evansdale and Henderson Mill are projected to be above capacity which begs the question, why close full schools and all in the same area of the county. These schools also are majority Hispanic and title 1, and closing them would force more affluent families into private education, further segregate the children and neighbors along racial and economic lines. I ask that this be reexamined, taking into account the number of closures in a given area and not based on a target number.	
3876	Consolidations can decrease the student to teacher ratio. The students will fall behind. Also kids from different neighborhoods and rival schools like the highs will not be accompanying to being together Bullying will increase and learning will suffer	2/13/2026 8:16 PM
3877	Concerned about closing Ashford Park Elementary. It is a thriving neighborhood elementary. Please make any changes for new students coming in only, so that students already in schools and programs don't have to change course.	2/13/2026 8:05 PM
3878	The consolidation disproportionately impacts African American communities!	2/13/2026 8:03 PM
3879	Making the high schools 6th-12th grade if consolidation goes forward may be the way to go. Taking away the high schools would be detrimental to alumni as well as communities in my opinion. Or do pk-8th, then 9-12	2/13/2026 8:02 PM
3880	I am not happy about the consolidation I feel like this big of a change will impact the kids and the parents	2/13/2026 7:59 PM
3881	I do not like hearing this. I have worked in two large schools one in Gwinnett and the other in Clayton county and I did not like it. I enjoy working at a small school. It's more like family than being just another number.	2/13/2026 7:56 PM
3882	Consolidation is only good if the quality of teaching increases	2/13/2026 7:54 PM
3883	Close the necessary schools to make DCSD a good district.	2/13/2026 7:53 PM
3884	Other consideration	2/13/2026 7:44 PM
3885	This could be a great thing and a bad thing. I would love for things to stay the same but I always recognize that change could be good as well. I have a rising middleschooler so I'm concerned about where she would actually end up.	2/13/2026 7:39 PM
3886	I'm against it	2/13/2026 7:27 PM
3887	Consolidations are not a good idea. How will this impact the student to teacher ratio? Schools are often the center of a community, has this affect been considered? Transportation?	2/13/2026 7:25 PM
3888	I understand the need to address under enrollments and projections for further decline. However, larger elementary schools decrease how well a student is known to teachers and administration. At the elementary level, it is critical for students to be seen and known to gain an appreciation for the system. Teachers able to focus on smaller classes have the energy and capacity for dynamic lessons that teach the greatest lesson of all, to love learning.	2/13/2026 7:19 PM
3889	I strongly believe consolidations is a bad idea. Teachers should have a ratio of 1:20 if possible. It will not benefit students having 30 students to 1 teacher. Im sure if researched, the ratio has a lot to do with academic success and student readiness. Keep the schools open and lessen the ratio for our children. Our children deserve a quality education. Teachers are human. We can't expect them to make miracles happen with 1 to 30 ratio.	2/13/2026 7:05 PM
3890	I think it makes sense, though it breaks my heart. I think it is very thoughtful	2/13/2026 7:04 PM
3891	This is a school that is located in the ashford park neighborhood. It would be detrimental to close down the school for the community.	2/13/2026 6:59 PM
3892	Currently I live down the street from Columbia elementary . The school seems pretty at capacity to me as there is not enough parking and the parent pick up lane is always wrapped around the block . I really like living in a neighborhood with an elementary school but there are limited sidewalks which hinders access and walkable . I think this deters people with kids to walking to school . Also I am not understanding how putting more kids in a class room (and over crowding it based on projected numbers which we all know don't mean anything) is going to improve the schools . I want these kids to get the best education possible and if you plan to put 20+ kids in each classroom I don't know how that would improve test scores .	2/13/2026 6:51 PM
3893	Lithonia has a rich history and a legacy that runs deep in our community. The school has	2/13/2026 6:50 PM

	produced notable alumni who still live in the area and continue to give back — some even working within the school itself. Lithonia High School alumni host one of the largest reunions to date, which shows the strength of its tradition and the pride people carry for the name. While I understand the district's consideration of downsizing facilities to create better efficiency, closing Lithonia High School should not be an option at this time. Lithonia has finally found a group of coaches and leaders who are fully committed to the students and to rebuilding the culture — particularly within the football program. There is momentum. There is belief. And there is progress being made. I agree that the current Lithonia facility may not be the best long-term option to house its population. However, we must preserve the name, legacy, and identity of Lithonia High School. One potential solution would be transitioning Lithonia students to Miller Grove High School and renaming the school Lithonia High School. The facility names could remain the same — for example, the gymnasium — while also creating a Championship Hallway that honors the basketball titles and other historic achievements of Miller Grove HS. If the goal is to maintain strong alumni involvement and community investment, then preserving the Lithonia name is essential. Legacy matters. Identity matters. Community pride matters. Lithonia High School is more than a building — it's a tradition.	
3894	the school is perfect for my child.	2/13/2026 6:30 PM
3895	Where would Vanderlyn and Kingsley students go to school? Chestnut Elementary will need to be added onto and I do not mean more trailers. It appears to me that Dunwoody High school needs to be added onto so we could get the students out of trailers.	2/13/2026 6:15 PM
3896	Ridiculous proposal - really ? There must be a gross mismanagement of funds to consider closing so many schools and expand others. Montgomery has trailers in the parking lot yet you all want to expand enrollment? Cary Reynolds which is close by serves the needs of distant dunwoody residents. You need to find better consultants to creat the plan or review prior to making them public.	2/13/2026 6:13 PM
3897	The single most important factor that led us to move to our neighborhood was the small, community oriented elementary school. I understand that some consolidation may be necessary, but the scenario as presented appears to veer away from this model drastically by closing so many elementary schools— this is extremely concerning.	2/13/2026 6:02 PM
3898	If you close Vanderlyn, you should use the land to expand DHS. Maybe a 9th grade campus??	2/13/2026 5:49 PM
3899	I support making changes that makes the schools better for students and teachers. Overcrowding and lack of students are both a problem. Dekalb has historically not been able to make good decisions based purely on student success. The decisions have always seemed to be very politically motivated.	2/13/2026 5:43 PM
3900	I feel that the consolidation of so many schools is not necessary. The middle and high school levels are extremely over crowded and also need major repairs to buildings. The current scenario for grade level is best, but the could be a consolation of schools due to under enrollment. I also feel that some money needs to be poured into the facilities in South DeKalb as there are many ongoing issues in buildings. Staff also needs more training than what is currently in place	2/13/2026 5:33 PM
3901	It is unacceptable that all the community schools are closing, as this will significantly harm the students and leave the schools even more underfunded.	2/13/2026 5:28 PM
3902	Oak Grove Elementary finally has minority leadership, and NOW it's on the chopping block. That smells like racism. Please leave our school alone. We have almost 500 students and we are growing. Why close the schools that are doing things right?!	2/13/2026 5:22 PM
3903	They are nice	2/13/2026 5:21 PM
3904	It appears that the majority of the school closing will be in predominately Black neighborhoods. What will happed to those students	2/13/2026 5:20 PM
3905	Great idea. Consolidating some of the lower population schools means the resources/student number will go up, and teacher classroom sizes can potentially go down. Declining populations means we have to adapt, and I think that is a worthwhile adaptation.	2/13/2026 5:13 PM
3906	The middle school is needed due to lagging test scores. 6-8	2/13/2026 5:05 PM
3907	When we discuss the initial facilities scenario for consolidations within DeKalb County School District, we must approach the conversation with wisdom, clarity, and care for every child, family, and educator impacted by these decisions. Consolidation is never just about buildings.	2/13/2026 5:04 PM

	It is about communities. It is about children who walk those hallways each day. It is about teachers who have invested their time, heart, and skill into shaping young lives. A facilities consolidation plan must first answer this question. Does this decision improve student outcomes.	
3908	I am concerned with the closing of Ashford Park Elementary school and consolidation of region 1 schools. Our enrollment is growing daily. Some grade levels are at 28-29 students per class. Why close a school that isn't experiencing an enrollment decline? John Lewis is less than 5 minutes from our building and twice the size of APES but with fewer students. Are students ultimately going to be rezoned to JLES as part of this consolidation plan? What space / school is currently large enough to absorb APES' current enrollment? Further more, many schools in the closure list are undergoing renovations or just received rennovations. How is the district going to recoup this financial loss while also spending more money to expand /convert schools as part of this consolidation plan? I understand the need to be efficient with our budget and trim down on excess, but in the process we are loosing money as well.	2/13/2026 5:01 PM
3909	I'm concerned that you've overlooked a central quality issue for DeKalb schools. I've pulled both of my children because I couldn't find a quality middle school.	2/13/2026 4:52 PM
3910	Grow the Pre-K program into those rooms. There's a waiting list that's insanely long. It can adjust YoY to accommodate.	2/13/2026 4:49 PM
3911	I think this is a good ideas because it frees up resources to schools that can use it	2/13/2026 4:36 PM
3912	I think adding more students would not be the solution, if it's a struggle to educate the number of students already there. I don't see how that solves an education problem, if that's the problem that we're trying to solve.	2/13/2026 4:33 PM
3913	Focus on the quailty of the education and not the number of students attending.	2/13/2026 4:32 PM
3914	As an original member of the 30345 community, growing up here and returning after college to raise my children, I see the need to consolidate elementary schools. The facilities are old and it just makes more logical sense to rebuild or renovate some and tear down others. Renovating every building just doesn't make sense.	2/13/2026 4:32 PM
3915	I do not believe schools should be consolidated. Classrooms can benefit from fewer students.	2/13/2026 4:22 PM
3916	The consolidation of certain schools is a good possibility as long as there are an abundance of children in the area that are in need.	2/13/2026 4:19 PM
3917	The communication about the scenarios is confusing and disappointing. Listing school closures without a more comprehensive discussion about where the kids will go is counterproductive. The decisionmakers need to provide much more detail in order to get meaningful discussions going. As it stands, the outright closure of Ashford Park (which does not impact our family) seems like a bad choice that is both inconsistent with the community needs and shortsighted. Ashford Park is overcrowded - that problem must be addressed and solutions may not be popular. It may mean some revision of boundaries. It may mean needing to invest in parts of the district where there is the greatest demand for seats. There are multiple options. There were no scenarios that discussed alternatives. Shutting down a high-performing school that has a ton of community investment with no clear plan about what comes next is not the right call for kids today or future generations. The Chamblee cluster has multiple elementary schools. For those of us who live in Brookhaven, while our kids may go to different schools, these are still people our kids play sports with, go to religious services with, socialize with, and are part of a tight knit community. Obliterating a key component of our community--which is what you've proposed with Ashford Park--does not advance the SAP goals or serve the needs of the community. Andrew Ziffer needs to advocate for his constituents and stand up for what is right for this district--even if it is unpopular with the SAP. What has been proposed so far for the Brookhaven area needs significant work.	2/13/2026 4:18 PM
3918	Henderson Elementary should stay open facilities are much nicer	2/13/2026 4:16 PM
3919	I completely understand why this is being considered but as a teacher who works at Stone Mountan Elementary, our classrooms are packed. I'm not quite sure why we would want to displace these students into other schools that are already crowded. Aren't smaller classes the goal??? The students thrive when there is more one on one help from their teachers. Why would we want to pack more classrooms?	2/13/2026 4:11 PM
3920	KEEP EVERYTHING THE WAY IT IS NOW!! NO NEED FOR CHANGE!!	2/13/2026 4:03 PM

3921	A lot of the schools are on the South end of the district. When would we get more information on which schools would actually be considered for closing and which ones would be repurposed? How would the student placements be decided? What happens to the teachers and school workers if their buildings close?	2/13/2026 4:00 PM
3922	Kingsley Elementary should remain open- its setting, tucked into a neighborhood for student safety, adequate land and smooth traffic flow, are assets. Previously approved capital improvement projects, such as HVAC, should proceed so our learners have comfortable facilities.	2/13/2026 3:54 PM
3923	I think that you are doing so to get as many Title one funds concentrated as possible. It's a behavior that the school district has practiced for decades. It also has not helped achievement levels whatsoever.	2/13/2026 3:46 PM
3924	It is a great plan , that dekalb should implement	2/13/2026 3:32 PM
3925	I support the consolidation of the schools as long as we get a better timeline of events as well as a plan for building a new facility.	2/13/2026 3:23 PM
3926	I am concerned that the proposed consolidation does not fully account for the academic, social, and emotional impact on students. School closures disrupt learning continuity, increase class sizes, and place additional strain on receiving schools. Our school is more than a building. It is a stable learning environment with established relationships between teachers, students, and families. Consolidation may negatively affect student performance, engagement, and attendance due to longer commutes and overcrowding. I respectfully request that decision-makers consider alternatives such as phased restructuring, enrollment recovery strategies, or community partnerships before closing a school that serves as a critical support system for families.	2/13/2026 3:17 PM
3927	Worried. My child is I.E.P what will that look like. I feel this process will loose these kids in this program	2/13/2026 3:14 PM
3928	I understand the issues that we are facing, but I think that we would lose out on the close knit neighborhood communities that are formed with our current elementary school structure. I think it is important that people know their neighbors, and are familiar with the people in their schools. This will be much more difficult if the school is housing 3-4 times as many students. Especially when the children are young and need consistent support. My son has an IEP and teachers that he has now have told me they worked remember him from 1st grade. I do not think that would hold true in a larger setting. Elementary school is so foundational, I would be concerned that some students get lost as the class sizes (not just classroom, but the amount of students in each grade) grow. McNair DLA is also a STEM school. They have great programs, and I would hate for the that to change during the merging.	2/13/2026 3:13 PM
3929	All of the elementary schools are overcrowded as is, i am deeply concerned how we would manage the capacity when we remove so many schools in the local community	2/13/2026 3:06 PM
3930	Las instalaciones están en buen lugar y agradable	2/13/2026 3:03 PM
3931	QUW NO CIEREN LA ESCUELA DONDE PERTENCE MI SOBRINO	2/13/2026 2:51 PM
3932	As someone who use to work at Brockett, I was actually hoping to see it on the list when it was published. It was my third teaching job and I cried when I walked in for the first time because of how awful the building was. My teacher chair was always damp because of the moisture in the building. There were live and dead cockroaches everywhere and in the three years I was there I had an Aug/Sept without AC and a winter without heat for several weeks and it was under 50 in my room. The building did not feel safe or secure, there was not enough storage, the parking lot was too small for teachers to park and without a fence we always had random people on the playground including dogs running around. We are now in a smaller district with larger schools and it is so much easy to maintain higher standards.	2/13/2026 2:49 PM
3933	I agree that school communities should merge to better serve the most students, extend/expand resources and programs available and allow for the possibility of additional staff/tailored programs where needed. That said, my worry would be “mega schools” that can be so large and populated for little kids that it can be overwhelming, hard to navigate, and perhaps less familiarity between staff and students.	2/13/2026 2:48 PM
3934	Ashford Park Elementary should not be closed — it should be expanded and renovated. This school is currently operating at approximately 145% capacity. That is not a failing school or an	2/13/2026 2:45 PM

	underutilized facility — it is a thriving, high-demand, high-performing school that families actively choose to live near because of its reputation and community strength. Closing a school that is significantly over capacity contradicts the stated goal of “maximizing efficiency for school utilization.” If anything, Ashford Park represents the opposite problem: too many families want to attend because it is successful, stable, and deeply integrated into the Ashford Park neighborhood. Ashford Park Elementary is more than a building. It is the heart of the community. It anchors property values, supports neighborhood stability, fosters walkability, and strengthens local engagement. Families in this area specifically invest in homes here because of this school. Removing it would have significant ripple effects on: • Property values • Neighborhood cohesion • Student social networks • Transportation logistics and traffic patterns • Long-term enrollment stability Instead of closing Ashford Park, the district should consider: 1. Renovation and modernization of the existing facility 2. Expansion to match enrollment demand 3. Boundary adjustments if needed — but not elimination 4. Strategic investment in a school that is clearly successful Closing a highly utilized school sends a discouraging message to families who have invested in this community. It risks overcrowding neighboring schools and increases busing demands — which reduces efficiency rather than improving it. If the district’s goal is efficiency, long-term enrollment planning, and strong academic outcomes, then supporting and improving Ashford Park Elementary is the logical path forward. Ashford Park is not a struggling school that needs to be consolidated. It is a vibrant, over-capacity, community-centered school that deserves investment — not closure. Please consider renovation and expansion before considering elimination.	
3935	initial facilities	2/13/2026 2:38 PM
3936	I am strongly against the initial scenario. I understand that student enrollment is down and consolidation needs to take place, however, I don't think that closing all of these schools and sending our kids to larger mega-elementary schools is the answer. Evansdale elementary is a great neighborhood school, and the children all benefit from being in a smaller school (though I wouldn't even consider Evansdale small as there are 3-4 classes in every grade). I am concerned that if these smaller schools are closed and kids are sent to a bigger school they would get lost in the mix. I know my kids would not benefit from being in a place where they don't know all of the teachers and other students in their grade. There would be no more sense of community, an important developmental factor for our children in the digital age. I am also concerned about special programs at these schools. The French DLI program has been so beneficial for my children. Studies have shown that learning a language earlier in life has great benefits. No information has been shared as to what would happen to these programs. And I know quite a few people who moved to this neighborhood specifically so their children could study French in school.	2/13/2026 2:32 PM
3937	All schools remaining after consolidation should have same grade band and offer same courses with same levels of difficulty. Exceptions would be technical and vocational high schools located in each district that are reasonably accessible via school buses or parental transportation.	2/13/2026 2:32 PM
3938	I believe that the Toney Elementary school should be combine with Kelly Lake so the student can stay in the neighborhood. Toney Elementary has had some remodeling where they have sensory room for the school and a stem lab.	2/13/2026 2:31 PM
3939	Tucker has enough empty buildings. We do not need to add several school buildings to that. Also, having schools that are walkable from home is important for families and communities.	2/13/2026 2:20 PM
3940	The scenario in North Dekalb does not adequately reflect the actual situation for our school Oak Grove Elementary. It is a highly walkable community school (something desired in community input) with steadily rising enrollment in a highly sought after district and housing market. Closing this school will cause home values and in turn tax revenue from this affluent area to drop, significantly impacting the overall budget of DCSD. The ROI of keeping open and investing in this high performing school would be much greater than shuttering the school and damaging the community around it.	2/13/2026 2:17 PM
3941	This is not a good scenario at all. This will have a system wide negative impact just to account for less than 20,000 students drop in enrollment. I think we have to be very carefully at this time as it can have a reverberating effect scroll all metro atlanta schools systems. I am happy we are being proactive but I think this is overkill.	2/13/2026 2:16 PM
3942	I would hate to see any of these schools close	2/13/2026 2:15 PM
3943	No	2/13/2026 2:09 PM

3944	Dekalb county grew with the expansion of Atlanta, then as Atlanta expanded further, people moved to outer counties. The trend in population now is to move back closer to the city as density increases. Once a school is decommissioned, it is often lost to the community and given up for infill projects. Once urban populations reach the stage in which the school seats are needed again, the physical locations will be much harder to source. In addition, local schools are community anchors that are needed to form communities. Closing schools in an area where population is getting denser is shortsighted, and should be voted down in general. In my neighborhood specifically, Oak Grove elementary is one of the finest schools in the state and produces outstanding students. People that can afford to send their children to private schools move here instead to be able to send their children to a public school. That is why my family moved to this neighborhood. The schools in this neighborhood increase property values dramatically. Closing them will lead to lower property values and reduced county revenue.	2/13/2026 2:01 PM
3945	I am curious how the magnet schools (DSA and DAA) figure into this as they are not listing here. We have heard about the possibility of moving Druid Hills into the DSA building. Is this related? I see that McLendon grade school is an option for closing, but am under the impression that it is a top performing school. (I may be misinformed.) Would it not make more sense to close schools that are lower performing so that students could be routed to the schools that are better able to serve them?	2/13/2026 1:50 PM
3946	Based to much on just two Bs: bucks and butts (in seats), with no regard for school performance or place in the community. It makes zero sense to close a high-performing school that is sought after. Closing such schools hurts the community, reducing community support for a larger, more distant school located on a residential street that can't handle the new traffic, harming sense of pride and place, and lowering home prices, which in turn reduces property tax to support DeKalb schools overall. For the life of me, I'll never understand the thought process that went into proposing closure of Oak Grove Elementary, a school that works and that draws families with children to the area, especially at a time of increasing generational turnover and redevelopment. Look at real estate ads. Presence in the Oak Grove attendance zone is the #1 selling feature for the area. Perhaps if we stop paying architects to draw up plans for additions and new schools that are later scrapped and for Superintendents who don't last in the office but remain on the payroll for years, we'd have enough money to maintain and improve more of the schools that we already have.	2/13/2026 1:38 PM
3947	The schools may not teach a lot of real life ideal situations but they have a lot of programs to help with a lot of the kids future !	2/13/2026 1:24 PM
3948	In my opinion closing schools will cause children to get lost in the shuffle. Of the schools listed most are in my area. Its disheartening to see availability of certain Magnet and gifted programs be taken from us. Some of the schools are understandable. However there is NO WAY that most of the schools affected should be the schools near the county line.	2/13/2026 1:17 PM
3949	I support the consolidations as proposed, only on the condition that existing staff at those facilities are also given the option to remain employees at those facilities at their current pay level. Forced layoffs should not be a part of this plan.	2/13/2026 1:16 PM
3950	I understand consolidation needs to happen, but please consider impacts to surrounding communities when school populations grow. Also consider commute times. While it may be a small distance to travel we know how Atlanta traffic works and I worry parent involvement and student enrollments will be impacted. If additional students are being added to current schools busing capacity also needs to be considered.	2/13/2026 1:16 PM
3951	They seem fine to me. I know that's easy to say because the schools my children are going to weren't on the list. I was wondering why Vanderlyn is on the list to close over Kingsley. I don't know a lot about enrollment just that Greatschools says Kingsley is 3/10 and Vanderlyn is 8/10. Just curious but it doesn't matter too much to me.	2/13/2026 1:07 PM
3952	The methodology seems to be logical based on facilities only. The closing of underutilized schools certainly makes sense. I also understand why a school like Ashford Park is on the list due to the condition/age of that school, but not knowing what will happen to that community makes it hard to say if I fully support it. I feel like I'm being asked to give feedback with about 10% of the data but looking it from a facilities only perspective I agree. This just isn't a facilities only decision.	2/13/2026 12:55 PM
3953	If it makes sense	2/13/2026 12:48 PM

3954	Do not close Vanderburg Elementary	2/13/2026 12:47 PM
3955	It's alright.	2/13/2026 12:40 PM
3956	I do not agree with the closing of all these schools. I think it will affect transportation for those students that live further from the new school that they will be zoned for.	2/13/2026 12:35 PM
3957	Can you share more data and information? How was the proposal made based on data-based info? Particularly, I see a few schools that are not on the list also have low attendance and low prediction for coming years. How was the prediction made? Data-based? If so, can you share? Quite interesting that Oak Grove attendance has been rising in the last few years after pandemic; but it’s predicted the attendance will drop significantly starting this year. How? I see more families with kids moved in recently. Again, please share and publish data.	2/13/2026 12:31 PM
3958	How will the remaining facilities be updated to accommodate growth and the modern classroom? What kind of investment can we expect?	2/13/2026 12:31 PM
3959	I wish there was information about where the students from the current schools would go. There are many self-contained special education classrooms that are closing in multiple schools and would require support/specialized consideration for the school facilities.	2/13/2026 12:26 PM
3960	No clear details on criteria for "scoring" schools and use of "Live-In" data. And no info on how projections for future "Live-In" data is derived. Provide clearly visible enrollment numbers on each bar in bar graph for each year in the graph so we can see them. The line graph with sharp drop of to 2030 does not seem to coincide with bar graph data 🤷🏽‍♀️. No possible scenarios provided for student population shifts resulting from consolidation of high schools nor elementary schools. No personnel loss projections provided for consolidation of schools or school closures (total job losses).	2/13/2026 12:13 PM
3961	Don’t close em	2/13/2026 12:09 PM
3962	What is the reason for the decline in student enrollment. If our current schools aren't meeting the demand of education needed for our children we should first be examing the why and how of that scenario. Closing schools and changing the name will make no difference if we're using the same system, structure and curriculum. We'll get the same results. My son will "hopefully" attend Cedar Grove Middle. We live next door. Its a good school. Why don't we focus on marketing to families the benefits of bringing their child there instead of closing a good school because it has 100 less students. In a lot of cases, less students equals smaller classes, which equate to one on one attention and better student outcomes.	2/13/2026 12:09 PM
3963	I have some concerns about building large elementary schools with 900 students. At a time when the County is losing students to smaller charter and private schools, leaning into smaller neighborhood schools seems a better approach to retaining families. The fact that there are elementary schools within walking distance of each other, which seems to be more an issue in the Northern part of the county, this is due to density of neighborhoods and more in-fill development. I am not supportive of building mega-schools that are only accessible by car / bus given the environmental impact. Without seeing what new catchment areas look like with the proposed consolidation, it’s hard to provide more feedback. But, the idea that the declining enrollment is creating challenges with building maintenance suggests DeKalb has a track record of strong building maintenance. That is not correct. At Lakeside High School, one of the few high schools with a swimming pool, a leak in the pool was identified and reported to the DCSD in 2003. It was finally repaired in 2025. That is embarrassing and why people roll their eyes at the leadership and management of DCSD. As a result, talk of closing facilities and rebuilding / renovating others is not credible without a comprehensive plan to finance this.	2/13/2026 11:59 AM
3964	This is a dumb idea.	2/13/2026 11:52 AM
3965	Although I applaud the closures of many schools in order to more effectively utilize funds, it is difficult to ascertain where students of the proposed closed schools would instead be sent. This is especially difficult at the elementary level where some neighborhoods have rich cultures of walking kids to and from school. By closing some neighborhood-centric elementary schools, there is the likely increased cost of bus transportation of students across greater distances as well as more time for students to spend in transit rather than engaging with after-school activities. Further, if schools consolidate grade bands, I fear that the increased bus time will lead to higher bullying rates among a greater swath of ages. There is additional information needed to study these dynamics and the proposed impacts on the well-being of the children affected rather than simply the bottom line.	2/13/2026 11:52 AM

3966	Oak grove should absolutely not be closed. It’s one of the better schools in the district	2/13/2026 11:51 AM
3967	I am zoned for Ashford Park, but work in other DeKalb Schools. Ashford Park is slated to close, which is sad since we bought a house in this zone so that we could attend this school. Livsey is slated for expansion, and Evansdale is slated to close. I think that smaller, community centered schools are better for students and families.	2/13/2026 11:50 AM
3968	In my opinion, the upcoming scenario for consolidation do not necessarily reflect with the true value of parents that remain in the areas of the potential closure.	2/13/2026 11:45 AM
3969	The proposed closure of Oak Grove would be fine with us as a Sagamore Hills family as long as we could be assured that Sagamore would not be over-crowded as a result, and we will be provided with substantial more funding to support the influx of some of the Oak Grove families. I assume not ALL of the Oak Grove students would come to Sagamore. That would be far too many students in our school.	2/13/2026 11:42 AM
3970	I don't think neither of these schools are on the list to close so I don't think it pertains to me, but both schools are great and well kept. I do think they could use more teachers though.	2/13/2026 11:39 AM
3971	Ashford Park elementary services a community that continues to grow and bring in families with young children. Our family picked this area partially due to Ashford Park and the track record. I do not understand why a growing community would have resources removed rather than being added	2/13/2026 11:37 AM
3972	I like the idea. Seems much more economical.	2/13/2026 11:34 AM
3973	I think these make sense to help allocate budgets more equitably.	2/13/2026 11:31 AM
3974	Oak Grove Elementary is an exemplary school within the system and has been for decades. The school has longstanding ties to the surrounding neighborhoods. Closing such a well-performing school seems ill-advised for a school system that wants to prevent further shrinkage of enrollment.	2/13/2026 11:20 AM
3975	OakGrove Elementary School has one of the highest test scores in the entire county. Dekalb county has very few elementary schools that score high on the map test across the board for all grades. Closing this school is totally short sighted and show that dekalb does not care economics, excellence, grades, teachers, parents, or students at high performing schools. How about you close schools that are low performing regardless of population and give those kids a shot at going to a better school. Does Dekalb County realize that if they shut a high performing school, that the property taxes will go down and will generate less revenue. How about the county employ an economist to figure out how property taxes impacts where the school are highest rated? Maybe take some inputs from doctors, lawyers, engineers, scientist, and teachers in why people live in an area. How about we examine where pre-k consistently has 2 classes and still has a wait list of kids trying to get in?	2/13/2026 11:15 AM
3976	I read the materials and I know students are the priority in these consolidations but what about teachers and staff? It seems like less teachers and staff will be needed which means people will lose their jobs or be forced to retire. I get money has to be used effectively but it always seems someone has to lose their job so a school district can be better run. What about reductions at the district administrative level and the loss of their facilities? I don't see them in this scenario. Dekalb County is a bit top heavy in roles and leadership seems to be constantly leaving or found to be misusing funds.	2/13/2026 11:14 AM
3977	I don't like the idea of getting rid of neighborhood schools. Getting rid of schools that have been built or renovated in the past 10 years is a waste of taxpayer funds. What will the school site be used for? Will the building be torn down or will it just sit there for years and look dilapidated? If the county sells the land, what will the money be used for?	2/13/2026 11:11 AM
3978	Regarding Oak Grove and Henderson Mill closures: why would anyone want to move to these areas anymore if the schools are being closed? The effect on the community is tremendously negative if students only attend private schools.	2/13/2026 10:58 AM
3979	It's concerning that all those facilities will go away. Also, when these consolidations happen, it's not clear what state the current schools are in from a building quality standpoint. Increasing the capacity will also increase wear and tear. If you're moving more students into a building that needs a lot of work, it doesn't sound like a smart move.	2/13/2026 10:55 AM
3980	I understand that consolidations may have to happen. I would feel bad for the families that have to make changes, but I understand that this would be necessary.	2/13/2026 10:54 AM

3981	Shocking to hear that numbers are so low across DeKalb Co. schools attendance. Where will the kids go if the schools close? Will schools become overcrowded and teachers/staff etc become overwhelmed?	2/13/2026 10:51 AM
3982	The closure of APES is concerning as a future parent. This change would happen during the middle of my children's time at the school. Losing a neighborhood school would be hard on the community and repurposing the school to serve a smaller grade band may be more advisable.	2/13/2026 10:49 AM
3983	I think this idea is a bunch of horse manure. These schools are necessary in their locations. We do not want to see more data centers built there.	2/13/2026 10:45 AM
3984	I never understood why they built a new Lithonia in Redan while also building Stephenson, MLK, and Arabia Mountain and closing Shamrock, Henderson, and Briarcliff. I understand starting with elementary for reasons, but this seems very shortsighted and not correcting years of bad planning while claiming to. I'm just not buying it.	2/13/2026 10:40 AM
3985	I strongly oppose the proposal to close Ashford Park Elementary. This school is not only a high-performing, vibrant learning environment, but it is also the heart of a cohesive and engaged neighborhood community. Closing an in-neighborhood school—especially one that is currently over capacity because families actively choose it—does not make sense from either an educational or community perspective. Ashford Park provides stability, walkability, and a sense of belonging that directly contribute to student success. Removing a successful neighborhood school disrupts students, weakens community connections, and diminishes the very qualities that make this area desirable for families. Consolidating students into other schools will increase travel times, reduce neighborhood engagement, and potentially overcrowd schools that are not set up to absorb such shifts. Rather than closing Ashford Park, the district should explore ways to support and expand high-demand schools—through capacity enhancements, boundary adjustments, or phased investments—so that families can continue sending their children to the school that anchors our community. I urge the district to reconsider this consolidation proposal and prioritize solutions that preserve strong neighborhood schools like Ashford Park. Keeping this school open is essential for maintaining community cohesion, supporting student well-being, and honoring the voice of the families who live here.	2/13/2026 10:34 AM
3986	This would create a negative impact on students by over crowding a small footprint school	2/13/2026 10:30 AM
3987	I am in disagreement with closing current schools. I think Dekalb county should update all school buiclings. Keep schools on the smaller side, espcecially in elementary schools- Although we are “ under enrolled”, i believe the past larger number was actually overcrodong our schools. my kids classes were always very large	2/13/2026 10:29 AM
3988	Kingsley should not close. This school has has funds allocated through (two) SPLOSTs since 2020 for renovations. Staff, families and community members have been told since 2024 that these renovations will be completed in summer of 2026. They have had to put up with less than ideal building conditions, in addition to many changes in administration, etc. Kingsley is tight knit community, with room to grow. This school should NOT be closed. If anything, you should add on to this building and make it larger and move students TO the school.	2/13/2026 10:23 AM
3989	I don’t really like it	2/13/2026 10:19 AM
3990	Looks good	2/13/2026 10:17 AM
3991	These schools are what draws families to Dekalb. The smaller neighborhood schools draw parents to all parts of the county. I feel this is greed on the part of administration to do what they want with the monies saved. The school board and the administration of Dekalb do not seem to care about what's best for the school children, their education and the wants of the parents.	2/13/2026 10:13 AM
3992	I have attached two link citing the benefits of smaller class sizes in education, and with a decrease in enrollment, I think this provides an opportunity to decrease class sizes across the county and improve personalized instruction to all DCSD students. https://www.aft.org/sites/default/files/media/2014/fs_classsize_2010.pdf https://www.aasa.org/resources/resource/small-classes-big-possibilities The justification to close schools is rooted in money, but before considering closing schools, DCSD needs to consider cutting in effective programs and employees. DCSD has a documented history of absorbing ineffective principals and admin into AIC office positions, why? This is an poor use of resources, DCSD could have cut their loses and allocated funds from an administrative	2/13/2026 10:09 AM

	salary to resources to support a school/classroom. A perfect example being the situation at Smoke Rise Elementary regarding the PAC meeting incident. Correct me if I am wrong, but was this Principal not enveloped and "prompted into a position in the AIC building? https://www.decaturish.com/news/dekalb/dear-decaturish-something-is-wrong-at-smoke-rise-elementary-and-we-need-help/article_677009c1-bab9-58ee-b62b-92d69f561f23.html	
3993	I think this is a very good first attempt. I do have concerns on LRES expansion and how that will work while kids are attending as not to be so disruptive, but I do think it is necessary and has the land available to have an addition. I DO NOT THINK EXPANSION SHOULD INCLUDE PORTABALES (at least not long term).	2/13/2026 10:08 AM
3994	The school and this community are so well knit together. My kids love the school and I think it's unfair to have to change their environment and community for this project. These kids build friendships and connections with teachers who make such a a difference for them in these schools that follow them through the system that can get lost.	2/13/2026 9:58 AM
3995	1) While you clearly state your principles online as the criteria in the decision process, you then proceed to directly ignore them when making decisions. You state in your closure plan that "Elementaries that are appropriately placed and well utilized have proposed facility additions. " Ashford Park Elementary is placed right in the heart of the community in which it serves, is a very high performing school, and well utilized. However, instead of 'a proposed facility addition', you have made the decision to shut this school down. 2) These decisions appear to have been made with little understanding of the local communities and the resultant impact. The head of SAP, Sarita Smith, has been in our school district for less than two years and has little understanding of local relationships and communities . HPM which is conducting the demographics research also has no local context which is reflected in their erroneous demographic projections (related to the Ashford Park area - with the amount of construction in our district area, especially with large houses replacing smaller, older properties, there is absolutely no way projected the in-boundary school age children population will decline in the near term.) 3) Most importantly, I am perplexed how you can expect to make facility closure decisions without concurrently making the student realignment decisions (or at least sharing this information). These decisions are inextricably linked - meaning you can't close down a school without a reasonable idea of where the children from that school will go as the 'receiving' school has to have certain characteristics -- sufficient capacity, be in close proximity, etc. Purporting to separate the two decisions and not providing any transparency as to where the new school boundaries will be placed under the school closure plan is disingenuous at best. You claim that you want to have a transparent and open process, but this 'party line' is the exact opposite. You cannot expect true parent and community feedback without providing families further information about how they will be directly impacted. You continue to lose credibility with the community on a daily basis with these statements	2/13/2026 9:47 AM
3996	Over the years, school capacity across the district has increased significantly. In recent years, however, student enrollment throughout the county has steadily declined despite this. As a result, the district and our committee are working to address the issue through a consolidation plan designed to respond to declining enrollment, aging facilities, and schools that are either over or under enrolled. The proposed consolidation plan supports the goals of the Student Assignment Project by promoting fiscal responsibility and streamlining resources to better serve students. It allows the district to close or repurpose under-enrolled schools while maximizing the use of funds in larger, more efficiently utilized facilities. By restructuring school clusters and prioritizing the allocation of resources and funding, buildings can be used more effectively. I believe the inventory of vacant buildings presents an opportunity for strategic use. For example, these facilities could be repurposed to house expanded school choice programs in standalone buildings. Additionally, schools in need of significant repair or renovation could be demolished, with the land banked for future district use or leased to outside entities to generate revenue. One important consideration within the current consolidation plan is the potential closure of high schools. The committee should carefully weigh community feedback when evaluating whether specific high schools close. It is also critical to consider the continuation of academic programs, such as International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, and Career Technical and Agricultural Education courses, to ensure students continue to have access to these opportunities.	2/13/2026 9:40 AM
3997	I have mixed emotions with this. On one hand I think the district could benefit from closing down some of the schools with low enrollments and performance scores. But only if that money is put back into the education system to improve the resources and learning curriculum for the remaining schools.	2/13/2026 9:36 AM

3998	I do not like the fact that Ashford Park Elementary is closing. Despite poor, outdated facilities this school has thrived. That should be celebrated by the school district, not closed down.	2/13/2026 9:33 AM
3999	Wise choices to place more resources back into schools to support students more effectively.	2/13/2026 9:27 AM
4000	I like the look from the high school level and moving down to elementary school level for adjustments.	2/13/2026 9:21 AM
4001	I oppose the proposed consolidations and school closures. Closing neighborhood schools creates major disruption for students and families—longer bus rides, harder logistics for working parents, loss of stable relationships/support systems, and added stress during key learning years. Consolidation also risks overcrowding at receiving schools, larger class sizes, and less access to programs and services (especially for students who rely on consistent supports). If enrollment is declining, the district should prioritize alternatives that keep schools open: targeted program expansion (magnets/dual language/STEM/arts), strategic boundary adjustments, controlled choice, co-locating Pre-K and community services, and leasing underused space where appropriate. If any consolidation is still considered, it should require clear, school-by-school data (utilization, costs, transportation impact, academic impact), a transparent equity analysis, and a plan that guarantees students are not harmed by longer commutes or reduced services.	2/13/2026 9:21 AM
4002	Do not close our schools. Too many people will be without jobs and students will be displaced. Please don't close the schools.	2/13/2026 9:16 AM
4003	I am a parent of two young children who will attend DeKalb County schools in the next 1-3 years. The proposed closure of Oak Grove Elementary is concerning to me. The proposal does not outline specific reasons why each ES has been chosen (the way it does for MS and HS), so I am frustrated with the opaque recommendation. By all accounts, this is a thriving school, well supported by parents and the community.	2/13/2026 9:15 AM
4004	While I understand that you are in a very difficult position balancing cost vs robust opportunities, I am extremely disappointed that Vanderlyn is being proposed to close. I think the small community school environment is better for learning in the elementary grades where enrichment and activities are less important. I would prefer the scenario that enables the county to allocate more funds to student teacher ratios in the elementary grades and teacher compensation.	2/13/2026 9:11 AM
4005	I do not like the idea of 27 schools shutting down. We should be shutting down one school and upgrading another to consolidate schools and make sure each school has a proper number of kids. This will leave middle schoolers with their age group, as 6-12 is not a good idea for many reason.	2/13/2026 9:06 AM
4006	RIDICULOUS! My biggest concern is the impact this would have on class sizes. Smaller schools allow for smaller class sizes, which allows for better engagement and personalized interactions between students and teachers. There is tons of research that supports this. Closing manageable neighborhood schools would be catastrophic for stakeholders. Students, parents, and teachers would suffer heavily due to massive changes. I can only imagine the amount of teachers that would be fired because there wouldn't be a need for all of them after consolidating. Furthermore, the bus situation would be a NIGHTMARE! There aren't even enough buses or bus drivers to support the schools as they function now.	2/13/2026 9:05 AM
4007	Taking elementary schools out of neighborhoods is bad for everyone - families, neighbors, property values, community connectedness	2/13/2026 9:03 AM
4008	I’m glad we will have conversations and the community will be involved	2/13/2026 8:58 AM
4009	I think you are underestimating public backlash and the amount of kids that would unenroll, we specifically choose where we live because of the school district our house was in. If you close the school and redistributed Kingsley ES away from Dunwoody Schools, we would go private or move. Kingsley ES closing, but is dependent on how you would redistrict we would want redirecting to chestnut elementary school for any neighborhoods east of winters chapel and north of Peeler Rd.	2/13/2026 8:56 AM
4010	I'm concerned about the idea of expanding Montgomery Elementary for the following reasons: - Traffic during dropoff is already horrendous. With more students, I only imagine it would get worse, so I'd like to hear about any plans to make buses more of an option (currently pickup for us is too early) or to manage traffic on Ashford Dunwoody road. - I do not want class sizes to balloon or for the shared facilities (library/cafeteria) to become overrun or have more limited	2/13/2026 8:55 AM

	availability. Currently kindergarteners eat at 10am because the cafeteria cannot accomodate kids as is. - If this happens I'd like to actually see resources expand. For example, I'd expect more language offerings and more after-school access.	
4011	My neighborhood school is Ashford Park Elementary. The facility is crumbling, it's severely overcrowded — BUT, people want to be there and people move to this neighborhood because of it. I guarantee you, if you try to "spread out the success" of AP to John Lewis or somewhere else.....people will just send their kids to private schools. People are very wealthy here and have little patience for DeKalb shenanigans moving their kids around. What AP parents want is a renovation, add a second floor....But I know that costs money. This school, the parents, have money. Let them help fundraise for it! Why isn't that allowed? They want AP to stay on the site of AP, just with a bigger building that can accommodate the boom of children in the neighborhood. You will lose them ALL to private schools. Isn't curbing declining enrollment in DCSD part of the goal here?	2/13/2026 8:55 AM
4012	I support public schools and both my children attended Ashford Park Elementary, Chamblee Middle and Chamblee High School. We love the community schools and my children maintain friendships with their schoolmates even after graduation.	2/13/2026 8:53 AM
4013	Closing Vanderlyn, a highly rated, high performing school and shifting students to lower performing schools would cause families to leave dekalb schools altogether. Vanderlyn is a thriving community.	2/13/2026 8:52 AM
4014	I think it is hard to close schools in any area with a plan for new buildings and staffing to help in the schools where an entire schools students have to go. The area schools are closest to most of the students. there is history/legacy of school that will be eliminated. I recommend that the schools that in the area closest to the closure receive funding prior to the closures focused on building/nice temp trailers with construction time lines for new buildings within 3 years and staffing incentives for staff being transferred to other locations. This will require multi level involvement including staff and student advisors to help make the best choices.	2/13/2026 8:46 AM
4015	I think these scenarios make sense considering low enrollment, but I think first considerations should be how do we increase enrollment.	2/13/2026 8:45 AM
4016	While consolidation may appear efficient on paper, it risks overlooking the root causes of current challenges. Enrollment declines should not be viewed solely as a facilities issue. Instability in district leadership and frequent staffing misalignments have had a greater impact on student engagement and family confidence than building capacity. Consolidation without addressing instructional quality, staffing alignment, and program offerings may further disengage students and families rather than stabilize enrollment.	2/13/2026 8:43 AM
4017	I would not like these consolidations.	2/13/2026 8:42 AM
4018	Oak Grove Elementary is a cornerstone to the community and where my family plans to send our children. The reputation of the school was a huge reason we decided to purchase a home in the area, and consolidating/closing the school would impact the longstanding reputation and community engagement. We would consider moving out of the Dekalb district entirely if OGE closes.	2/13/2026 8:40 AM
4019	It makes sense to optimize the school capacity and improve education at the same time. Reduces costs and offers better education for all DeKalb communities.	2/13/2026 8:40 AM
4020	My feedback on the scenarios is that these schools should not be touched. The county can implement better rules, classes, and overall engagment in schools.McNair High School is not more adequate than Cedar Grove High School. Our students deserve a second chance. I am co 28, and we deserve to be able to come back and see our Alma Mater.	2/13/2026 8:36 AM
4021	Dekalb is a huge county. It makes no sense to close all of these schools. I think it’ll discourage children to want to attend school.	2/13/2026 8:33 AM
4022	We need new facilities for North and South Dekalb area.	2/13/2026 8:28 AM
4023	Consolidation of elementary schools go against Dekalb long standing policy regarding neighborhood and walkable elementary schools. It lessens community impact at a critical point in student development and increases greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the number of students within walking/biking distance of schools.	2/13/2026 8:25 AM
4024	Why would Dekalb want to shutdown their highest performing/rated elementary school. Where would the 700 kids go with the surrounding elementary schools to capacity. Makes no sense to	2/13/2026 8:21 AM

	me. We moved to Ashford Park specifically for the Ashford / Chamblee schools. If we are reassigned to Cross Keys we would be forced to move to Roswell/East Cobb or look into private schools.	
4025	Concerns regarding the closure of both Columbia and Canby lane elementary. This seems like a significant impact/ crowding on the Columbia/Snapfinger ES cluster. I don't see a school listed in the area for potential expansion if Snapfinger's building has significant facility issues and B. Obama Elementary is a new school but not within walking distance to the areas students. I would like to see the plan or process mapping for which ES students are being reassigned.	2/13/2026 8:21 AM
4026	Surprised to hear about expansion since trailers are already being utilized for Montgomery Elementary. I am curious to find out more information about plans to increase the footprint of the existing schools to accommodate the higher number of students.	2/13/2026 8:17 AM
4027	Oak grove is an excellent school and should never be closed. It consistently exceeds expectations and performs better than most in the county.	2/13/2026 8:12 AM
4028	Why not sell the building that is supposed to be for district and place those people back in the classroom as teachers or support. Smaller class sizes even if you have to consolidate but make it the last option to consolidate.	2/13/2026 8:12 AM
4029	I am completely on board with needing to close some schools and consolidate. However I would like to see what the cost is to expand some of the other schools in order to accommodate more students and what that effect is on traffic in that area since some of those schools on the expansion list only have one way in/out and are already causing lots of traffic/parking issues. Is the "expansion" of those schools just going to be more trailers or actual building space? With making larger elementary schools, please remember to keep class sizes as small as possible or use the extra money saved to add more teacher assistants. Also, since schools are being closed to save money, I think it is absolutely prudent that administration office spaces also be closed/consolidated and have the administrative offices move into the closed schools so that we aren't paying so much for office space.	2/13/2026 8:07 AM
4030	Closing McNair DLA is a short-sighted idea, given the boom that East Atlanta is experiencing. There’s more babies and young children than ever in the area and you’ll be depriving families of a school. Furthermore, closing two other schools in the cluster shows the complete lack of consideration that the county system has for areas that are majority black, and it’s yet evidence of how you are perpetrating racist behaviors that will hurt a growing and beautiful community.	2/13/2026 8:02 AM
4031	I understand the scenario, and I can see how this would save the District can save money.	2/13/2026 7:42 AM
4032	The scenario where McNair Middle becomes an elementary school is asinine. The physical structure of the facility does not seem conducive (or safe) for small bodies. Additionally, closing EVERY elementary school in our area except for Barack Obama and having them go to one place reeks of trying "herd" students with no regard for relationships and culture that have been created in some neighborhood school. This school was already disrespected last year when the principal, Dr. Taylor, was moved in the summer with NO INPUT from the community. It appears the county is trying to destroy this school and despises the parents and students that populate it.	2/13/2026 7:35 AM
4033	Cascading schools is definitely the right approach, along with shutting down the most under performing schools I want to see what is the plan for Kittredge, are they not getting more space? DCSD is currently under performing the state average, what I see is a plan to make us average. DCSD needs to think bigger than simply closing the under performing schools. We must also come up with ways to enhance our top performing schools and expand them to more kids. I want to live in a district with great schools, not just decent ones.	2/13/2026 7:35 AM
4034	VES is a high performing neighborhood school that families (like mine) seek out in their long-term housing decisions. Please do not close our high performing neighborhood school in which students and teachers work incredibly hard everyday. if changes are necessary, I would hope they plan to allow currently enrolled students to remain and complete their education there. It is obvious that continuity and stability are good and disruption is bad. And, socially, VES is important for young families in the community! It provides opportunities for students to engage with kids in other grades after school on the playground, and helps support a strong neighborhood network. Shouldn’t we preserve at least one high-performing neighborhood school option for families in the district?	2/13/2026 7:34 AM

4035	I see this was well throughout and considered. I want the district to best utilize its resources. That said, consider the community aspect and traffic patterns. Children should be close enough to schools to walk and attend school programs. If parents have to drive over 10 minutes that cause access issues. ITP and OTP is real. If parents need to cross over 285 to get their children to school, it increases commute time and adds to the already hectic traffic. Children will be late or attendance issues will increase.	2/13/2026 7:29 AM
4036	none	2/13/2026 7:16 AM
4037	no comment	2/13/2026 7:05 AM
4038	I'm against the closure and consolidation of schools. Why overcrowd schools. Teachers are able to teach better in smaller classrooms and students get more one on one attention.	2/13/2026 7:03 AM
4039	The basic idea of closing schools and consolidating them makes perfect sense. That's not what was presented here. I don't understand the cost/benefit analysis for closing this many schools AND also expanding others. I would like to see a scenario presented that focused on minimizing facility costs by using existing schools and not adding any expansions, which we all know will be very high cost construction that will take a long time because it always does.	2/13/2026 7:02 AM
4040	honestly i think its a great idea. The redan area has poor academics and unruly children behavior. My kids used to go to gwinett and they were top students. Ever since the switch they are different. they come home saying things they dont normally say and the school never takes acountability and always blames us and threatens us with social workers.	2/13/2026 7:01 AM
4041	The scenarios make sense to me. They seem long overdue.	2/13/2026 7:00 AM
4042	Please do not close Ashford Park!	2/13/2026 6:51 AM
4043	Oak Grove Elementary is one of the best elementary schools in the county thanks to the support of the OGE foundation. The current proposal considers closing schools like OGE and ashford park. By consolidating these schools, you will have more students leave Dekalb county schools for private education. Your resources would be better served by improving the middle schools and high schools which would encourage students stay in county schools instead of leaving for private school.	2/13/2026 6:40 AM
4044	Moving facilities and shuffling communities to other areas would solve the open seats issue. Administration, faculty/staff, and building/facility maintenance, would need to be addressed and in place well before making moves.	2/13/2026 6:36 AM
4045	School closures are going to lead to crowded schools, thusly creating safety concerns. Will there be an SRO assigned at every school location? Also in reference to all the new chief and support positions that have been created, will these positions also be consolidated? If enrollment is down, why is the number of non-school based support positions up? The consolidation should start at the district offices.	2/13/2026 6:28 AM
4046	I strongly oppose the proposal to close 30 schools on the south end. This decision disproportionately impacts predominantly Black communities and raises serious equity concerns. Our tax dollars are meant to give all children a fair chance to succeed. Closing neighborhood schools, overcrowding northern schools, and busing students across the county does not support that goal. I also do not agree with merging schools into K-9 or K-12 models without clear evidence that it benefits students academically or socially. Financial mismanagement by past leadership should not come at the expense of our children or our community. I urge the board to reconsider and prioritize equitable solutions.	2/13/2026 6:26 AM
4047	I do feel it is a evenly diverse scenario. Many of the schools are in minority areas such as South DeKalb. Property values will suffer. Also who regularly take their kids to school will loss that valuable time with their children. All kids don't ride the bus. This could create over teacher burn out as well. Many teachers live outside the district, their commutes will be affected. Saving more is great but not at the expense of the overall community. Repurpose fuels instead. Start more Stem/Steam	2/13/2026 6:25 AM
4048	Need more information on other school potential rezoning Need additional information on how Hawthorne will be expanded to include 2 additional schools. There is little to no room/space for expansion and unlike Henderson or Oskgrive the school is in the middle of a residential area vs oblong a main road. Traffic getting in and out of the neighborhood will be extremely challenging during school hours	2/13/2026 6:17 AM
4049	Consolidating not closing is the best approach. As it would allow families and learning	2/13/2026 6:07 AM

	communities to remain together and supported without implementing a complete transition through closure which may cause disruption and deep loss of engagement.	
4050	I recognize the district is facing enrollment and budget challenges, and I respect the effort to search for solutions. However, based on the information presented, I do not support the proposed consolidation or reconfiguration scenarios at this time. My concern is that the proposals appear to prioritize building efficiency over the developmental, emotional, and community impact on students.	2/13/2026 6:06 AM
4051	When closing schools, what will happen to all the staff? Will they be moved to the existing schools and create a smaller class size? Also if enrollment is so low and money is so tight, is district office need to be cut? That is a huge portion of money that doesn't directly touch kids. All the contracts and people. We need a real audit before you talk about closing schools.	2/13/2026 5:57 AM
4052	Not knowing what school/ distance my child will end up being is unsettling	2/13/2026 5:49 AM
4053	I think it's to many school to fast. The traffic patterns would change dramatically. We already don't have enough parking at the school when they have an event b/c the school it P-8.	2/13/2026 5:49 AM
4054	I like the school and it is a great community	2/13/2026 5:47 AM
4055	This is a great idea	2/13/2026 5:43 AM
4056	I worry about established school communities being negatively impacted and class sizes growing too large for elementary students.	2/13/2026 5:36 AM
4057	Ashford Park elementary is a fixture of the community in the area. It likely needs a remodel and expansion, but its location is central to the community with no other options close by. It has also created more opportunities for students to walk or bike to school (the bike bus to Ashford Park) which encourages kids to be more active.	2/13/2026 5:04 AM
4058	Don't close the school	2/13/2026 4:54 AM
4059	I'm sad and surprised to see Ashford Park Elementary on the list but I do understand the facility is out of date and cannot currently serve its high volume of students. I'm eager and hopeful this means there's a plan to keep this current school community together wherever that might be. We are a tight knit community that have worked together to build an amazing neighborhood school. If we all stay together we will make wherever we land another amazing school.	2/13/2026 4:48 AM
4060	I believe that our students deserve to have well-kept facilities with amazing educators who are trained to teach them. The initial facilities scenarios especially pertaining to the multiple grades in one building seems more like a safety issue than anything else. Converting high schools into middle schools seems like we are trying to load off schools (real estate) for financial gains.	2/13/2026 4:43 AM
4061	The best school.	2/13/2026 4:42 AM
4062	Livsey site expansion seems expensive due to the current land features. Parking is already challenging. I'm surprised to not see "selling property" as an option for what to do with land when schools are closed. My concern with the sale of land would be that additional housing development would be likely, which would most likely add students to the area where a school was closed. I do appreciate the conversation of consolidation and better utilizing our resources. I am very interested in better transportation routes.	2/13/2026 4:20 AM
4063	GOOD IDEA!! EXCITED ABOUT THE COMBINATION OF OLE TIME TRADITIONAL EDUCATION	2/13/2026 3:02 AM
4064	They could be improved at peachtree middle	2/13/2026 2:23 AM
4065	I dont feel any closures should happen as an influx of chuldren could happen at any time.	2/13/2026 1:35 AM
4066	I understand the buildings are all old and need major repairs and that many schools are under enrolled- however, my favorite thing about Briarlake is the size. It is such a small, sweet community where we truly work together and make big impacts and know our neighbors because of the community built at the school. Combining schools would make the school way too big and lose the community aspect. I think you would lose a lot more seats with mega schools.	2/13/2026 1:29 AM
4067	It feels as though the south of Dekalb will feel the negative effects of these consolidations the	2/13/2026 12:30 AM

	most.	
4068	Incompetent	2/13/2026 12:21 AM
4069	I've lived in Decatur near Towers High School for around thirty years. Towers has been a major problem for decades because that area of Glenwood Road has been underperforming for decades due to the drug crisis and lack of social services. Instead of converting it to a middle school why not add more social services to that area. Changing it to a middle school is only like a band aid for a chronic problem.	2/12/2026 11:58 PM
4070	I don’t like the consolidations, this will make it harder for the kids in the neighboring subdivisions.	2/12/2026 11:50 PM
4071	Considering school closures and consolidations on capacity alone is short sighted. Reconfiguration must consider educational quality being provided which is not the same at each school. Vanderlyn Elementary is providing my child with a very high quality education in my opinion. She may receive a similarly high quality education at, say, Dunwoody or Austin ES, but I don't believe she would get the same quality of education at Chesnut. And certainly not at Kingsley (which is also scheduled for closure) Closing Vanderlyn rather than Chesnut, for example, which is a lower rated school is not sensible simply because Chesnut is running over capacity. Further, the plan is incomplete if it does not include details about transfers of teachers, and students, to other schools and to which specific schools.	2/12/2026 11:43 PM
4072	This worries me. My kids love their school and teachers. They're very happy and feel safe there. It's not a huge school, but it's one with a strong sense of community and commitment to the students.	2/12/2026 11:32 PM
4073	Ashford Park Elementary School should not be closed.	2/12/2026 11:19 PM
4074	1. I am VERY concerned that closing Evansdale and consolidating with another school will lead to crowded classrooms. Small class sizes are proven to be better for students and should be the district's top goal. A huge reason that parents are sending their children to private schools is for smaller class size, so by closing schools, you will perpetuate the problem of empty seats. 2. We are in the DLI French Immersion program, which we chose in part because of its proximity to our home. We are concerned about where that program will be moved. 3. Also, one of our children is not school-aged yet, and I want them to be able to attend school with their sibling and not be forced to start somewhere different. As an aside- I taught in DeKalb back in 2011 when several neighborhood schools closed and redistricted students to Snapfinger ES. We had around 1,000 students. It was overcrowded and overwhelming to be a teacher in that building. As a specials teacher, I saw classes with 32 kids and hardly had the space/seats to fit them all, let alone remember all their names. Behavior problems spiked, and students struggled socially as they tried to integrate into a school that wasn't "theirs". All of this is to say that I have seen this precise scenario play out from the inside, and it is not in students' best interest. Class size matters, and community pride matters.	2/12/2026 11:17 PM
4075	It is hard to close schools but it must be done. Perhaps explaining how central office staff will also decrease will make the closures more palatable.	2/12/2026 10:59 PM
4076	The initial scenarios seem to make sense, off the cuff.	2/12/2026 10:50 PM
4077	From our apartment community more than 50 students studying in vanderlyn elementary school	2/12/2026 10:48 PM
4078	Ashford Park needs updating. Overall, the school is good but there are too many kids in the classrooms and not enough attention to the children with learning diabilities such as adhd. They only teach one way and expect all students to learn that way.	2/12/2026 10:47 PM
4079	I think it’s way too many elementary schools to close. We don’t have the infrastructure to create more traffic for people traveling further to go to school.	2/12/2026 10:43 PM
4080	First, I want to express appreciation to the district for taking on these decisions and for the work that has clearly gone into the process. School boundary and program changes are never easy, and I’m grateful that the district is engaging in long-term planning. Clear, consistent communication from district leadership, including Dr. Sauce and Andrew Ziffer, has been especially important, and continued transparency around data, timelines, and decision-making criteria will help families feel informed and supported. I think the plan to close Kingsley and Vanderlyn makes sense (although I know the Vanderlyn choice will be unpopular). I noticed some schools (that I didn't think were magnet/specialized) like Cary Reynolds and Montclair	2/12/2026 10:41 PM

	weren't included - what is the plan for these schools? For a school like Montgomery with potential expansion plans - how will the district address on waiver-size classes/trailers until those expansion plans are complete?	
4081	I feel it dis portioned with other districts in the same county. North Dekalb county is not going through these drastic changes in their school districts	2/12/2026 10:38 PM
4082	Midvale is such a sweet, wonderful neighborhood school. What is the plan for consolidation if Midvale disappears? Livsey already has a village of temp trailers and pushing for overcrowding doesn’t seem like a suitable solution.	2/12/2026 10:26 PM
4083	My children attend a school choice lottery program, the DLI French program. I am concerned about the future of the DLI programs, the specialized teachers that may lose their jobs, and the community that has been a cornerstone of my children’s education. By consolidating schools my children would not have their same sense of community, for instance, every single teacher in the building knows my children by name and that they are siblings. This has been so helpful to my son with a 504. He has thrived in with the small cohort and individual attention he has received from staff.	2/12/2026 10:25 PM
4084	I oppose the closure because it would be harmful to students and the surrounding community. Closing Cedar Grove Middle School would disrupt students during critical developmental years, increase strain on receiving schools, weaken neighborhood stability, and disproportionately impact a historically under-resourced community. The long-term academic, social, and economic consequences outweigh the short-term financial savings.	2/12/2026 10:24 PM
4085	I honestly think both schools are doing great job with both of my children and to close either schools would have a bad impact on the children educational outlook/ future.	2/12/2026 10:20 PM
4086	Too many schools on the South end in close vicinity are closing. What about transportation, class sizes, not to mention with all the schools closing where will the teachers and staff be placed? Yes bigger school (middle) for elementary however the teachers are still left out of a job.	2/12/2026 10:17 PM
4087	This is useless plan if dscd as space for 110k students and has 92k currently enrolled, that is. It a big enough gap to close schools as more people are moving into the neighbors in the schools your trying to close.	2/12/2026 10:11 PM
4088	I think that McLendon ES made sense post-WWII when all of our single family homes were bursting with kids, but they're not anymore. I think it's a luxury to have an elementary school to walk to, but if the County can improve the allocation of resources by consolidating schools, that is the more prudent path forward.	2/12/2026 10:09 PM
4089	Peachtree has some deferred maintenance	2/12/2026 10:07 PM
4090	Consolation could be good if this means more resources for old school improvements and/or teachers that still want to be in the profession.	2/12/2026 10:01 PM
4091	It is very hard to share feedback on this because it fails to answer essential questions that cause the most concern: where will students who are districted for these schools go (not other schools but exactly which ones) and what happens to the properties that will no longer be used. These neighborhood schools are just that and leaving them vacant is a major issue for a variety of reasons. I regularly pass vacant and an unused and uncared for DCSD property on Chamblee Dunwoody road and North Druid Hills. What happens to these schools right in the middle of neighborhoods. Also, the traffic impact of expanding Chestnut and increasing enrollment at Dunwoody Elementary will be significant. It's interesting to close the two schools off of the main roads but increase enrollment in those on main roads. Finally, some of these changes seem like they will increase segregation instead of diversity and I wonder how that impacts our students -- I think negatively.	2/12/2026 9:54 PM
4092	This seems to make sense but it is important to consider why schools are less than capacity and what can be done to encourage parents to enroll their kids in public schools.	2/12/2026 9:49 PM
4093	APES is an excellent school that shows growth in student enrollment in grades K-3. It is unclear why it is selected for consolidation.	2/12/2026 9:44 PM
4094	I struggle to understand how this scenario aligns with DCSD being "a vibrant and forward-thinking PreK-12 public school district committed to empowering every student to reach their full potential. Guided by its bold vision to prepare students for success as lifelong learners and responsible global citizens, the district strives to provide an exceptional educational	2/12/2026 9:44 PM

	experience for all." This scenario sends the message that DCSD is not forward-thinking, does not empower students to reach their full potential, and that ALL students do not matter. This scenario focuses on maximizing facility usage rather than focusing on improving student outcomes, closing the achievement gap between demographics, and providing an exceptional educational experience for ALL. The consolidations scenario presented sends the message that DCSD would rather focus on disinvesting in communities that have low enrollment rather than investing in those schools to revitalize not only the schools, but the communities. Schools are more than just buildings, they are communities. The decrease in student enrollment on the southside of DeKalb is a symptom of DeKalb leaders continuing to invest more on the northside at the expense of communities on the southside. I believe DCSD should look no further than City Schools of Decatur to understand how investing in underperforming schools can revitalize schools and communities. In the early 2000s, City Schools of Decatur made the purposeful decision to invest in their school system. Twenty-five years later, City Schools of Decatur has become one of the top school systems in Georgia and transformed the City of Decatur into one of the most vibrant and sought after communities in Metro-Atlanta. DeKalb can do the same by investing in our schools to ensure that ALL students, on both the southside and northside, have the opportunity to succeed in their own communities. INVESTING in underperforming schools will prove that DCSD believes its own vision statement that ALL students matter.	
4095	There is no summary showing the difference between the "do nothing" and this initial scenario. Even in terms of reducing excess seats there's no summary chart -- and there should be! Any scenario will cause lots of upheaval and there needs to be a believable "bang for the buck" metric to show the level of improvement with this scenario AND with future scenarios that will evolve (supposedly) through the community meetings. Without any sort of summary metrics - cost, seats, FCA, ESA - it is impossible to compare scenarios with each other and with the "do nothing" scenarios.	2/12/2026 9:42 PM
4096	Closing multiple schools in the same area causes class overcrowding and parents have hard time finding transportation to schools outside of the area	2/12/2026 9:36 PM
4097	I would like to better understand where the elementary and middle school students from the sites proposed for closure will be going to.	2/12/2026 9:36 PM
4098	I am awaiting the results of “your” study to inform me and then might be in a position to answer this question.	2/12/2026 9:34 PM
4099	I do not agree. The future is based on stability and consistency when it comes it high school graduates. It could raises a flag with families, college plans, and internship with companies. Schools are like homes, when it a stressful movement from one place to another the children suffers in the end. All lives will have to be adjusted, daycare facility, Marta transportation, Gas station, after school programs, family job relocations, health and life insurance, implements of new family support systems, forced early retirement and payout pensions and even push a high rate of juvenile delinquency. Because they will be taken out of areas that they know or putting them in areas they don't like. Not only that but it will strongly suggest job cuts or job refusals due to relocation. My opinion that This is just not a good plan to move forward on for the 3 high schools. This proposed strategic plan is not going to benefit anybody. This will cost DeKalb School District more in the long run than just shutting down or converting schools due to lack of enrollment. Just because current budget is made from numbers from last year or recertification of a tax cut, it doesn't mean numbers aren't meant to change. Seriously, Do not allow low enrollment change someone future and actual livelihood. A well develop plan should be created by those who are immediately impacted so it could create empathy. Lack of care and doing it based on a need for budget cuts will cost this county millions of funding.	2/12/2026 9:30 PM
4100	It is a massive waste of time and an even bigger mistake to replace all of these students. In a general sense these classrooms aren't big enough to double or triple the amount of students nor does teachers get paid enough to take on such a mass of students. More students equals less individual time to ensure students are grasping the topics taught. As well as the problem of hallway traffic, messy short lunch periods, and an overall harder task to keep all students safe.	2/12/2026 9:27 PM
4101	Ashford park has trailers and is already over crowded	2/12/2026 9:26 PM
4102	I strongly oppose the closure of Evansdale Elementary. It is a high-performing French Immersion and STEM magnet that serves as a vital "walker" hub for our neighborhood. Closing a school that families can walk to increases district transportation costs and removes a	2/12/2026 9:25 PM

	community anchor, likely driving local families toward private vouchers (SB 233), which I also do not support.	
4103	I feel equipped only to speak about the schools near me and/or that I am zoned for. HS: I'm glad Lakeside and n. Druid are staying. They are both good schools and have good neighborhood involvement. ES: Sagamore is a great school and by closing oak grove I think you will both keep the academic excellence of the school, unite more of the leafmore neighborhood elementary kids and get an elementary school off a more main road in the area.	2/12/2026 9:20 PM
4104	The proposal makes sense to cascade because of feeder pattern and populations with higher private school enrollment.	2/12/2026 9:17 PM
4105	I am against school consolidations because they can lead to overcrowded classrooms, reduced individual attention for students, and disruptions to academic progress. Stability is important for student achievement, and frequent structural changes can negatively impact learning outcomes.	2/12/2026 9:16 PM
4106	I actually think it’s a really good plan and it addresses the low enrollment issue. Some communities may lose their schools, but it’s for our children—nothing should be too sacrificial for them.	2/12/2026 9:05 PM
4107	We do not agree with the consolidations of school especially Oak Grove. This is a great school with high performing students. Closing this school will lot be good for the community or homes in the area. Everybody buys homes in the area because of Oak Grove and the value the school brings.	2/12/2026 9:01 PM
4108	While I understand the need to address district-wide enrollment decline, consolidation decisions must account for localized growth patterns — particularly in Northern DeKalb, where elementary enrollment remains stable or increasing. Applying system-wide “excess seat” calculations to areas experiencing growth risks overstating available capacity. Planning capacity does not always reflect functional capacity. Many elementary schools already operate under scheduling constraints driven by state-mandated instructional minutes, special program space needs, and shared-space limitations (cafeteria, gym, etc.). In some cases, sections are compressed during specials simply to meet legal requirements, resulting in larger instructional groupings. Consolidating elementary schools in areas with growing enrollment may lead to: Increased class sizes, Reduced scheduling flexibility, Strain on shared spaces, And diminished support for diverse learner needs. Before advancing consolidations in Northern DeKalb, the district should clearly differentiate between overall district decline and neighborhood-level enrollment trends, and provide transparent modeling of functional capacity — not just theoretical seat counts.	2/12/2026 9:01 PM
4109	I am concerned about huge schools that the personal touch gets lost and younger kids getting overwhelmed	2/12/2026 9:00 PM
4110	You shut down these schools and the kids might stop going altogether	2/12/2026 8:55 PM
4111	We need our schools in these neighborhoods.	2/12/2026 8:55 PM
4112	Keep Brockett ES.	2/12/2026 8:54 PM
4113	I do not support the initial facilities scenario. Closing schools in my area would create significant challenges for families, particularly those who may already face transportation or scheduling barriers. Increased travel distances could make it harder for parents to get their children to school consistently and on time. In addition, neighborhood schools often serve as important community anchors, and removing them could have negative effects on both students and the surrounding community. I believe the district should carefully reconsider these closures and explore alternative solutions that maintain access, stability, and support for families and students.	2/12/2026 8:48 PM
4114	Instead of shifting high schools to middle schools, middle schools to elementary, and closing elementary schools why not just close the highschools and save the money of shifting everything down? Higher teacher to student ratios would be preferred to consolidating schools and overcrowding class rooms. Also smaller schools lead to more of a community feeling which makes monitoring things like bullying much more manageable	2/12/2026 8:42 PM
4115	Schools should not be consolidated because many parents lack reliable transportation to shuttle drop-off locations and may be unable to afford additional costs associated with theme	2/12/2026 8:42 PM

	schools. Furthermore, gentrification in the area can negatively impact the existing community and its cultural identity.	
4116	I understand the concept of consolidating our schools to better use our resources.	2/12/2026 8:42 PM
4117	Redistricting would be better than closing Ashford Park- it's a top performing neighborhood school. Keep the kids that live in the neighborhood to that school.	2/12/2026 8:39 PM
4118	South Dekalb has been struggling for too long. Now with new developments and investment we are considering closing and reallocating schools which should be invested in to bring it to par with north dekalb/City Schools of Decatur - McNair Middle has gotten praise from the ACEC for being an outstanding STEM program and we're ripping this STEM opportunity from kids hands.	2/12/2026 8:35 PM
4119	If we close down these schools I would like to see more opportunity for magnet schools. It's great that we have one in our district, but it seems wasteful and negligent to not have more seats when there are so many deserving students based on the requirements for entering the lottery. This is one of the reason kids are leaving the public school system. Providing our students more opportunities to grow, learn and challenge themselves to become a high achiever shouldn't be limited to a select few who were lucky enough to be selected in a lottery.	2/12/2026 8:33 PM
4120	I understand why this is the idea but I hope that we'll be able to stay at Ashford Park.	2/12/2026 8:29 PM
4121	Vanderlyn should be closed and give land to Dunwoody HS.	2/12/2026 8:24 PM
4122	Some of the initial reports make no sense and appear to have no real logic behind them.	2/12/2026 8:23 PM
4123	I'm most concerned that by closing schools you are making the remaining schools more dense. Without an increase in funding and teaching staff, this will lead to larger and worse teacher student ratios which is directly tied to student performance. Why is that not a primary focus of this discussion? I'm also concerned that you are closing the school closest to us, which will then cause us to not only need to change schools, but also put more burden on our commutes.	2/12/2026 8:23 PM
4124	Very concerned about possible changes. We chose this neighborhood for APE and the community support the school has. We wanted to buy into a tight knit community where all our children's friends would be located close by. We wanted to be able to walk our children to school and allow them to get greater outdoor exercise as there is less and less physical fitness offered in schools. We wanted this to continue to Chamblee Middle and Chamblee High, both of which have a great track record for producing exceptional students. If API needs upgrades then we would be more than happy to be taxed to fund these. Our children enjoy the playgrounds and play areas at and around the school. Imagine not being able to use those or participate with their friends there, if the school was abandoned or zoning divided up her peers.	2/12/2026 8:22 PM
4125	Some schools probably need to be closed. Get rid of some of those salaries at Central office and that will help your budget.	2/12/2026 8:21 PM
4126	The need to reduce capacity makes sense, but I'm concerned about closing neighborhood schools that are well utilized only because of issues with the facility. Closing schools where sufficient investments weren't made to keep the facility competitive shouldn't be doubly penalized by facing closure because of it, especially when the neighborhood has continued to send their children at a high rate.	2/12/2026 8:20 PM
4127	Keep Ashford Park open	2/12/2026 8:15 PM
4128	First of all why does this survey have monkey in its name	2/12/2026 8:11 PM
4129	I understand the fiscal necessity of consolidation given declining enrollment and 20,000+ excess seats. However, as a parent of DLI French students at Evansdale Elementary—which is proposed for closure—I need to understand what happens to school choice programs, particularly the French Dual Language Immersion pathway. Evansdale is not just a neighborhood school; it is one of only two elementary schools in the district offering French DLI, serving families from across DCSD who committed to a multi-year language pathway beginning in kindergarten. Closing Evansdale without a clear, codified plan for where the DLI French program will continue—and how students will be guaranteed pathway continuation through middle and high school—would represent a breach of the commitment families made when they entered the lottery. I urge the district to treat DLI and other school choice programs as essential infrastructure, not optional programming, in any consolidation plan. Specifically: Where will French DLI be housed? Will it be in a facility accessible to families in the Chamblee cluster? Will AP/IB French be guaranteed at the receiving high school?	2/12/2026 8:06 PM

4130	I think it is a very good start with the exception of Livsey ES as an expansion school. Based on my knowledge & experience in this Region as well as the Regional logistics Brockett ES or Midvade ES would be much better candidates for expansion and Livesy ES should be closed!	2/12/2026 7:55 PM
4131	we just moved here and this school has been so resourceful for me and my children	2/12/2026 7:54 PM
4132	While I can see the need for elementary. I'm concerned with what will become of high school communities that have rich long traditions like Lithonia High	2/12/2026 7:54 PM
4133	Horrible to close a sought after elementary school. People pull their kids out of this cluster because of the unfavorable middle school, Henderson. If you put effort towards improving the middle school, no one would pull their kids out. The middle school is also so far away from the other schools. We moved into the area because of Oak Grove Elementary and Lakeside High. Closing Oak Grove will lead to young families, who pay education taxes, moving out of the district.	2/12/2026 7:50 PM
4134	Vanderlyn Elementary is a vibrant, diverse, and active school. The building is full of kids engaged in a variety of experiences in the classroom as well as specials. Our testing data shows that our kids continue to thrive academically. We have a highly engaged parent population. The location of the school related to the homes it serves makes transportation easy and it allows kids to build community well outside of the school experience. The building is safe, up to date, and well maintained. The staff has worked to maximize use of the space, and while we are close to capacity, the building never feels over-filled. We believe that the classes, clubs, and extracurriculars at Vanderlyn align well with the programming provided at our feeder Middle School (Peachtree), and we hope that the SAP will consider that the Vanderlyn community is happy, active, supported, and high performing when considering their recommendations for the project	2/12/2026 7:49 PM
4135	They don’t take care of existing school let them run down then build new ones. DeKalb used to be a great school systems and now it is awful. They have hired non qualified superintendents at the tax payers pocket book. If they can do something right that would be great.	2/12/2026 7:49 PM
4136	Midvale is such a wonderful school. Teachers have requested to transfer there. We also have so much new construction in Tucker there is no way this won’t be a deterrent to young families moving into the area	2/12/2026 7:48 PM
4137	Tough decisions are going to have to be made, I think it is easy to panic without further clarity of where the children of closed schools will be going and new boundaries.	2/12/2026 7:46 PM
4138	I think it’s ok to consolidate elementary schools, to reduce overhead. However, transportation to and from schools should be considered strongly. Our current bus system doesn’t work. Kids are on buses too long and you can’t seem to hire additional drivers. Consolidating schools also mean students are traveling much farther to get to school.However, expanding facilities to include grade 6 through 12 I believe exposes younger children to things older children experience in their daily lives, too young.	2/12/2026 7:44 PM
4139	Vanderlyn should remain open as it one of Dekalbs top preforming schools.	2/12/2026 7:44 PM
4140	I do not believe closing an extremely successful and great school that students and parents all love is by any means a good idea. If there are schools that are troubled, seek the solution to explain the cause and fix them. A bandaid solution is simply masking an issue. We can solve these problems in other ways. We should REPLICATE the ideas from the successful schools to the failing ones and make them even more desirable.	2/12/2026 7:40 PM
4141	While the reduction of facilities is long overdue, one thing we should consider is the specialized programing that some schools have as well as their unique strengths and relationships with the communities. For example, how will this impact a school's athletics or fine arts programs -- especially those that are highly regarded? In addition, there will still be a large amount of schools left open. Have we considered even more consolidation to push student populations even higher at some schools (2,000+ high school; 1,500+ middle schools, etc)?	2/12/2026 7:30 PM
4142	Closing Ashford Park elementary doesn’t make sense if you look at the number of families that live in the area and that you’d be creating a gap and potentially overcrowding other schools in the system. You’d also be bifurcating an extremely strong community who probably funds a higher majority of the school taxes (to support other lower income communities).	2/12/2026 7:26 PM
4143	Pk-5/6-12 is the most crucial learning ages.	2/12/2026 7:25 PM

4144	This doesn’t help overcrowding at Dunwoody high school at all	2/12/2026 7:23 PM
4145	Seems reasonable	2/12/2026 7:21 PM
4146	We moved into Ashford Park specifically for Ashford Park Elementary. It makes sense to close schools that are not at full capacity, but AP is. Redirect some of the overflow of schools from outside the Ashford Park neighborhood to other nearby elementary schools. AP is consistently a high performing school because many of us in the neighborhood choose to send our children to public schools versus private.	2/12/2026 7:20 PM
4147	Neighborhood schools should not be closed. Smaller schools yields more individualized instruction and is better for students.	2/12/2026 7:07 PM
4148	Keeping magnet schools/programs on edge by not releasing our scenarios is not fair to those students/parents/staff.	2/12/2026 7:07 PM
4149	While the arguments for consolidation are clear, it is particularly hard to consider losing our small, intimate, neighborhood elementary school. I cannot imagine that the same feeling of community and our close ties to the staff and other families will be the same in a school with nearly 1000 students. I worry that consolidation, particularly of small PK-5 neighborhood elementary schools, will further drive parents who are on the fence about private vs public education further towards the more intimate environment provided by private programs, further decreasing enrollment in public schools.	2/12/2026 7:04 PM
4150	Consolidations could work and may support some of the staffing concerns. Hopefully, special education services would consider in each consolidated plan.	2/12/2026 7:04 PM
4151	Give me my twins spots in Austin Elementary or Dunwoody Elementary those 2 are the best Elementary schools. i don't want to go to Chesnut or send kids to trailers like The peachtree middle school	2/12/2026 7:01 PM
4152	Where are the numbers coming from. How can we fact check the company hired to figure out capacity? Curious how Austin will take more students when there is not one location at the school the entire study body can gather. The cafeteria only has one lane and students eating on the stage to accommodate so many classes. The specials classrooms are not fit for such class sizes nor is there room for additional specials (when adding over 5 HRs per grade). And the parking lot can not accommodate any kind of school function and parents have to park a mile away and walk (even with young kids).	2/12/2026 6:59 PM
4153	As a former principal of a school that is on the list for potential closure, I am concerned that our small, neighborhood schools are going to be pushed aside for academic industrial complexes where students and staff are numbers on a roster, not children and adults with needs and special gifts that become the fabric of our small school communities.	2/12/2026 6:57 PM
4154	Understand what is happening and the consideration given	2/12/2026 6:54 PM
4155	This seems like a logical approach. Would any of the excess buildings be utilized as other facilities for DCSD or sold?	2/12/2026 6:50 PM
4156	Keep homes that are IN Ashford, STAY in Ashford ES!	2/12/2026 6:48 PM
4157	I can appreciate the need to begin evaluating scenarios to lower the number of empty seats in the district. I also understand the need to look at facilities before looking at districting. That being said, in some areas of town, major roads (often poorly managed for dangerous driving) will shape decisions for districting unaligned with residential neighborhoods. It is especially important to review these concerns on the front end so that the district does not simply trade one problem for another.	2/12/2026 6:44 PM
4158	Closing Ashford Park Elementary is a huge mistake. It is a neighborhood school that students can walk or bicycle to and it relies less on school buses due to the close proximity to the students and parents. Parents are more involved because it is a true neighborhood school. It is worth renovating it and keeping it in the neighborhood	2/12/2026 6:44 PM
4159	Consolidations are always difficult. Students may have longer commutes. I am a big proponents of smaller, more local elementary schools. We would hate to see Ashford Park ES go away. It is highly rated and a big draw to families looking to purchase a home. Children should be able to ride a bike or walk to their school.	2/12/2026 6:41 PM
4160	Terrible idea! The schools you want to close are at or close to capacity. Please don’t mislead	2/12/2026 6:38 PM

	people by saying they are half full.	
4161	I would not be happy if Ashford Park ES closed. The school is in my neighborhood and highly ranked. It’s a big draw for people to move here.	2/12/2026 6:36 PM
4162	No comment	2/12/2026 6:35 PM
4163	I am glad my elementary school isn't closing	2/12/2026 6:35 PM
4164	I understand the need for consolidating and it makes sense. My biggest concern is what will happen to the schools that are closed, especially those in the middle of neighborhoods like McLendon. If the building is abandoned or torn down, it could reduce property values and we don’t want a new housing development on the property. I suggest renovating all schools proposed for closure that are in neighborhoods like McLendon so that there can be more schools dedicated to DLI, like Globe, or to focus on IEP/504/disabled children, like Coralwood. There is a huge need for DLI, for example, and most parents I know are highly interested in DLI but get waitlisted or go private to get it. Same for 504/IEP. If a school is not in the middle of a neighborhood, like Briarlake for example, and is on a main road, it makes more sense for those schools to be torn down and to sell those properties as they are less likely to impact neighborhoods like where McLendon is located. If renovating a school like McLendon is not an option and it must be torn down, please turn it into a public park for neighbors to enjoy.	2/12/2026 6:35 PM
4165	Agree with facility closures	2/12/2026 6:31 PM
4166	The high school scenarios make sense for now but would like to see other scenarios besides the South end being consolidated	2/12/2026 6:29 PM
4167	It needs to be closed...it is old, dilapidated, unkept and just needs to be torn down....not acceptable.	2/12/2026 6:26 PM
4168	I'm fine with it as long as the Ashford Park student body stay in tact. John Lewis seems logical to me. New facility and in the same neighborhood. Why can't we transfer all Ashford Park Elementary students to that facility?	2/12/2026 6:19 PM
4169	We moved to this area for oak grove elementary and lakeside high and have multiple friends who moved into the area fo the elementary school. Closing a sought after elementary school would guarantee good families leaving the area.	2/12/2026 6:16 PM
4170	Has any survey been conducted to determine why the current number of students is declining? Could the school population increase in coming years to require more schools which would cost more money?	2/12/2026 6:04 PM
4171	It does not look like any metrics that we determined were used, which concerns me. Additionally speciality programs were not taken into account.	2/12/2026 6:01 PM
4172	Any scenario except the high schools. I think the high schools should remain untouched. I think closing the 3 high schools listed or any high school will have a negative impact on academics, community support, sponsors, attendance, alumni engagement and athletics.	2/12/2026 5:57 PM
4173	school is not bad but the environment could be better	2/12/2026 5:50 PM
4174	It has many people upset. Vanderlyn is a high performing school with a great community. Relationship. Many people move to the are in order to attend Vandelryn. We should stay together as a school all we need is a new building. Vanderlyn can be relocated, such as where the current playground is and build up not out.	2/12/2026 5:46 PM
4175	It is unfortunate, but financially necessary.	2/12/2026 5:45 PM
4176	Ashford Park has more parental and community involvement than most, if not all schools in the district. Splitting up our students and teachers would absolutely diminish this close knit, student and teacher supportive community that has been built.	2/12/2026 5:26 PM
4177	No it's stupid	2/12/2026 5:22 PM
4178	I think we should keep Henderson Mill open! This is an amazing school that helps children in need	2/12/2026 5:20 PM
4179	I worry about the enrollment size of the elementary schools in a former middle school space. Elementary schools of 2,000 kids isn’t ideal and would be a major shift in how we do school.	2/12/2026 5:20 PM
4180	I agree with making middle school elementary and middle school high schools.	2/12/2026 5:17 PM

4181	This is a terrible idea. The children need somewhere to learn and wasting the facilities that aren't being converted is a terrible idea and indicative of a county that prioritizes profit and AI centers over our children. Closing schools has a damaging affect on the students, the community as well as the teachers.	2/12/2026 5:16 PM
4182	Everyone loves the Ashford Park elementary school community. It would be helpful to see a plan that largely keeps the community together while addressing overcrowding and facility maintenance concerns. It would also be beneficial to finally do something - we've been discussing redistricting for over 15 years with very little movement.	2/12/2026 5:16 PM
4183	All scenarios are awful. Closing schools because you don't want to pay to repair them is disgusting. God forbid these teachers have a decent ratio of students in their class instead of cramming in 30 for 1 teacher. Deplorable.	2/12/2026 5:14 PM
4184	I hate to see two local schools that I know of be closed. The fact that kids can walk to their neighborhood school is something that should be cherished & protected.	2/12/2026 5:12 PM
4185	Many of the buildings need to be closed due to age and repair needs. I'm curious about how the neighborhoods will be grouped.	2/12/2026 5:04 PM
4186	Would need to know more about redistricting. Also would like to see facilities expanded, particularly sports fields at Dunwoody High. Would like to see the removal of temporary classrooms at both Peachtree Middle and at Dunwoody High	2/12/2026 4:57 PM
4187	I understand the reasoning and it makes sense in the short term. I am not car how it fluctuates for potential growth.	2/12/2026 4:53 PM
4188	I do not think McNair Middle School is a good place to put elementary school. The facilty is not adequate space to place elementary school students. The multiple levels and glass walls do not make a good setting sor elementary school. The library is housed in 4 rooms.	2/12/2026 4:51 PM
4189	I find it difficult to provide an informed feedback without transparency. Before the next round of feedback, please share more details. • How will students currently attending closed schools be assigned to new schools, and will families have any choice in the matter? • What will happen to transportation times and bus routes? Will any students have significantly longer commutes? • The superintendent mentions "fewer course offerings, limited access to electives and AP classes" as a concern. How will consolidation actually improve these offerings rather than make them worse? • Will all programs from closed schools transfer to receiving schools, or will some be eliminated? • How will the district ensure that students don't lose access to specialized programs (career/technical education, arts, special education services, etc.)? • The scenarios mention converting high schools to middle schools and middle schools to elementaries. Will the receiving schools have adequate space, or will they become overcrowded? • What's the timeline for any facility upgrades mentioned for "appropriately placed" elementaries, and will those upgrades be completed before student consolidations? • The superintendent acknowledges that schools hold "legacy, memories, traditions, and a sense of belonging." What support will the district provide to communities losing their schools? • How will the district help preserve school traditions or identities if they're being consolidated rather than closed outright? • Will specialized services and staff move with students, or will there be gaps? • What are the actual projected savings, and how long will it take to recoup costs associated with transitions? • Will there be costs to families (transportation, fees, etc.) that weren't mentioned? • What happens to school employees? Will teachers and staff be reassigned, and what support will they receive? • If enrollment projections are wrong, can the district reverse these decisions, or will closed buildings be gone for good? • What triggers the 6-8 year implementation timeline, and could it accelerate or slow down?	2/12/2026 4:51 PM
4190	Not sure if that would be better than the current scenario as the elementary junior high and high School in my area all scores are in the 2 to 3 range in the overall School scoring system	2/12/2026 4:45 PM
4191	Makes sense	2/12/2026 4:45 PM
4192	Don't like it.	2/12/2026 4:44 PM
4193	I would like to see the high school's consolidated, but with the interest of preserving the history of the schools.	2/12/2026 4:40 PM
4194	I understand the need for some school consolidation but do not believe Oak Grove Elementary should be closed. It is at the heart of a close-knit community and at 89% capacity. I do not have the hard facts, but I understand that some of the typically developing children at	2/12/2026 4:39 PM

	Coralwood School (also in the Oak Grove community) might be zoned for the Oak Grove District but have parents who find the smaller, more individualized classes preferable. These parents might prefer to send their children back to Oak Grove before seeing it closed. I would also prefer that some or all of Coralwood fold into Oak Grove, rather than see Oak Grove close. Years ago, Oak Grove held a lottery for pre-K classes, as it only had one. Could we add more pre-K classes now? I would also favor a return to the PK-8 model before closure.	
4195	Closing Ashford Park would be detrimental to the Ashford Park, Brookhaven Fields and Drew Valley community. Despite the school being overcrowded and the building in terrible need of updating and expanding, the community and parental involvement at AP is high. Redistricting would be better than closing. With all of the new townhomes being built in the area, borders should be drawn to decrease the overcrowding. The facilities need a massive overhaul but where would the students go while that happens. The other options in the immediate area are not as strong of a community and not as strong academically. AP scores are exceptional and the other schools in the area do not measure up. People buy homes in the area to send them to AP. This would drastically affect the homeowners in the area, not just the families and students being impacted.	2/12/2026 4:35 PM
4196	I think there are other ways to combat the issue rather than closing schools in the black district and expanding the schools in white districts	2/12/2026 4:31 PM
4197	I think it is critical to keep Ashford Park, Drew Valley and Brookhaven Fields communities together at the same schools. There is a tight community in those 3 particular places	2/12/2026 4:30 PM
4198	see below	2/12/2026 4:30 PM
4199	While I understand the district may be facing budgetary or enrollment challenges, consolidating schools would have significant negative impacts on students, families, and the broader community. First, larger consolidated schools often result in overcrowded classrooms, reduced individual attention for students, and increased strain on teachers and staff. Smaller schools provide more personalized learning environments where students feel supported and known. Consolidation risks diminishing that sense of connection. Second, longer transportation times are a major concern. Extended bus rides can negatively affect students' academic performance, participation in extracurricular activities, and overall well-being. For younger students especially, long commutes can be exhausting and disruptive. Third, local schools serve as community hubs. Closing or consolidating them can weaken neighborhood identity, reduce parental involvement, and negatively impact local property values. Schools are more than buildings—they are centers of community life. Additionally, transitions caused by consolidation can be emotionally difficult for students. Changing schools, losing familiar teachers, and adjusting to new environments can affect academic stability and mental health.	2/12/2026 4:30 PM
4200	I don't like middle school and high school mixed in one school together. The age gap is to big and i would fear for the safety of the younger kids, unless they were separated through the whole day and not able to cross paths.	2/12/2026 4:29 PM
4201	As a parent at a school with declining enrollment and declining building conditions, I support consolidation of schools. It has been disheartening to watch the surrounding Dunwoody elementary schools flourish while Kingsley struggles with limited resources, little investment from the county, and losing families to school choice and private schools. I am hopeful that consolidating schools and resources will result in more equitable education and community engagement for all schools.	2/12/2026 4:29 PM
4202	I am mortified. We chose our home because of the amazing community at Oak Grove. We stayed at the school, instead of going private, because of the community & the amazing staff. They are succeeding. Killing neighborhood schools that are growing after a pandemic makes no sense. We will not keep our children in your schools if you do this. WE WILL answer every reporter's questions, petition, and point out every misstep in this process. Stop punishing the schools that are thriving.	2/12/2026 4:28 PM
4203	Are you out of your minds? Closing Oak Grove Elementary? Even based purely on attendance, it makes no sense. Oak Grove has only 90 students in the attendance zone enrolled elsewhere —almost all at magnets. Meanwhile, the top five schools that are losing students to other options are all left open: Avondale Murphy Candler Princeton Doraville United Chapel Hill All of these schools have over 300 students each who should be attending that have elected for other options.	2/12/2026 4:26 PM
4204	What purpose is there in closing an over-utilized school? Closing Ashford Park ES reeks of	2/12/2026 4:24 PM

	back-door redistricting out of Chamblee HS and MS.	
4205	Bob Mathis is a staple in the community and has consistently shown gains in student achievement. This school deserves expansion not closure.	2/12/2026 4:14 PM
4206	Instead of spending money on doing background checks on parents addresses, use the money to better the under performing schools. Y'all could've used that money to better fund, better train, better hire educators in the under performing schools. Instead y'all invested in a program that helps regulate where students should go. Do y'all know why parents aren't sending their children to DeKalb. Because the schools are terrible in the not so white communities. Y'all spend more money to make those community schools better.	2/12/2026 4:13 PM
4207	Initially fine. I worry about traffic on N Peachtree Road for Chesnut but also realize maybe it can be diverted. I 100 percent agree with Vanderlyn closing. Under capacity, old, limited parking. I just wish that land can be used for Dunwoody HS which needs it.	2/12/2026 4:10 PM
4208	1. I think the current plan is WAY too aggressive in closing schools and is too dependent on a declining attendance trend that may or may not continue. Also in digging into the trend data for individual schools, some of the trends look off (eg. Austin) where enrollment is trending upwards for the past 4 years and is for some reason predicted to decrease by 150 students in the upcoming years. This seems unrealistic. 2. Overcrowding in Dunwoody and Chamblee middle and high schools is not addressed at all. 3. Years that the schools were closed for in person learning due to Covid should be thrown out of the trend data. Many people that could afford it left due to the fact that Dekalb county chose to stay virtual for so long compared to other districts and the reopening date was pushed back numerous times. People are starting to come back (at least in Dunwoody) so I think planning to close 2 elementary schools in Dunwoody is unrealistic and premature. I could possibly understand closing 1 elementary school, but 2 seems CRAZY! 4. School expansion plans also need to be shared as part of this discussion.	2/12/2026 4:09 PM
4209	This makes a lot of sense to me—I appreciate the repurposing of newer buildings to accommodate lower grades. I would like to better understand boundaries and how the students at closed elementary will be distributed, as well as the educators. Will teachers be retained and not absorb more responsibilities than reasonable.	2/12/2026 4:08 PM
4210	I'm not in favor of closing Oak Grove Elementary. It uniquely serves the community and has done so for decades. Children should not attend an elementary school that is not in their community. We need real leadership, not fake leadership.	2/12/2026 4:02 PM
4211	Don't close Ashford Park. It's at max capacity and serves the neighborhood.	2/12/2026 4:01 PM
4212	I'm concerned about the behavior of students from rival schools suddenly put in the same school.	2/12/2026 4:01 PM
4213	Here is the revised version with "my children" throughout, while keeping the 504 reference specific to one child: As a parent of Midvale Elementary students, I am devastated to hear that Dekalb County is considering closing our school. Midvale is beloved in our community—not only by parents, but by local businesses, churches, and the various nonprofit organizations that our Midvale family supports. My children get to experience a school setting that parents dream of when they're registering their kindergartners for the first time. Families get to walk their kids to school. Every teacher, staff member, and administrator knows the name of every child. The kids are welcomed with hugs, high fives, and individualized greetings each morning. My children leave every day happy, excited, and eager to tell me what new things they did in class. Most importantly, they're learning. And they're enthusiastic about it. One of my children has a 504 plan, and the care, attentiveness, and individualized support he has received at Midvale have been extraordinary. The staff truly understands his needs and works collaboratively with our family to ensure he is both supported and challenged. That level of thoughtful, consistent care is not something we take for granted—and it is one of the very reasons our family would choose to remain in Tucker. As a Midvale parent, I never worry for my children when I leave them in the care of their school and teachers. In our country today, that is something most of us would give anything to honestly say. Many of us moved to this area specifically for the experience of a small community school. Midvale Elementary is the standard by which Dekalb should be ranking all other elementary schools. PLEASE—listen to your constituents—do NOT take Midvale away from us and from our children.	2/12/2026 4:01 PM
4214	Concerns would be: - quality of schooling must be same/better than current - community - keep friends and school culture together - traffic - changes negatively affecting drive	2/12/2026 4:00 PM

	time/distance from home	
4215	I am concerned that there is no clarity on how Chamblee cluster, which is over capacity now and forecasted, can meet needs by having one of the elementary schools close. We need Nancy Creek to be a Chamblee cluster elementary school, and even then we may be overcapacity as a cluster. I'm also concerned about a magnet program continuing to operate in Chamblee MS and HS, which are overcapacity or near. We don't have room to attract or serve students from other regions. The programs should reside in schools that have capacity for more DCSD students.	2/12/2026 4:00 PM
4216	I strongly oppose the closure or consolidation of Brockett Elementary. Elementary schools are foundational to a child's academic, social, and emotional development, and closing or consolidating schools at this level creates unnecessary disruption during the most critical years of learning. Our school serves as a stable, trusted community hub for families, educators, and students. Consolidation would increase travel time, disrupt established relationships with teachers and peers, and place additional strain on students and families. Any facilities plan should prioritize maintaining neighborhood elementary schools and minimizing disruption for young learners.	2/12/2026 3:58 PM
4217	I think that the choices for consolidation are going to cause overcrowding in the elementary schools. At Oak Grove, my son's second grade class is almost at capacity and I can't imagine combined that with other schools. I think the quality of education is going to go down if we continue to increase class size. I think it would be helpful to know how you decided to close certain schools. To not have an understanding of why you chose to close Oak Grove over other schools feels confusing when Oak Grove is rated so high and so full! This decision feels about money and not about what is best for educating our students.	2/12/2026 3:58 PM
4218	I think there's a different way to approach this. Vanderlyn has been around since 1973. It is an excellent school and will be full again. DeKalb County messed up royally during COVID, and many students transferred to private schools. There is an uptick in kids going back to public schools, and the space will be needed. Then there will be overcrowding again as it was pre-COVID.	2/12/2026 3:58 PM
4219	I think taking away neighborhood schools does a disservice to the neighborhood and community. A lot of the schools slated to close have very involved parents and serve the community they are in. Taking 3 schools and merging them into 1 school takes the neighborhood feel away and will only lead to more overcrowding/larger class size and eventually lower enrollment in areas that can afford private school. Also are property values and taxes taken into account at all?	2/12/2026 3:57 PM
4220	I am not in favor of consolidations and combining elementary neighborhood schools into larger mega schools. I want the focus to be on small community schools and small class sizes within those - any program comes secondary to that. Smaller admin structures and immediate interaction is also better	2/12/2026 3:55 PM
4221	I do not like it.	2/12/2026 3:53 PM
4222	It would be a huge mistake. Small community schools are valuable to our community. Small class sizes are important to learning and make it manageable for teachers. One large school would make traffic a NIGHTMARE!	2/12/2026 3:51 PM
4223	Some class sizes at McNair are already excessive, often due to teacher retention issues. I worry these issues could be exacerbated by bring in more students, especially ones from a school identified as academically inadequate.	2/12/2026 3:50 PM
4224	The proposal omits very essential data around cost of building and expansion. Are larger schools so much more efficient that an operational cost savings would pay back the capital expenditure in less than 20 years? I doubt it, but this is an integral piece of information and any estimates or modeling on that aspect have been entirely omitted. Suggest rolling out those decisions only that yield immediate cost savings (consolidating two close elementary schools with 50% enrollment). For our neighborhood specifically, Sagamore already has a traffic pattern problem at drop off (line chasing its tail) though a neighborhood street. Oak grove also has a problem combining traffic of that magnitude to sagamore would be a disaster. My daughter has attended both and they are both strong schools, Sagamore getting better managed currently. The facility condition has not impaired her learning experience. It's the classroom environment, class size and quality of teaching that matters. If facilities meet a minimum standard (comfortable climate, no health hazards, clean) then let's allocate limited funds on items that	2/12/2026 3:48 PM

	enhance learning experience and performance -teacher salary, books, computers, science equipment, arts, STEM and technology (both of which we lost in the last 2 years) NOT trying to achieve a facility condition index of 100/100.	
4225	This is not equitable. The closings — while district-wide limit school expansion purely to North DeKalb! It can't be that this "study" didn't think it would be equitable to expand a school or three in South DeKalb but to propose expansion of 10 schools in the North! Systematic — or blatant Racism at best.	2/12/2026 3:47 PM
4226	My concern is the Champion Theme school and where it would be moved. It would be beneficial that another school could be converted into another themed middle and high school during this change.	2/12/2026 3:46 PM
4227	I think the consolidation is a great idea. It will increase resources by eliminating unnecessary low attendance schools. It will be better on resources, teachers, and even school transportation. Many times students have to wait 2 or 3 loads before getting on a bus bc the drivers have to go to this school and tha school.	2/12/2026 3:41 PM
4228	I think the consolidations are fairly accurate. My only concerns are adequate staff for each building. Also, if funding increases for schools who will take on all of the schools who closed.	2/12/2026 3:38 PM
4229	How will the following facilities factors be resolved with an address change: Class sizes and safety Accessibility and instructional quality?	2/12/2026 3:31 PM
4230	We dont need to be punish because we are in a poor neighbor	2/12/2026 3:30 PM
4231	If this is done carefully and with purposeful follow through, it would help improve resources and funding to more of our schools and kids. But if done poorly, it could push more people to leave the school system. Family's don't like change and won't go along with haphazardly put together ideas	2/12/2026 3:29 PM
4232	Get rid of middle school and offer online for some older students. Go back to Pre K - 7th and 7th to 12th with 10,11,12 option for online; and College level.	2/12/2026 3:27 PM
4233	We need to keep our small neigh orgood schools. Small schools. Small classrooms and small teacher to student ratios make the biggest difference to an quality education. Being able to walk to schools to enhance a community feeling and overall parent involvement in the bettering snd funding of our students education is very important and beneficial to the child's ability to learn and grow socially. Our small elementary schools are cherished by families in neighborhoods and it is part of why they bought or rented a house in the neighborhood. It makes property values go up which in turn makes tax dollars go up to provide fu ding for these schools. Bigger schools with more kids ia the wrong direction. The reason enrollment is down is because more smaller charter or private schools have popped up across the county in a effort to have a smaller classroom and better learning environment. Midvale Elementary, the schools my son attends, has a huge increase in parent involvement because more families have moved into the neighborhoods because they could not afford a house in let's say Decatur or intown Atlanta. Cut your spending in other areas.	2/12/2026 3:27 PM
4234	It's very sad to think about so many elementary schools closing. I understand the need, but I think parents would benefit from seeing examples of other districts where this plan of "mega elementary schools" has worked. We would also feel better if you were able to show that consolidation would lead to benefits like smaller class sizes. For example my daughter is in a class of 29 students. That's high for 4th grade, and her school has three classes of 4th graders. And yet, we're one of the schools set to close. Feels like you are closing schools that are already operating at highest capacity and doing well, which feels like being punished.	2/12/2026 3:22 PM
4235	Please don't close Robert Shaw.	2/12/2026 3:20 PM
4236	Leave it as is	2/12/2026 3:18 PM
4237	I hope that the schools which are in need of the most repair, would be the 1st to be considered for this scenario.	2/12/2026 3:12 PM
4238	Consolidations should consist of 2 schools into one building and not 3-4 schools into one.	2/12/2026 3:10 PM
4239	I'm very surprised to see a recommendation that two elementary schools should be closed in the Dunwoody cluster. This approach seems to shift away from a community model where parents are very engaged to a much larger attendance zone. Not a fan of closing Vanderlyn specifically. It's one of the very best schools in the district.	2/12/2026 3:08 PM

4240	It all makes sense, generally speaking. Something must be done to realign school operations for more optimal funding efficiency.	2/12/2026 3:01 PM
4241	This is not solving any of the problems DeKalb County has. We have had a dysfunctional board unable to fulfill basic responsibilities for years. Why are there not more charter schools? Why are they not improving school quality to stop declining enrollment? Why does the board keep choosing corrupt superintendents? Why are they spending more on Administrative facilities when school populations are declining?	2/12/2026 3:00 PM
4242	To close an elementary school that is centered in a neighborhood where many of the kids attend is a big disruption to the community. The community continues to advocate to leave our neighborhood of kids clustered together.	2/12/2026 2:58 PM
4243	I wonder if we're considering long-term solutions for short-term trends in some of these instances. A lot of young (not yet school aged) children in my community who will not be well served travelling farther to more crowded schools in another few years.	2/12/2026 2:55 PM
4244	Seems to be data driven and thoughtful.	2/12/2026 2:54 PM
4245	Need to know what schools will consolidate into Livesy. Will any boundaries be redrawn for zoning?	2/12/2026 2:53 PM
4246	Consolidation of brockett elementary would not benefit the community or students who attend and will be attending. If we close the school in the community students and parents will have to commute to further to attend this new school location. Class sizes will be larger curbing dedicated learning. Concerns that the new cluster will not be as well rated as brockett elementary is currently.	2/12/2026 2:51 PM
4247	I believe it is necessary to consolidate schools and channel resources where they are most effective to benefit all students. However, it may be a hardship to some students who have transportation issues.	2/12/2026 2:43 PM
4248	Absolute nonsense	2/12/2026 2:40 PM
4249	I think it’s drastic to close so many schools	2/12/2026 2:39 PM
4250	I understand consolidation is a way to manage costs but it destroys our sense of community. Closing schools and bussing kids to other schools with capacity, but not in their community is not the right solution.	2/12/2026 2:37 PM
4251	It makes sense	2/12/2026 2:36 PM
4252	I like the idea of merging the ES and housing their classes at the former MS. I dislike the idea of closing the entire cluster.	2/12/2026 2:34 PM
4253	Understandable that some schools need to close. It needs to be clear how you will expand remaining schools to accommodate more students. Class sizes are large enough in some of the schools that remain and it is hard to determine how those schools will expand. For instance, where will the Oak Grove ES schools go? Will you give parents a choice? Will Briarlake and Sagamore expand and how? These scenarios don’t show how transportation efforts will change. The neighborhoods are congested enough with bus traffic in the mornings. Still missing so much information.	2/12/2026 2:30 PM
4254	I hate the idea of losing small neighborhood schools, especially those that are full!	2/12/2026 2:26 PM
4255	The district wastes resources when buildings aren’t near capacity. I think low enrollment is due to people moving out of communities and then those choosing theme/magnet schools	2/12/2026 2:26 PM
4256	Briarlake is already overcrowded. It cannot absorb additional students. There is no space in the building and there is no room on the property for additional trailers without taking away playground area. Lakeside HS doesn't have enough classrooms for the teachers they already have. Many of the teachers at LHS float around the building all day.	2/12/2026 2:24 PM
4257	Keep the schools the same. There's no need to repurpose them.	2/12/2026 2:24 PM
4258	Terrible options. We live in Brookhaven Fields and we want to remain in the Ashford Park School Disctrict. It is a great school and Dekalb’s model to tear down one of its best rated schools is a terrible idea. Why wouldn’t you want to grow your best schools and support them?	2/12/2026 2:20 PM
4259	I don't understand how closing Ashford Park when it is the most overcapacity school in the	2/12/2026 2:20 PM

	district solves its overcrowding problem. There are no elementary schools in the vicinity that could absorb the student body, and there are no proposed middle schools in the vicinity that would be able to be converted to an elementary school.	
4260	Consolidation is a good idea in theory. However, my concern is this will lead to overcrowding as a means to conserve "resources", rather than including a commensurate raise or hiring of more staff (e.g. parapros for Kindergarten) to help in classrooms. The teacher/student ratio is more important to me than the overall number of students at any location.	2/12/2026 2:17 PM
4261	School closures will always be sad, but enrollment numbers and limited budget require creative solutions.	2/12/2026 2:16 PM
4262	Utilizing facilities the most cost effectively that is the safest option would always be best.	2/12/2026 2:16 PM
4263	Oakgrove Elementary is a great learning center and a community hub for activity.	2/12/2026 2:16 PM
4264	This is very disappointing. We are a family with young twins who believe in the public school system. We moved to Ashford Park because of the elementary school and would start in 2029. Ashford park is full of young parents whose kids will likely attend Ashford Elementary in 3-5 years so this proposal does not make any sense. The county needs to do a community poll of each affected neighborhood, otherwise how could they possibly know the amount of kids that are coming up. How is the forecasted enrollment implemented? Without explanation, this data is suspect.	2/12/2026 2:11 PM
4265	While your tradeoffs make sense, abandoning neighborhood schools to make megal 800-900+ elementary schools does not necessarily mean good educational outcomes. You will push more families to consider options either outside DeKalb (like private) or leaving the county completely.	2/12/2026 2:09 PM
4266	Closing a very popular and highly rated elementary school in Ashford Park would be a mistake. It is difficult to see the logic in closing the highest rated elementary school in the area. It is over capacity for a reason- parents want to send their kids there and move into the neighborhood in order to do so. If the plan is to send all of Ashford Park residents to Montgomery or Huntley Hills, that would be an even bigger mistake. The travel from Ashford Park to Montgomery or HH is too far for an elementary school. The only option if Ashford Park is closed would be to send all of Ashford Park kids to John Lewis. But that would inconvenience many current John Lewis families because many of them would need to leave to for a different school in order to make room because John Lewis doesn't have that much excess capacity.	2/12/2026 2:07 PM
4267	Consolidating makes sense as long as transportation is considered.	2/12/2026 2:07 PM
4268	Seems reasonable, but it seems like it would be good to have include those elementry that are being closed for capacity and those being consolidated.	2/12/2026 2:06 PM
4269	I hope that with closures and redistricting, we can alleviate the capacity issues at Peachtree Middle and Dunwoody High.	2/12/2026 2:05 PM
4270	I think it's a terrible plan. Close Vanderlyn and send those students to DES and Kingsley. Then use that property to expand Dunwoody High School. Spend the money wisely.	2/12/2026 2:05 PM
4271	This seems like a fabulous way to hurt poor kids and reduce access to nearby schools to the most vulnerable student populations.	2/12/2026 2:01 PM
4272	It is not a viable option to me. Most of the high schools in the Southeast quadrant of DeKalb County came from splitting up Lithonia High School. How is it fair to close the original school and not one of the later formed schools?	2/12/2026 2:00 PM
4273	Ashford Park Elementary is a central part of the community, well-supported by both parents and community members alike and over-capacity in its current state. DCSD should consider expanding capacity vs. closing this high-performing, community-supported school.	2/12/2026 1:54 PM
4274	Consolidation should be at Henderson Mill Elementary-better school and has design which will impact neighborhood less. Hawthorne is dilapidated and outdated; increasing capacity here will have negative effect on surrounding Residents	2/12/2026 1:54 PM
4275	I am pleased to see recognition for our school to expand.	2/12/2026 1:54 PM
4276	Choosing to close Oak Grove Elementary is very poorly made decision. This school is A rated, one of the top performing schools in the area. It has a huge amount of parent involvement,	2/12/2026 1:52 PM

	high scores in all areas and is the reason many families move to this location. If schools need to be merged, choose less successful schools , ones that need help to improve , not destroying a beacon of well run, well supported education	
4277	As long as the consolidations affect the scholars and teachers positively, I'm for it.	2/12/2026 1:50 PM
4278	As a parent of three DeKalb county school scholars that has attended numerous meetings, I don't see the need for these survey's. No change has come to my neighboring schools that are in my home district. I fall to understand why timing for owed changes are hard for DCSD. All of these are the exact same promises year after year after year. Stop blowing smoke.	2/12/2026 1:45 PM
4279	Ashford Park ES is a top performing elementary school, full of students, well situated within a community that utilizes the public school rather than private options. I understand needing to consolidate schools with low enrollment or low performance however APES does not meet that criteria. This is a school that should be protected. Many families with young children such as ourselves specifically chose to buy a home in Ashford Park for the quality of the school and the walkability.	2/12/2026 1:43 PM
4280	I can't understand how the community can provide any meaningful feedback on consolidations without us being made aware of plans for redistricting or new buildings. The way that people feel about a school closing is entirely dependent on what the alternative solution is. These scenarios are largely useless to the community at this stage.	2/12/2026 1:43 PM
4281	Closing Oak Grove and Henderson Elementary will overwhelm Briarlake Elementary and cause innumerable neighborhood traffic problems. Briarlake and LaVista are not built to take that many cars/buses/students at once, no matter how much you might expand the school itself.	2/12/2026 1:42 PM
4282	I am against the closure of Oak Grove Elementary school. It is a beloved neighborhood school with fantastic teachers and parents who support the school. We do not wish to be consolidated with Sagamore or Briarlake.	2/12/2026 1:41 PM
4283	As a Para, I think some school buildings need to be from k-12, to cut a lot of building work, building cost, bus transportation and it helps students stay in a or their community for years. Since a lot of buildings are older and needs work, those buildings need to be improved and be for students with certain extra needs/ (sped) to make schools safer. Not leaving a student left behind, but it's putting my depth and the know-how with those particular students to work and guide much better, in an environment/atmosphere for their future and beyond.	2/12/2026 1:40 PM
4284	I believe I consolidating but no closing the school for the area	2/12/2026 1:37 PM
4285	The Ashford park neighborhood is filled with families with young children. My family moved here because of the reputable school. It would be detrimental to this community to close such a high ranking school.	2/12/2026 1:33 PM
4286	it is kind of confusing and only shows which potential schools you may be closing. It does not give any information about redistricting those schools or how it could potentially impact my kids.	2/12/2026 1:33 PM
4287	Vanderlyn is a gem of a school. It is not underutilized. It has great leadership, teachers, and a very involved PTO. The building is older but in good condition. There is a good community there. It performs well. Vanderlyn is one of the top schools in our Dunwoody cluster and should not be closed down.	2/12/2026 1:33 PM
4288	I think it would be okay if it lessens the student teacher ratio in the building.	2/12/2026 1:24 PM
4289	It seems a little drastic especially to take on all at once. Maybe if about half of these reccommendations took place that would be closer to what’s actually needed. I also find it curious that Oak Grove is on the list given that they are part of the school choice option which is meant to fill empty seats. I feel like what determines an “empty seat“ at Oak Grove is very subjective. It also seems like there are huge disparities within the district as far as class size. Perhaps re-drawing the maps a little bit could adjust and correct for class size discrepancies as well as staffing issues. Because it is also curious that schools that are underpopulated somehow are also still understaffed.	2/12/2026 1:24 PM
4290	Overcrowding. Teacher to student ration increase impacting student resources and learning.	2/12/2026 1:23 PM
4291	I strongly oppose the proposed closure of Vanderlyn Elementary. It is a high-performing, stable school that families actively choose and support. Closing it risks driving families out of DCSD	2/12/2026 1:21 PM

	and worsening long-term enrollment and funding challenges. I urge the district to preserve Vanderlyn and pursue other solutions to address capacity concerns.	
4292	It makes sense, but it is heavily concentrated in one area.	2/12/2026 1:19 PM
4293	I understand the need for these changes. It would also be nice to understand if it's possible that redistricting will happen which could mean that we change from our existing school to another school.	2/12/2026 1:18 PM
4294	Please link to data sets that were used to determine that Champion MS is the least educationally adequate middle school that would deem its conversion.	2/12/2026 1:15 PM
4295	There are some schools that are in need of closing due to enrollment and building issues. However, I wonder why so many of them are on the south end. I know the buildings are older, but what does this look like for the schools remaining open.	2/12/2026 1:12 PM
4296	I appreciate the district’s transparency in explaining the purpose of the Student Assignment Project and the challenges related to declining enrollment, facility conditions, and operational efficiency. I understand the need to use resources responsibly and plan for long-term sustainability. At the same time, I encourage the district to weigh the educational impacts of consolidating or closing elementary schools like Midvale. Smaller, community-based elementary schools often provide stronger relationships, more individualized attention, and better support for early learners. These benefits can be harder to achieve when students are placed in much larger settings or experience additional transitions. The SAP materials note that multiple transitions between PK–12 can disrupt academic progress and that different grade configurations present tradeoffs. From an instructional and developmental standpoint, I believe minimizing transitions for early-grade students should remain a priority. I support the district’s goal of aligning capacity with enrollment, but I hope the committee will consider solutions that preserve well-performing elementary schools while addressing underutilization through targeted boundary adjustments or strategic reinvestment. Keeping elementary students in familiar communities may also reduce transportation burdens and support stronger family engagement. Thank you for providing multiple avenues for community feedback. I appreciate the opportunity to participate and hope these considerations are helpful as scenarios are refined.	2/12/2026 1:11 PM
4297	Closing Ashford Park Elementary School would be a mistake for the Brookhaven community. It represents one of the few highly rated schools in the metro Atlanta area and is the reason why many young professionals specifically move and pay the high premiums for housing in the Ashford Park neighborhood. Closing this school would be a punishment for community members that are otherwise uplifting this area.	2/12/2026 1:05 PM
4298	I understand the need if there is 10k of empty seats, however not sure the correct school was choosen to close in Oak Grove Elementary. Briarlake has a nightmare of an intersection, on a very busy road, where traffic is already VERY backed up. Adding additional 50-100 families could great an absolute gridlock in terms of functionality of the school.	2/12/2026 1:04 PM
4299	I could not be less impressed or excited about this idea. The idea of shutting down Oak Grove Elementary, a pillar in the Oak Grove community whose enrollment has been steadily increasing since it was devastated by COVID, is a non-starter. We moved to the Oak Grove area solely because of this school and this community, and I personally know dozens of families who did the same. There are teachers at Oak Grove who were students there themselves. You would be hard-pressed to find a more shining example of what an elementary school experience is supposed to be for an American family who wants to keep their child in the public school system. And DeKalb County wants to shutter this adored school and shuttle its kids elsewhere? It amazes me how Dekalb County keeps finding new and creative ways to trip over its own feet (or, in this case, attempt to shoot themselves in their own foot). Absolutely not - you will find that the families and community of Oak Grove will be vehemently and loudly against this plan of action. I will be on the front lines.	2/12/2026 1:03 PM
4300	It appears the analysis was very thorough and comprehensive	2/12/2026 12:58 PM
4301	It feels difficult to evaluate the consolidations in a vacuum - it would be helpful to see how students from closed schools would be reallocated into other schools and what the forecasted capacities would be in those scenarios. It also seems that information about planned timeline for student transition and proposed additions is critical, as both Chesnut elementary and peachtree middle are slated to remain open yet already have issues that would be exacerbated by more students. I assume Chesnut would receive some of the students from Kingsley and/or vanderlyn, yet the logistics of more students for drop off and pick up does not hold. Chesnut	2/12/2026 12:55 PM

	may not be at classroom capacity, but the location of the elementary and middle immediately beside each other and sharing 1 small parking lot off a 2 lane road that already struggles to handle the traffic seems like a recipe for issues. Additionally Peachtree middle is already using portables, would building changes come before more students?	
4302	I do not understand why Ashford Park Elementary School is on the list for possible closure/repurposing. It's a high performing school with a huge student population. Where could you possibly move these students??????	2/12/2026 12:54 PM
4303	STRONGLY oppose closing Ashford Park	2/12/2026 12:51 PM
4304	Ashford Park Elementary is a vital part of the fabric of the Brookhaven Fields, Ashford Park, and Drew Valley neighborhoods. I specifically purchased my home in Brookhaven Fields so that my child could attend Ashford Park. It is a very high performing school with an excellent track record of high test scores and community engagement. I live near the zoning border between Ashford Park and Woodward Elementary along Briarwood Rd. If I am rezoned into a significantly lower performing elementary school due to the closure of Ashford Park, I will either move out of the Dekalb School District or send my child to private school. Rezoning or closing the building is not the solution to overcrowding at Ashford Park. Expand the facility as it is a model school for the District. Most parents in the neighborhoods zoned for Ashford Park simply will not allow their children to attend low performing schools in the surrounding area which will only further exacerbate the problem of declining enrollment. You cannot fill seats in low performing underutilized schools by rezoning a child from a high performing school into it. You simply lose the student.	2/12/2026 12:51 PM
4305	We moved into our neighborhood because we appreciated everything about Evansdale Elementary. I grew up in this area and it has always been a very robust, thoughtful action-based community. Closing the school would greatly impact the lives of so many people. As one of many families who moved to the area and have been mentally preparing their children for the remainder of their time at Evansdale time and younger children who are getting ready to go to Evansdale, this would be detrimental in so many ways. Also worth noting is traffic within the area would be very much impacted and I would expect adjusting traffic patterns would be very costly.	2/12/2026 12:51 PM
4306	While I understand that consolidation may be necessary it seems that many of Tuckers elementary schools are on this list. Will all Tucker kids go to Smokerise and Livsey?	2/12/2026 12:50 PM
4307	Consolidate asap and save the money. Long overdue.	2/12/2026 12:50 PM
4308	I'm sad to see Vanderlyn go away, and I'm hopeful that we'll be rezoned for another nearby elementary school that's just as high-performing and community-focused. My son is six months old, so I'm optimistic about these changes.	2/12/2026 12:49 PM
4309	I do not like the idea of closing Vanderlyn Elementary School. I understand that operating more schools increases costs, however, every classroom at Vanderlyn is currently utilized with most classes holding between 22-25 students. All students are in the physical building, which is much better than asking elementary aged students to learn in trailers or other modular classrooms. To me this is optimal for this age group. To consolidate these students into other schools would mean larger class sizes, the potential for an increased student to teacher ratio, and possibly having students have to navigate between a physical building and modular classrooms.	2/12/2026 12:48 PM
4310	I believe that it is a terrible idea. I believe that schools will be over crowded and the integrity of learning will be diminished.	2/12/2026 12:47 PM
4311	I am concerned that my property value will decrease due to Kelley Lake, Flat Shoals and Bob Mathis Elementary due to close in my neighborhood.	2/12/2026 12:44 PM
4312	These scenarios make sense. For the Dunwoody cluster, Vanderlyn is small and outdated, and the high school could desperately use that land for expansion.	2/12/2026 12:42 PM
4313	I feel as if the schools should stay the same, HOWEVER, the schools that are not performing well academically and financially should be considered for closure. That would be better reasoning.	2/12/2026 12:42 PM
4314	I am not happy about the idea of Evansdale closing. I have been working here for over 10 years now and the thought of this make me want to leave to another county such as Gwinnett.	2/12/2026 12:41 PM
4315	At this point I don't believe it will benefit the children in my zip code. They will be packed	2/12/2026 12:39 PM

	together in classrooms, and less resources and good teachers for our children	
4316	I am not supportive of closing down Vanderlyn ES because there isn't enough capacity at Dunwoody ES (next logical choice) to absorb the students. See facts below: Vanderlyn ES estimated utilization in 2030 is 78.5% against a capacity of 552 which implies a demand of 433 students. Dunwoody ES estimated utilization in 2030 is 71.2% against a capacity of 960 which implies a demand of 684 students and 277 open seats. These 277 seats are obviously not enough to absorb all of Vanderlyn ES 433 students. Where would the 433-277 = 156 students go? Austin ES is ~ 3 miles away and would significantly worsen quality of life.	2/12/2026 12:39 PM
4317	I agree with consolidating some school But 27 schools is a lot. That will take a big hit in the community. I can see 3-5 schools	2/12/2026 12:38 PM
4318	I find that the initial rollout lacks transparency. The data that the district used to determine where students and future students live, what current school capacity looks like, and how these scenarios are projected to impact future capacity and class room sized should be shared with the broader public (with the exception of any personally identifiable information). It is difficult to have trust in a process without data transparency. I hope this data and an analysis on future school capacity will be released in the future.	2/12/2026 12:35 PM
4319	N/A	2/12/2026 12:34 PM
4320	I agree the consolidations are needed. Families are going to be unhappy, but it must be done for the future of our district. Many families are concerned only with their scenario and not for the larger picture.	2/12/2026 12:34 PM
4321	The Chamblee cluster has amazing community involvement and support, it's a high achieving cluster, and should remain as is. Our elementary schools, especially Ashford Park, need significant renovations, not closures or redistricting.	2/12/2026 12:33 PM
4322	I would oppose the closure of oak grove elementary	2/12/2026 12:32 PM
4323	I think this makes sense. Hopefully the plan would be to demo Vanderlyn and add parking. I am totally unclear how you'd expand Montgomery. Traffic on Ashford Dunwoody is already a nightmare without adding more students.	2/12/2026 12:31 PM
4324	Considering the scenario begins with the closure of not only our neighborhood school, but its MS as well (Henderson Mill) it borders some land between obscene and incoherent. Evansdale is a successful diverse school serving neighborhoods with multiple language families, a DLI program in French, and support for significant Amharic-speaking families. Parent/Guardian engagement is very high, and capacity is above 90%. Inclusion in these closures boggles the mind. At no point are student success outcomes included in this consideration - it's something akin to real estate holdings rather than what actually demonstrates a data-driven & public duty informed approach to what actually helps our students succeed. Our kids are not cells on spreadsheets, but have nuanced outcomes that are tied to much more data than simple facility use deltas.	2/12/2026 12:31 PM
4325	If Bob Mathis is closing, I believe it should be considered to create another school similar to Coralwood on the South side, keeping audiology and preschool diagnostics and expanding PreK access. This could also be a location for some pilot Autism pre-k and kindergarten classes. Also, Snapfinger Elementary is an old facility in need of upgrades. This may be a good building to close instead of others unless substantial renovations are planned. Also, when considering capacity, please take into account the need for office space for school support personnel such as counselors, school psychologists, LTSEs, MTSS, ect. Many buildings do not have adequate office space for these staff.	2/12/2026 12:28 PM
4326	I think small Elementary schools are beneficial and we should try to attract more parents to choose DCSD over private schools rather than close neighborhood schools. Combining middle or high schools seems more feesable to me becuase children are older and capable of being on the bus for longer amounts of time.	2/12/2026 12:19 PM
4327	I have mixed feelings about the proposed closures. While some of these schools are underutilized and some of the lowest performing schools (and probably need to be closed/consolidated to provide a better education for students) others are very high performing schools that are in areas where the population is growing. My concern is other families like me who benefit from the high performing schools (Midvale Elementary) will be forced to switch to non DCSS options, further increasing the issue that is claimed to be fixed by this plan.	2/12/2026 12:15 PM

4328	Oak grove elementary has some of the highest performance standards/ student outcomes in the county. We should not close a school that is one of the strongest, unless we want to lower the bar across the board, which I'm sure is not the intent here. There is a reason empty seats get filled with school choice. Consolidation makes more sense for lower performing schools.	2/12/2026 12:15 PM
4329	What will happen to the staff of the schools that are proposed to close and consolidate?	2/12/2026 12:13 PM
4330	dont close towers make it a magnet school	2/12/2026 12:08 PM
4331	I understand the necessity, but smaller school communities lead to better student outcomes	2/12/2026 12:07 PM
4332	Support	2/12/2026 12:06 PM
4333	I am confused by the comprehensiveness of the scenarios given that Druid Hills Middle School is completely missing from the middle school stack in the colored bar table of scenarios. From the other information, it appears that DHMS will remain unchanged, but how is it not included in the list of schools? Ultimately, we need to find ways to ensure our district has the funds to maintain the programs and facilities that support our children efficiently and comprehensively. If closing under-utilized schools helps support the ultimate goal, then I am in favor of the plans. Also, whoever edits and reviews the content posted on your website - even with the oxford comma (which I support), you should not use it before an ampersand (&).	2/12/2026 12:04 PM
4334	With the closing/expansion of schools in the Chamblee and Lakeside clusters, where will these students go during construction?	2/12/2026 12:03 PM
4335	Schools are overcrowded now. Rehoboth elementary closed and now Mclindon.	2/12/2026 12:02 PM
4336	I am very upset as a high tax paying resident that my wonderful neighborhood school Vanderlyn will be closed. I am a recent home buyer here and not only will it be significantly disruptive to my children's journey but will impact my home value. I will then need to consider moving or private school.	2/12/2026 11:57 AM
4337	Would not close Vanderlyn. This Perimeter area continues to grow and once you close it, the schools left will be overcrowded within a few years.	2/12/2026 11:55 AM
4338	It seems logical at first glance, but I think a map would help me understand whether too many schools are being closed in one area which would result in long bus times and non neighborhood schools.	2/12/2026 11:54 AM
4339	It works	2/12/2026 11:51 AM
4340	Your logic makes little to.no sense for our school. Ashford Park is overcapacity not under capacity so closing it makes no sense. With John Lewis not adding capacity and only having less than 200 open spots, Montgomery over capacity already with 200 spots you'd have to plan to be doubling Montgomery in order to absorb the AP kids. Which in and of itself destroys one of the best school communities in the district and increases bus time for the youngest kids.	2/12/2026 11:50 AM
4341	I think this makes sense because the county has to do something. When my girls were little, we moved to be sure we could stay in the district for one elementary school thinking changes were coming soon. Now, 14 years later, the county is still in the same place having made no progress. It's easy for me to say close schools, shift enrollment, etc. since my children will not be impacted, but I support a process of reducing buildings that require maintenance with tax dollars that could be better spent on educating our young.	2/12/2026 11:48 AM
4342	Love it! Closing facilities will allow focus on improving education quality and ratings for residents. As we consider building our family, our current plan is to move out of Dekalb into a better school district bc of the lack of confidence in this underpopulated and under resourced district.	2/12/2026 11:46 AM
4343	Without more specifics, I'm deeply concerned about closing Ashford Park ES. There is obviously a lot of demand here since it is at 150% capacity. I get closing some schools that are underutilized but APES is overutilized. Where are the kids going to go? Under this plan, I fear we will just have other schools over capacity and our kids will still be in trailers and modulars. Wherever they do attend, will it have the same resources (e.g., gifted, chorus, band, orchestra, Chromebooks) as APES currently has?	2/12/2026 11:46 AM
4344	DO NOT CLOSE ASHFORD PARK. IT IS THE BEST SCHOOL IM BROOKHAVEN AND FHE REASON MANY FAMILIES MOVE HERE.	2/12/2026 11:45 AM

4345	I am totally against champion theme school closing. What other options are you offering to parents	2/12/2026 11:39 AM
4346	I think the beauty of neighborhood elementary schools encourage and allow parent involvement in a small environment. I am not in favor of consolidating and closing Oak Grove Elementary. My older child goes to Sagamore Hills because of special education placement. While it is a great place, my younger child is currently thriving at Oak Grove Elementary. The community supports that school in incredible ways, and the community is supplementing much of the programming that the district cannot afford on its own. Keep it!	2/12/2026 11:38 AM
4347	I am very concerned with the proposed closure of Henderson Elementary - the only STEAM certified elementary school in the county - and the lack of information about where those children will be placed. The smaller building creates a close-knit community with teachers who know all the students. Not only that but the other nearby elementary school, Midvale is on the closure list too. This puts the children in the neighborhood off of Leslie Dr much farther from home too, instead of at the school in our community. This scenario needs to take into account more than enrollment numbers for the past couple years and look at school performance, programs and what closing historic schools will do to those close-knit communities.	2/12/2026 11:37 AM
4348	Hard to understand/follow and especially understand the impact to the children currently attending the schools that will be closed or repurposed for a different level school	2/12/2026 11:36 AM
4349	Oak grove closing would be such a loss to this community. We walk to school daily and walk to all activities. Moved here for this school.	2/12/2026 11:35 AM
4350	I definitely think the public needs to know how these properties would be used to enhance the DeKalb experience. Will these closed schools be repurposed into DeKalb county schools as fields, parking lots, training centers, etc? Or with they be sold? If they are sold, the community should be consulted, not just board room meeting at DCSD headquarters	2/12/2026 11:34 AM
4351	Short sighted	2/12/2026 11:28 AM
4352	Ashford Park ES is one of the strongest elementary schools academically in the district and highly desired by families. It is a farce to suggest closing a school this successful. AP school community pays a disproportionately high amount into the DCISD tax base and has been continually shafted by a district that drains us of money and doesn't upkeep the facilities or invest in us. This initial recommendation fuels the need for Brookhaven to petition the state to start our own school system. Enough is enough. The only workable solution is a new APES on the existing site that can accommodate all students.	2/12/2026 11:28 AM
4353	The cascading use plan makes sense to me. I have concerns about moving young students to larger buildings including safety and social-emotional well-being. I have concerns for the communities impacted by school closures. What are the demographics of these communities? Are the closures equitable? Has the SAP committee considered a plan for integrating schools that builds new communities rather than just absorb some communities into others? Land banking seems like a waste of money, so I want to know how much that costs (upkeep, taxes, etc.) and why selling the land isn't a better option.	2/12/2026 11:28 AM
4354	Do NOT close Vanderlyn. If you do, parents should have a choice of which elementary school our students can atend.	2/12/2026 11:26 AM
4355	As a teacher at Columbia and Toney, I can see that enrollment numbers are small and many rooms in the buildings are under-utilized.	2/12/2026 11:24 AM
4356	I have concerns about Oak Grove Elem being closed and consolidated with Briarlake and Sagamore. While I understand the logistics and location, I do think this would have long term negative ramifications. For example, when comparing Briarlake and OGE, the former is on the corner of 2 busy intersections, a safety risk for children. It would also seem like a better solution for a local office hub if repurposed. Second, the OGE community is vibrant and philanthropic, likely having one of the higher economic per capita in the area. These changes might encourage these families to pursue other private school options.	2/12/2026 11:23 AM
4357	If a school is high performing, I believe that particular school should be spared from closure, despite having lower enrollment numbers. Higher enrollment numbers/consolidation may mean saved dollars, but it might not be what's best for certain students and fb a tua community affected. Please also consider that there are parents such as me that are willing to drive all the way from Lithonia to Dunwoody, just to take my daughter to a school that she can flourish in (such as Vanderlyn). Smaller class sizes, a community feel, more intimate instruction and	2/12/2026 11:20 AM

	relationships, and high test scores and performance are equally just as important. For me, Vanderlyn is an intentional selection, even when comparing to other Dunwoody schools. If the school was not performing well, had low enrollment, etc, then I would understand; however, if that's not the case, then exceptions should be made. Specifically, Vanderlyn is a great school and should remain open for the reasons above. The building is extremely old, and I understand the facility rating is also a factor; why not invest in the school to bring it up to par. At the very least, I would propose expanding vanderlyn as a last resort before considering the school for closure.	
4358	Dunwoody needs neighborhood schools and smaller schools are better.	2/12/2026 11:15 AM
4359	Terrible - do something meaningful instead of blowing shit up!	2/12/2026 11:14 AM
4360	I am slightly concerned regarding expansion of Chesnut elem. Are students going to be onsite during construction or sent to Kingsley during expansion and then brought back when construction complete and then Kingsley would be closed?	2/12/2026 11:14 AM
4361	The potential closing of Midvale Elementary is concerning. The staff and administrators have been exceptional. We have chosen to keep all 4 of our children in Dekalb public schools mainly because of our experiences and involvement at Midvale Elementary.	2/12/2026 11:13 AM
4362	Seems to me that consolidating eliminating elementary schools saves money but has young kids feel like a number rather than developing their individual skills	2/12/2026 11:10 AM
4363	Not just attendance but performance should be taken into consideration. Closing high-performing schools seems counterproductive to providing quality education	2/12/2026 11:08 AM
4364	I understand the cascade, but I wish there was a little more clarity for where the students go if their school is closed. The school names are in alphabetical order and it doesn't give any idea of where we would go.	2/12/2026 11:08 AM
4365	I'm confused about where the Ashford Park students would be housed	2/12/2026 11:01 AM
4366	The biggest concern I have is maintaining the culture of the elementary school community we have come to love. It's diverse, the teachers really know all of the students, we have strong integration of the school with the community and the school thrives in terms of achievement. We don't want to lose any of that to increased size.	2/12/2026 11:01 AM
4367	Ashford Park Elementary is not empty (trailers everywhere). Therefore, it is clearly a desired school if trailers are needed to support overcrowding. An expansion would be more appropriate, particularly with community support.	2/12/2026 11:01 AM
4368	I think it's insane to close a local dli level school with the only French immersion program for elementary school students anywhere nearby. Our school level attendance seems to be good and would be better without ICE threatening our Hispanic community.	2/12/2026 11:00 AM
4369	I can understand why facilities were listed as needed to be closed. Robert Shaw Theme being listed seemed like that could be salvaged, as none of themes give the option for the community at large to apply as the last tier of enrollment. People should be given the option to choice into those schools and provide their own transportation before the theme schools are closed. I also want to know more information on what will happen to the closed school buildings. I don't want our area in the south blighted by abandoned school buildings. Will they be torn down and in what time frame?	2/12/2026 10:57 AM
4370	Why? You cram more kids into schools and they feel like a number. A lot of these schools already have trailers. This whole concept makes zero sense other than money. It doesn't seem to show any concern for the kids, families or communities.	2/12/2026 10:56 AM
4371	Closing Vanderlyn would be a serious mistake, it is the heart of the community, a top ranked elementary school in Georgia and its small class sizes are the key reason it's such a strong elementary school. If this decision is mishandled, it could quickly undermine confidence in leadership.	2/12/2026 10:53 AM
4372	Best schools have been chosen for consolidation. Closing and merging has been distributed so that no one community is unfairly impacted. Opens possibility for use of small schools for 3/4 preK programs.	2/12/2026 10:52 AM
4373	Please do not combine higher performing schools with lower performing schools. Combine the two lower performing schools and work on improving their reading and testing levels.	2/12/2026 10:47 AM

4374	I understand that changes need to be made, but what gives me pause is that for many families who choose to settle in my immediate area, Lakeside district, the smaller elementary schools are a big part of that decision. We take the tradeoff of the schools performing lower than other counties for the the smaller, more community experience.	2/12/2026 10:47 AM
4375	I trust the committee and appreciate the information how it has been broken down for all stakeholders.	2/12/2026 10:45 AM
4376	I think closing oak grove would be a terrible idea. I also cannot see expanding Sagamore. The foot print is not there without building up the school to a second story otherwise you would loose the entire field and we already have 2 dilapidated trailers that get moldy over the summer. Sagamore has been a wonderful elementary school for us for 7 years now and younger 2 are still there. Also nervous on how the neighborhood would be able to handle expanding the school with traffic, cafeteria space, busses etc	2/12/2026 10:45 AM
4377	stand-alone building for DSA	2/12/2026 10:40 AM
4378	Not a good idea to close so many schools which have strong communities and academics (Vanderlyn, Oak Grove, Ashford Park, Evansdale, Henderson Mill)	2/12/2026 10:36 AM
4379	Do not close Vanderlyn	2/12/2026 10:35 AM
4380	I am concerned that DeKalb would be considering to close a school (Vanderlyn) with such excellent outcomes and incredibly engaged parents. It suggests the district is prioritizing profit over education. I understand that you have to think about the district in its entirety, and the best use of resources, but it feels as if a school like Vanderlyn with such wonderful outcomes and parent/student satisfaction should not be on that list, but rather be a paragon of what school should like when so much has gone so wrong in the DeKalb school district as of late.	2/12/2026 10:35 AM
4381	We relocated to Tucker in 2023. The ability to walk our girls to school at Brockett was one of the selling points for us. We moved from a high performing, high enrollment (900+) school and I can honestly say my children are better supported in this smaller environment. Previously we were just a number. At Brockett our entire family has been welcomed with open arms and we have more community and familial support than we ever had living 10 years in our previous community. I attribute this to the ability make connections with other families in the neighborhood while waiting for dismissal and walking together in the mornings. The majority of staff are on first name basis with all of us. I fear we will lose this if consolidated with other elementary schools in our cluster. From a neighborhood perspective, I fear the impact the school closure will have on property values. While proposed repurposed uses have been provided, these things take time and the thought of having a large property sitting empty concerns me.	2/12/2026 10:35 AM
4382	It sounds like cost savings, in order to better utilize resources given a declining enrollment, is the primary goal of this whole process. As such, for school buildings that will be vacated/closed, why wouldn't an option to sell those buildings be considered? Of the 5 possible actions listed for closed schools, none included selling or renting the facility, which I would think would provide the most expeditious return on investment for DCSD.	2/12/2026 10:31 AM
4383	Do not shut Ashford Park. The community and support the school has received since returning from COVID is growing rapidly.	2/12/2026 10:30 AM
4384	I agree with the initial facilities scenario's closing the schools and repurposing to improve enrollment and programs	2/12/2026 10:29 AM
4385	I appreciate that thought is being put into to reduce the amount of schools and to repurpose space where it is needed more. I am specifically looking forward to the possibility to expanding Dunwoody HS into the Vanderlyn ES space. My kids will be attending Dunwoody HS in the next 4-6 years and the safety concerns due to overcrowding are loud and clear.	2/12/2026 10:26 AM
4386	There have been trailers at Briarlake for years. Is this what's meant by "adding space"? Unless you add an entire second story to the building, there is nowhere to add more kids.	2/12/2026 10:26 AM
4387	While we are grateful for the work being done to improve the quality of education across Dekalb county, we were extremely disappointed and frustrated to see the potential closure of Ashford Park Elementary school. We stretched to be able to afford a home in our neighborhood specifically so our children could attend APES. It is a school with fantastic academics and parent/teacher engagement, as well as is home to 800+ students. Not only would it be an extreme loss to our community, but would disadvantage our children who attend such a great	2/12/2026 10:25 AM

	school. It would also hurt our family and many other families financially who bought homes specifically in this district, only for our property values to tank following the redistricting. This decision not only will cost our children their education, but will cost our family extremely financially as well.	
4388	This initial scenario seems to focus heavily on one side of DeKalb county. Which has historically lacked the same benefits as those in North DeKalb. While I understand the intent of this is to redistribute resources so that students can have better access to resources, I believe in the information you share - we should be informed of what the data points look like in certain areas so we can understand why more emphasis may be placed on a particular area than others.	2/12/2026 10:25 AM
4389	Shutting Oak Grove Elementary is very distressing. This is an excellent school where my children have thrived. The idea of them having to change schools is totally unfair to them and will negatively impact my property value.	2/12/2026 10:23 AM
4390	It would be helpful to see what school you would go to if your school was selected to close. For example, Ashford Park is selected to close, I think I would have feedback if I knew where you were proposing we go? I live close to Montgomery but my understanding is that school is over-capacity as well.	2/12/2026 10:21 AM
4391	Closing schools in neighborhoods with a strong sense of community (like Oak Grove) will have serious impacts on the neighborhoods in question.	2/12/2026 10:21 AM
4392	I think the county needs to reconsider some schools, Some very high performing schools are on the list.	2/12/2026 10:16 AM
4393	The older outdated buildings need to mo e into a modern building.	2/12/2026 10:15 AM
4394	Do not close Ashford Park Elementary please	2/12/2026 10:13 AM
4395	The idea to close Ashford Park seems out of alignment with the stated goals of the SAP. If you're saying that many elementary schools have excess capacity yet AP is over capacity it seems it would make more sense to redraw the boundary in lieu of closing it completely. The same amount of students would still be in the district and just funnelled to other schools like Montgomery or Huntley Hills creating even more of a traffic bottleneck on Ashford Dunwoody or Peachtree.	2/12/2026 10:13 AM
4396	I am disappointed to see Ashford Park included on the list of schools proposed for closure. As both a county administrator and a resident of the Ashford Park neighborhood, I understand that our parent community can be very vocal. However, I hope this decision is being made based on student needs, logistics, and long-term planning rather than perceptions of the community. The location of Ashford Park is uniquely well-suited to serve the families on this side of Peachtree Industrial. In the current proposal, John Lewis remains open while Montgomery and Huntley Hills are expanded. These are the three closest schools to the Ashford Park neighborhood, and I understand the logic of rezoning Drew Valley to John Lewis. However, I have significant concerns about how Ashford Park families would be rezoned to Montgomery and/or Huntley Hills. Both of these options require students and families to cross Peachtree Industrial and travel along already congested roads during peak morning traffic times. Additionally, both schools are located near I-285, where traffic backups are already common. The increased number of buses and parent vehicles navigating these routes raises real concerns about safety and traffic flow. Travel to Montgomery would also require navigating past two private schools, adding further congestion during arrival times. Travel to Huntley Hills would require cutting through multiple neighborhoods, which presents additional safety considerations for both residents and students. I respectfully ask that the safety, traffic impact, and practicality of these routes be carefully considered as part of the decision-making process.	2/12/2026 10:11 AM
4397	While I understand the need to consolidate seats of under utilized seats, I feel like a lot of outside influences on enrollment in areas of Dekalb are being ignored. Somewhat like building a massive hospital and then worrying about the infrastructure to support the hospital after the fact. To that end, things like the new CHOA hospital will have impacts on enrollment in Dekalb. Demand for homes and home values has increased in the areas surrounding the hospital and I would expect this to continue. We can't predict everything but it needs to be considered when making decisions on the seats available in a given area before closing buildings and potentially creating overcrowding in the schools that are being kept open. Closing so many elementary schools in the Lakeside cluster does nothing to address the already overcrowded state of	2/12/2026 10:10 AM

	Lakeside. It just also creates an overcrowding in the elementary schools as well. Its like we want the kids to get accustomed to sitting on the floor in elementary school so its not a shock when they get to high school. I'm very concerned that the "expansion" of schools that aren't closed will come in the way of learning cottages (trailers) that will put many children at a disadvantage than if we had just kept another school open while we figured out what we were doing.	
4398	It is extremely hard to weigh in on consolidations when the information is not clear how the consolidation will happen. I understand that this is still under review but I had to go to a 3rd party website to find that my child's elementary school is on the list for expansion. While I am not against this in theory, I would like more information how the expansion will occur and affect the children currently attending the school.	2/12/2026 10:07 AM
4399	Please close schools with less than 900 students and bus them to newest schools.	2/12/2026 10:05 AM
4400	How does this help overcrowding at the high school level?	2/12/2026 10:03 AM
4401	With the suggested option of condensing schools, where will the new found resources be allocated to?	2/12/2026 10:03 AM
4402	Clarkston High School is an old building that really needs to be completely dismantled and rebuilt. It's falling apart! Students and staff deserve so much better.	2/12/2026 10:03 AM
4403	In the chamblee cluster, this scenario provides more questions than answers. To close Ashford Park, where would those students go? There is not an elementary school in distance that has capacity to keep that neighborhood together in any capacity. You would have to break up the neighborhood into 5 different elementary schools. In addition, you are actively spending $20MM+ on the building for improvements. In addition, what about the school on E Nancy Creek Drive? I don’t see this building listed anywhere. I understand proposing closing schools where they are under capacity and there are neighboring schools that can absorb them. But to close a high functioning elementary school with no capacity around them — this seems very far fetched. Throwing proposals out there like this just causes mass hysteria. Further - at the middle and high school level - no one can be pushed to Sequoyah Middle & Cross Keys until at least 2030 when the new high school in Doraville is complete. So is it proposed to push Ashford Park to 5 different elementary schools, including some that feed Sequoyah & CK, but then pull them back to CMS & CHS until 2030? That also would be a disaster. This doesn’t seem well thought out AT ALL.	2/12/2026 10:03 AM
4404	I would like the district to carefully consider the needs of Preschool Special Education programs as part of the SAP planning process. Currently, Coralwood Center is the only location in the county offering true inclusion and co-teaching as well as small group classes from Preschool (age 3) through Kindergarten. Families who do not live near Coralwood do not have fair access to this same type of high-quality, inclusive early-learning opportunities, which creates an equity gap for our youngest learners. I ask that there be plans to create additional inclusive preschool special education centers in other regions of the county so that all families can benefit from this specialized programming. Several schools slated for closure or repurposing could be transformed into preschool special education centers. Possible regional options include: - North DeKalb: Ashford Park, Kingsley, or Vanderlyn - Stone Mountain Area: Stone Mill, Stone Mountain Elementary, Redan, or Woodridge - Central DeKalb: McClendon or Robert Shaw - South DeKalb: Bob Mathis, which is especially appropriate because it already houses the Preschool Diagnostic South Office and the Audiology Clinic—services that many of our young learners require. Expanding inclusive preschool centers across the county would ensure that families outside the Coralwood zone do not continue to be the only ones benefiting from this unique programming. This would improve access, reduce travel burdens, and ensure more equitable early intervention and support for children with special needs. I sugeest that the Coralwood program be relocated to a larger building so that more students can benefit from its unique Preschool –Kindergarten inclusion model which is the only place that Dekalb provided inclusion from Preschool 3 all the way through Kindergarten in one building. Other students must bounce around from one place at P3, then co-taught PreK somewhere else and then on to Kindergarten at a third location. Coralwood currently provides one-of-a-kind services in the district and is a model for the state, but space limitations restrict how many children can enroll. Because the district is considering school closures or repurposing buildings, it be possible to move Coralwood into a larger site—such as Midvale or Brockett—so the program could serve significantly more students in inclusive and small-group settings from P3 through Kindergarten. If it is not feasible to move Coralwood into a bigger building, the Coralwood model should be duplicated else where in the county.	2/12/2026 10:02 AM

4405	Not sure how Ashford Park Closing could be absorbed into Montgomery & Huntley hills. Montgomery renovations are desperately needed but expanding capacity seems problematic for Ashford Dunwoody road to handle. Also Chamblee middle & high are at capacity is my understanding so expanding capacity at Montgomery seems concerning. Also, what is plan for old Nancy Creek / Kittredge site? Serves same area ideally but not used for this area currently.	2/12/2026 10:01 AM
4406	I can understand the need to close schools. I work at Evansdale and the school is small, which from my perspective, is one of its strengths. It also has a long history and is clearly beloved by its community and features special programming that should be maintained. At the same time, I recognize that the building is old. I would like a move that respects the programming and community of the school while offering a potentially better facility. My children also attended Montgomery ES, which I see is slated for expansion. It is a lovely school and the county should consider the needs of this community, too. I know that building also needs updates and that parking in particular is an issue already at Montgomery.	2/12/2026 10:01 AM
4407	Small schools are always better for the students. The students always come first. I have worked in huge schools and I have worked in small schools. The outcome is always better for the small schools.	2/12/2026 10:00 AM
4408	I support the overall proposal. I am however concerned about where students who attend Henderson Mill ES will be placed.	2/12/2026 9:56 AM
4409	1) Concern that some of the closures, particularly at the elementary school level greatly impact are most underserved students and English language learners 2) The scenarios do not show what school students would be moved to and how this would affect transport times, community etc 3) Evansdale has French immersion program. What will happen to that program if Evansdale closes. 4) Scenarios do not include movement of student support services. 5) What will happen to all of teachers and staff with the closures? 6) Enrollment is expected to continue to decline even after scenarios are put in place. what is long term plan to account for that or address why people are leaving the district 7) What are the proposals for the buildings that closed with no school that will be moved into that building?	2/12/2026 9:56 AM
4410	After review, I think the options presented to make sense and consolidating/closing to provide better care for the students is the best next step.	2/12/2026 9:55 AM
4411	I do not understand how the data justifies closing 3 feeder elementary schools to Lakeside High School. It is over capacity, and the largest high school in the district. None of the elementary schools has an excessive number of open seats, and Briarliake Elementary School has trailers to address the overcrowding.	2/12/2026 9:55 AM
4412	I Have no feedback on the initial facilities scenario.	2/12/2026 9:55 AM
4413	As a Vanderlyn parent, I’m disappointed to see it on the list. It is an incredible, community school that provides such a wonderful experience for these kids. It seems like the elementary school level reconfiguration aims to increase the kid count per class. If that is the case, unless the classes would be given more than 1 teacher, that would be detrimental for the kids and their ability to learn/absorb.	2/12/2026 9:54 AM
4414	You're telling me that the same person who wrote "Forecasted enrollment shows that by 2030, we will have 20 elementaries worth of excess seats. Converting 5 middle schools to middle schools, gives us at least 10 elementaries of excess seats. This scenario closes 25 elementaries." is the same person proposing to close Ashford Park ES. Someone needs a math lesson.	2/12/2026 9:53 AM
4415	My daughter attends Vanderlyn and has thrived tremendously. I am concerned that altering this will not only affect her but also all of the students in the school which is relatively small but appropriately enrolled.	2/12/2026 9:52 AM
4416	Closing Ashford Park Elementary would have a deeply negative impact on our family and on the Brookhaven community as a whole. Ashford Park is more than a school building—it is a cornerstone of our neighborhood, a gathering place for families, and a critical factor in why many of us chose to live, invest, and raise our children here. The proposed closure would disrupt students’ academic continuity, increase commute times, and fracture established relationships between students, teachers, and families. These disruptions disproportionately affect young learners, for whom stability, familiarity, and community connection are essential to success. Any short-term financial or logistical efficiencies gained through closure would come at the expense of student well-being and long-term educational outcomes. Additionally, Ashford Park Elementary plays a significant role in supporting Brookhaven’s broader	2/12/2026 9:51 AM

	community health. Strong neighborhood schools directly impact property values, community engagement, and local economic stability. Closing a well-supported school undermines trust in the district and sends a concerning message to families who have consistently shown up for their school through enrollment, volunteerism, and advocacy. I respectfully urge the district to reconsider this recommendation and to engage more deeply with families, educators, and community members before moving forward with a decision of this magnitude. We ask for transparency around the data used, exploration of alternative solutions, and a genuine commitment to preserving neighborhood schools where possible. Ashford Park Elementary deserves thoughtful investment not elimination. Our children, families, and community deserve better than a decision that prioritizes short-term restructuring over long-term impact.	
4417	I believe the school cluster grade bands should stay the same as it is now. Prek-5, 6-8, 9-12. Also, all schools should put ESOL kids in one class and all non ESOL kids in a separate class. It's not fair to either class to be integrated when they don't share the same language and the the students are the ones who suffer. For example when my oldest son was in kindergarten at Kingsley he was in a class full of ESOL kids and he spoke fluent English. He was put in the back of the room at a table by himself because the teachers were solely focused on teaching English to the ESOL kids. That's not ok, fair or right to do this to any child. I've heard the same scenarios at Peachtree Middle and Dunwoody high as well.	2/12/2026 9:50 AM
4418	From a broad brush-strokes perspective, the general approach of closing some and converting others seems appropriate. However, some of the schools listed for closure are some of Dekalb's highest performing and most crowded. If the criteria for closing an elementary school is 1)underutilization due to excess capacity in the area along with cascading use or 2) low educational adequacy and is in close proximity to schools with excess capacity or planned additions, then I don't understand why schools like Ashford Park Elementary would be considered for closure. It consistently performs high academically, has some of the lowest teach turnover in the county, and is currently in the midst of a $24 million expansion project to make room for all the students currently enrolled and expected in the coming years.	2/12/2026 9:50 AM
4419	Ashford Park Elementary School has provided my children with an amazing education and German Immersion. It would be a disservice to move them out after having several years in the program. It would be unfair to the children.	2/12/2026 9:49 AM
4420	My initial feedback brings up more questions. I understand this district is facing difficult financial realities. I recognize that declining enrollment creates real budget constraints. I also understand that you cannot make decisions that please everyone. But WHY is enrollment declining? Is the decline primarily demographic? How much is due to families choosing private, charter, or homeschool options? How has the recent state voucher program impacted our enrollment projections? What will be the average increase in bus times? How will we support students during transitions? How will staff retention be handled? How do we prevent further enrollment loss due to community disruption? Even if that funding is outside this board's control, how are we advocating at the state level for policies that stabilize public systems? If families are leaving for specific reasons, closures address the financial symptom — not the cause.	2/12/2026 9:47 AM
4421	Consolidation is necessary in this time of declining enrollment. There are many buildings that are in atrocious condition.	2/12/2026 9:42 AM
4422	I noticed that the schools that would be impacted are schools that are within South DeKalb County and the schools statistically have students who derive from under resourced homes and could benefit from schools that are within their community that parents and students can get to and minimizing class size benefits students.	2/12/2026 9:40 AM
4423	DO NOT CLOSE ASHFORD PARK ELEMENTARY. If the school is over capacity, how does this help at all? This is an amazing school that is part of our community. Where will all of those kids go?? We were told the school would be renovated not closed. This is very deceptive.	2/12/2026 9:39 AM
4424	I am definitely happy that Sagamore Hills is not currently in the consideration for closing, because we love walking our son to school and look forward to doing the same with our daughter once she is enrolled at SHES. We also love our principal, Ms. Freeman, who has done an incredible job turning the school around. SHES has an incredible community of parents and neighbors, a lot of whom went to SHES 20+ years ago, and still support the school even though their kids have long since graduated.	2/12/2026 9:38 AM
4425	I understand there are many moving pieces and various issues that may be unresolved, but the presentation of this information is very confusing and I work in education in a nearby	2/12/2026 9:38 AM

	district. Also, I did not see Druid Hills Middle on the chart?	
4426	I am very concerned about the proposed consolidation scenario, particularly as it relates to elementary schools. Smaller, neighborhood-based schools provide a sense of community, safety, and personal connection that is incredibly important for young children and families. Moving toward larger, consolidated facilities risks losing that close-knit environment. My biggest concern is class size. If consolidation leads to classrooms of 30+ students, that directly impacts instructional quality, individual attention, classroom management, and overall student experience. Early elementary education especially benefits from smaller class sizes and strong teacher-student relationships. Neighborhood schools also serve as community hubs. Families walk to school, parents volunteer, and children build lasting friendships within their local area. Consolidating schools may increase transportation times, reduce parent involvement, and weaken those neighborhood connections. While I understand the district must consider enrollment trends and facility usage, I strongly urge decision-makers to prioritize educational quality, manageable class sizes, and preservation of community-based schools when evaluating consolidation options. I would also appreciate clear projections showing anticipated class sizes, transportation impacts, and how student support services would be maintained in larger consolidated settings. Please carefully consider the long-term academic and social impact on students before moving forward with consolidations.	2/12/2026 9:37 AM
4427	I understand the need for APES to move to a new location due to space and size constraints, but I want confirmation the students/district line will stay the same and the students will not be broken up or moved to a lower performing school. If the school is closing, why is the county investing $20M+ renovation that is not going to change the building quality or the fact that it would close on this proposal.	2/12/2026 9:36 AM
4428	I don’t love it. Vanderlyn is a great school that provides an amazing education. Closing a top performing school doesn’t make logical sense. You should replicate their success instead.	2/12/2026 9:36 AM
4429	I need more information on how elementary schools will be consolidated. For example, which specific schools would be consolidated into a new building or in a repurposed middle school building? I do support Henderson Mill ES being closed. Long overdue. What considerations are being given in regard to support staff and itinerant employees with facility planning? We are constantly without workspace in the buildings I work in. There are so few offices and storage spaces. That needs to be taken into consideration along with "seats for students." There is a lot of talk about supporting mental health for students these days, and yet there are no confidential or private spaces for professionals to work with them.	2/12/2026 9:36 AM
4430	I support consolidation as long as the accountability to support and supply the needs of all learners does not falter. Specifically, that the allocations of funds are not disproportionally distributed to certain clusters only. In addition, overcrowded educational institutions pose multi-faceted concerns and should be addressed proactively.	2/12/2026 9:35 AM
4431	If you close Ashford Park ES (already over 100% capacity), where will our kids go? All of the surrounding elementary schools are also over 100% capacity (Montgomery, John Lewis, etc.). In addition, you just started a $25M renovation <6 months ago. This makes absolutely no sense, especially in an area with an expanding young family population. We love being in a smaller community surrounding the school where a significant portion, us included, bike or walk to school.	2/12/2026 9:34 AM
4432	Consolidating resources is important. One thing that's not clear to me -- you've identified specific buildings to transition down the chain, like Towers going from a HS to a MS, but have you considered buildings you could move up the chain? It strikes me that we have some fairly large elementary and middle school buildings that might make more sense as middle or high schools, depending on location.	2/12/2026 9:33 AM
4433	Ashford Park Elementary School is an amazing community based place and this school does need to be expanded but absolutely should not be closed	2/12/2026 9:31 AM
4434	As an Ashford Park parent, my biggest concern is about where my kid will go if the school is closed, and I'm a bit disappointed that at least a few scenarios weren't suggested. I'm very concerned about the community being split up because we've made friends and this is such a big time of development for my child. I'm also concerned about the testing scores at some of the surrounding schools and how redistricting could affect my child's education. I could be open to closing the school as long as the community as a whole stays together in whatever building you choose to move us to.	2/12/2026 9:31 AM

4435	I understand the problem statement you all are presenting. Can you read the three criteria below and explain how that would mean Ashford Park Elementary would be on the close list? That is nonsensical. -Elementaries in areas with underutilization close due to excess capacity in the area along with cascading use. -Elementaries that are appropriately placed and well utilized have proposed facility additions. -Elementaries that have low educational adequacy and are in close proximity to schools with excess capacity or planned additions are proposed to close.	2/12/2026 9:29 AM
4436	Closing Ashford Park Elementary, one of the strongest academic schools in the county with high demand and a very strong culture is an absolute non-starter within this community. I have looked at the data and there is not enough capacity in surrounding schools to support this closure and if the recommendation does not include a new building to house the students in the existing Ashford Park boundary lines this will break up a very strong school community that has performed exceptionally.	2/12/2026 9:28 AM
4437	I understand there's lots of empty seats, but I would rather see redistricting and updates to the older buildings before spending money to build bigger schools. 900 students at one elementary does not build community and provides less opportunity for parent involvement (so many parents, not as many PTA spots). Also, a few very high performing elementary schools are on the closure list. They're high performing because of the neighborhood that surrounds these schools, small class sizes, parent involvement and low teacher turn-over. When my child moved from their high performing 300 seat elementary school to an overcrowded low performing middle 1200 seat school, the teachers were burnt out and dismissive and there were so many issues with student behavior. The larger school also lacked enough resources as far as school counselors and other specialist. The school also made it hard for parents to get involved and volunteer. At our elementary school we had a foundation that helped pay for the specialist and they knew each parent by name. We switched to a small charter for my son's middle school because of this. So in summary, do not close the smaller high performing elementary schools. Update the buildings and redistrict. Keep current those currently zoned for their current school as-is but add from lower performing areas and bus those students in. The families that purchased houses in their current zoned area paid hundreds of thousands. more to be sure they were zoned for this elementary school. Use excess funds to pay for more specialist at each school so this does not have to be paid for by foundations. Many of the lower performing schools do not have foundations, so lack reading specialist, etc. Also, I'm not sure I understand how this plan will address overcrowding at some of the high schools. Our high school is not on the list for expansion and we have 10 trailers and no parking. Students do not get lockers because they do not have enough for each student. What is the plan for the high schools that are not on the list? Even if the elementary schools are closed and bigger elementary schools are built, this wil not change the enrollment numbers at the high school level, even if enrollment numbers go down.	2/12/2026 9:28 AM
4438	The initial scenario to close Ashford Park is a terrible idea. The "purpose" of SAP is to balance the enrollment of schools. APES is overcrowded because it is a great school with a great community - it got overcrowded because people wanted to move here specifically for the school (including my family). I understand that other schools in north Dekalb are also overcrowded - where will the APES students go? How do you propose to close a school without sharing information on where these students will go? Montgomery and Huntley Hills expansions do not help these students - they are too far away from the neighborhoods that feed APES. The correct scenario is to utilize the space at APES to expand to meet capacity - growth in the Brookhaven area isn't slowing down...but will significantly if Ashford Park is closed/rezoned. There will be a mass exodus from Brookhaven and Dekalb County if this happens. We care about our children and are heavily involved in the school (AP Foundation is arguably one of the top school fundraising groups in the state and funds many extras for the school that DCSD does not)...it appears that SAP and DCSD does not care to do what is best for our children.	2/12/2026 9:27 AM
4439	It took me 45 minutes to drive to school yesterday. Traffic past the park/marist or traffic past the hospital/285 is too much. Expanding montgomery - how? It's a 2 lane street with no parking options and can't handle the traffic as it is today. Where would all of the kids from Ashford Park go?	2/12/2026 9:26 AM
4440	Kingsley should not be closed as it's already slated for upgrades and would be foolish to invest money into the building then close it. A better option would be to close Vanderlyn and redistrict those children into Kingsley.	2/12/2026 9:22 AM
4441	Closing Ashford park would be a huge detriment to our community.	2/12/2026 9:22 AM

4442	I would like more detail, such as notional boundaries. I realize that given the sensitivity of the changes, this can be a lightning rod for distracting fights over who goes where. Instead of using sharp lines on the map, perhaps show the potential boundaries as regions of overlap that are perhaps 20 houses wide (or what have you).	2/12/2026 9:22 AM
4443	What a joke these recommendations are. Specifically, why would you close down Ashford Park Elementary School when it is over capacity? Where do you plan to place over 800 students? There is going to be an elementary school desert in the Ashford Park region with surrounding schools already over capacity as well. Not to mention, there will be a mass exodus of families, leaving this area or going to private institutions, l causing a drastic drop in property values and property taxes that now the county cannot count on. While I understand, closing and consolidating other schools that are currently under enrollment, it does not make any sense whatsoever to close Ashford Park Elementary School that is currently over capacity. You should think of the long-term repercussions that will happen as a result of disc closure. As a community, we stand stronger together, and this will not happen in silence, and there will be much noise regarding the closure of Ashford Park Elementary School.	2/12/2026 9:22 AM
4444	Facility scenarios are sound, however Druid Hills Middle School is not on the list at all. Will it remain or close/repurpose?	2/12/2026 9:21 AM
4445	This scenario seems to really adversely affect the Tucker/unincorporated Decatur/Embry Hills area. Midvale, Evansdale, Henderson Mill, and Brockett are all on the list to be closed. Currently we have good class size and student/teacher ratios and if all these schools are pushed into schools like Livsey that already relies on trailers to serve its students, what sort of quality will remain? Henderson MS is a good example of a huge geographic area being pushed into one school and the result is a huge student body and poor quality instruction.	2/12/2026 9:20 AM
4446	You should sell some of the facilities that are shutting down and use that capital to repair/repurpose existing facilities.	2/12/2026 9:19 AM
4447	The School Board continues to disappoint the community and ignore parent and stakeholder feedback. They are leavning open problematic and negligently run schools like Smoke Rise with Tatum. Increasing the number of kids she is leading, and running double the amount of educations. This has caused many to utilize school choice and leave for more well led schools, many of which are now on a closure list.	2/12/2026 9:17 AM
4448	I think it makes sense to close or repurpose underutilized schools, however care needs to be given to move children to like schools with similar community feel and neighborhoods.	2/12/2026 9:14 AM
4449	They are closing high performing schools. This makes no sense	2/12/2026 9:14 AM
4450	Seems like you are taking a stick of dynamite to blow up a problem that requires a chisel. You would be closing 3 of the schools close to me, meaning my future child would be spending extra time on a school bus instead of walking to and from school. Also you would be leaving an eyesore in my neighborhood if you simply tear down the elementary school and close the activity field. It is also unclear why you want to make such drastic changes. Is the budget failing? What other options have you considered (such as reducing administrative bloat)?	2/12/2026 9:14 AM
4451	This makes sense from a population and facility standpoint. It is disappointing, I like the idea of neighborhood schools. Brocket, midvale, evansdale for example. These schools are nestled in these highly residential areas, I like the community aspect of that. However I know that even now families often choose to leave these to school choice into a better performing school the next neighborhood over. But within our family's peer group, these are schools that families want to choice into. *im not personally impacted by these decisions yet, we are at smoke rise now, but are zoned to start Briarlake next year. I'm also concerned about transportation- more buses, longer routes. And more cars at the existing smaller schools.	2/12/2026 9:14 AM
4452	I think finding ways to repurpose schools is a great idea but I do not want the closing of schools to make other schools over-crowded.	2/12/2026 9:13 AM
4453	I understand the need for consolidations if it will improve our facilities, staff retention, improve the schools function all together	2/12/2026 9:13 AM
4454	it makes sense to close some of the schools. I'm struggling to understand closing Oak Grove ES since I understand it is full	2/12/2026 9:12 AM
4455	My first concern is the range of ages of students in the building	2/12/2026 9:12 AM
4456	I think for the longevity of Dekalb - some big and bold decisions need to be made. We have	2/12/2026 9:11 AM

	got to get rid of or repair these ancient buildings so learning can happen. We have to stop gerrymandering boundaries and stop cow towing to the loudest parents. This is what BEST for ALL students in Dekalb. I also think the magnet and lottery programs should be dissolved. Provide these services WELL in large schools. Simplifying things will also make providing bus services MUCH easier.	
4457	If there is a proposal to close Oak Grove Elementary and all or a portion of those students move to Sagamore Hills, is there a concern that the entire school move away from the Lakeside Cluster? Sagamore Hills has always been a focus of resdistricting and parents will not want their students removed from the Lakeside Cluster.	2/12/2026 9:10 AM
4458	My girls went to Sagamore so I'm relieved that this proposes expanding it. I don't envy y'all this process - gonna get complaints from lots of people about the elementary schools especially. It is so special to have these small neighborhood elementary schools - but I do understand the need to consolidate.	2/12/2026 9:10 AM
4459	Why is DCS spending 20 million dollars on Ashford Park Elementary renovations to only close it down in a few years? Such an irresponsible decision.	2/12/2026 9:10 AM
4460	Tucker's small neighborhood schools are an incredibly important peice of our culture, home values, and overall sense of community in Tucker. Over the years we have seen this group of schools consistently targeted for consolidation. What the paperwork and numbers and analysis can't show, is the development of our children and community that these schools drive. Tucker is an extremely diverse socio-economic area and many families do chose to send their children to private school and have the means to do so. But those of us who do not chose to send our children to private school do it because we LOVE the neighborhood schools and the sense of community they foster. If you consolidate the Tucker elementary schools, you should be aware that many families that chose public today, will chose private in the future, because we don't want our children in a 1000 person elementary school. We have the means to go private and we will if we're faced with 1000 person elementary schools.	2/12/2026 9:09 AM
4461	I think moving schools to PreK- 3, then 4-5, then middle grades, and high school grades could be be beneficial for teachers and students.	2/12/2026 9:08 AM
4462	I like the scenario where the grades are combined; however, I would go Pre-K-6 and 6-12	2/12/2026 9:08 AM
4463	I agree that consolidating resources is the most viable path toward long-term stability. By addressing the surplus of seats now, the district can stop "subsidizing empty space" and instead reinvest those millions into competitive teacher salaries and advanced student programming. This scenario moves the conversation from simply maintaining old buildings to actively building a modern educational footprint that matches the district's actual population.	2/12/2026 9:08 AM
4464	It would be devastating to see Vanderlyn Elementary close. The surrounding schools don’t have capacity to accommodate all Vanderlyn students and adding trailers is not an acceptable or safe method of handling the additional inflow of students should Vanderlyn close down. Additionally, Vanderlyn is a high achieving school and increasing capacity at surrounding schools could impact achievement scores among all schools.	2/12/2026 9:08 AM
4465	My student attends Vanderlyn ES via School Choice. What would happen to those that successfully enrolled into Vanderlyn ES via this process? Are the students being assigned via current enrollment?	2/12/2026 9:07 AM
4466	The initial plan prioritizes consolidation of resources over community continuity and while the central and southern districts have population density issues that require the changes, the north would be better served with a different strategy that recognizes the demographic differences.	2/12/2026 9:07 AM
4467	Yall must be some of the dumbest motherfuckers in existence. The fact that you would consider closing high performing schools in order to funnel kids into lower performing schools is quite shocking. The entire education system in the United States is centered around the idea of COMMUNITY SCHOOLS!!!	2/12/2026 9:07 AM
4468	I actually disagree with consolidations. I feel like smaller schools are better for children. I also believe that kids are more comfortable with kids the are from their small communities. For instance if you have a group of kids that English is there 2nd language and not spoken at home, they will do better being with peers in the same scenario. Blending many communities and placing them in larger schools allows for too many children to become unseen. I truly think	2/12/2026 9:07 AM

	you all are missing the point. I understand that money is an issue and that seems like a bigger problem, a problem because our county is simply too large and needs to be broken down.	
4469	If you choose to close ashford park it shows how corrupt and biased you are. A thriving school needs to stay open for our kids futures.	2/12/2026 9:06 AM
4470	I worry that advancing major changes like the proposed scenarios while leadership challenges and community trust issues remain unresolved puts the district at risk of directing significant resources away from more urgent needs. Rebuilding trust and strengthening core operations first would create a healthier foundation for any future change. I understand the three primary tradeoffs being discussed: programs, school size, and cost. If choices have to be made, my priority is clear. First is maintaining manageable school and classroom size. Second is programming. Third is cost. I place cost last because I do not currently have confidence that district funds are being managed as effectively as they could be. I continue to hear about underutilized administrative space and past financial decisions that raise real concerns in the community. Until there is stronger transparency and accountability, it is difficult to support changes justified primarily by projected savings. What matters most to my family is that our children are known. At a smaller school, teachers recognize students, relationships form naturally, and families feel connected to each other. Larger, consolidated schools may look efficient on paper, but they can feel impersonal in practice. Students are more likely to get lost in the shuffle, and daily logistics like carpool become harder for working families. While additional programming can be valuable, it is less important to me than preserving an environment where students feel visible, supported, and part of a real community. I also want to acknowledge my bias. My family is part of the Midvale community, and I am strongly opposed to closing Midvale. The district has recently invested in the facility, including the addition of an elevator, while other schools such as Livsey are still relying on portable classrooms. It is hard to understand the logic of closing a school that has just received significant upgrades. I am also concerned about where Midvale students would be reassigned. What options would keep students close to their neighborhoods and maintain reasonable transportation times for families? I worry that advancing major changes like the proposed scenarios while leadership challenges and community trust issues remain unresolved puts the district at risk of directing significant resources away from more urgent needs. Rebuilding trust and strengthening core operations first would create a healthier foundation for any future change.	2/12/2026 9:06 AM
4471	Neighborhood elementary schools serve a larger purpose than just educating the students. It provides a safe environment where students feel connected to the adults in the building and the students who live close by. Specials teachers and administration are able to learn the names of students and build relationships with them, which means way more in the greater scheme of things than saving money. While things have not always been perfect at Oak Grove Elem., my daughter feels safe and seen there. Creating mega elementary schools will cause students to feel less connected and less important, which will hurt their education and love of learning.	2/12/2026 9:06 AM
4472	Worst idea closing APES. It does not fall under the closure descriptions listed by your committee: not underutilized or underperforming	2/12/2026 9:05 AM
4473	We love the smaller, neighborhood feel of our school + the enrichment with STEM & French. Right now we feel like our kids get everything and with the consolidation while I understand the resources aspect I'm not sure I understand why Evansdale is on the list. Our kids need as much individual attention as they can get especially the younger they are and consolidating feels like a dip in education.	2/12/2026 9:05 AM
4474	I do agree that facilities do need to be upgraded. I do not believe that elementary schools should have more than 3 classes per grade. I do not think that class sizes should exceed 20 students. Briarlake should continue to function with the hearing impaired students regardless of consolidations. The integration and exposure for all our students to kids of different abilities is an amazing and beneficial life skill for all.	2/12/2026 9:05 AM
4475	Completely disagree with vanderlyn closing. Focus the funds elsewhere, but do not close vanderlyn	2/12/2026 9:04 AM
4476	I do t understand the reasoning behind this logic. Closing vanderlyn and putting them in DES (an already overcrowded school) would create a larger problem. Kids with IEPs and 504s will get lost in the shuffle	2/12/2026 9:04 AM
4477	For Ashford Park: Closing a neighborhood school that's at almost 200% capacity seems ill	2/12/2026 9:04 AM

	advised. There is no plan for where these students will go, knowing most of the neighboring schools are at capacity. Without knowing where the boundaries will be, it is hard to understand the decision about closing APES.	
4478	Ripple effects aren’t clear: I need a clearer explanation of how each scenario would affect neighboring clusters, boundaries, transportation, staffing, and program access over time. Disruption from transitions: Closures/conversions can increase school moves and instability, which is especially harmful during middle school years. Transportation burden: “Efficiency” can still mean longer commutes, less time for learning/extracurriculars, and more daily stress for families. Bigger schools ≠ better learning: Larger enrollment may add course options, but it can reduce belonging, increase behavior challenges, and strain student supports if not carefully designed and staffed. Spreadsheet-driven decisions miss reality: Capacity data doesn’t capture school culture, safety, teacher workload, or the day-to-day learning environment—those factors must be weighted heavily.	2/12/2026 9:04 AM
4479	The Vanderlyn community is very upset by the thought of losing our school. We are all very happy with the school and do not want to be rezones. Most if not all of us moved into this zone JUST FOR VANDERLYN! Please reconsider making any changes to Vanderlyn as it would greatly disrupt our community and children's educations.	2/12/2026 9:03 AM
4480	We moved here for our small neighborhood school. If it closes to be consolidated into a larger school we will leave and seek other educational opportunities. Dekalb has in no way proven they can offer educational support properly and I do not imagine that will improve as schools get larger. Smaller class sizes with a community feel and invested staff are the benefits I see at our small school. The county getting more involved and trying to run huge elementary schools will not be efficient and benefit the students. I worry most for those children who have learning differences. Should we talk about how child centered the decision to cut recess time was.	2/12/2026 9:03 AM
4481	I don't agree. I believe that having smaller schools is a plus in the communities involved.	2/12/2026 9:02 AM
4482	Wondering why Cedar Grove high is on the list at all	2/12/2026 9:01 AM
4483	Have you considered what you will do with DeKalb HS tech north programs at Cross keys.	2/12/2026 9:00 AM
4484	Our neighborhood school is a vital community anchor in a growing area. Enrollment is already at or above capacity, and closing it would increase crowding, reduce walkability, and disrupt families. The building needs investment, not removal, and consolidation would harm both students and the long-term health of our community. Our community has a strong connection to the public school system, but there were always be a strong pull towards private/independent schools in our community. I believe it is within the role of the school district to create, deliver and constantly improve the public school offering not as a deterrent to alternatives directly, but to have the strongest possible education offering in the community - because schools really are the center of community, connection and engagement across all that we do together.	2/12/2026 9:00 AM
4485	I'm really impressed with the thought that went into this. It's logical and well explained and the graphic is great for understanding the plan (but Druid Hills MS is missing from all of them!!). I also appreciate the information on why these choices were recommended. In general, I think this is a great idea because from what I can tell it consolidates resources across all areas of the county while keeping kids largely in their existing clusters. I have loved a small ES experience, but I know that a lot of the ESs are way too small to be efficient, and combining two small ones seems like a win-win if it keeps everyone in their same MS/HS cluster. It minimizes transitions for the kids and keeps them with their friends and communities. That is about the best possible school closing scenario! It looks like the same is true for the proposed MS/HS closures. It looks like these plans are not cutting to the bare minimum projections for 2030, which I think is extremely smart. These projects are likely pretty good because they aren't far out, but who knows what will happen in a decade. I assume this will take at least 10 years to implement with all the (presumed) construction, and by then something else could happen that nudges enrollment back in the other direction more than expected. I think leaving some capacity is protective for the longer term. I have a few questions (that I will ask later, but here for thought). Presumably these ES consolidations will require bigger buildings in at least some cases. The 5 MS buildings that are transitioning to ES buildings are pretty straightforward - I assume they could be ready to go with minimal construction or remodeling. But what about the others? Where is the money coming from? What happens to the kids at those buildings in the meantime? Do you move everyone at the rebuilding ES to the other one for a (very crowded) year and then move everyone back when it's built? What sort of options	2/12/2026 9:00 AM

	do you plan for students who are impacted? Can students who are redistricted choose to stay in the school they are currently in until the end (5th/8th/graduation) if they provide their own transportation (assuming the school isn't closed, of course)? That seems like a very easy way to head off a LOT of the complaints. The big issue often isn't that parents are freaking out that their school is closing, it's that their kid is going to be moved away from their friends and community (and the parents are going to be split up from the people who help them with carpools and emergencies). Knowing that they have the option to stay in that school until transition/graduation would, I suspect, really help parents think about the larger picture without panic.	
4486	Absolutely horrible idea. This only makes things worse. It would be catastrophic.	2/12/2026 8:59 AM
4487	These look like good solutions to consolidate resources and improve failing schools	2/12/2026 8:59 AM
4488	This is incomplete... is there any rezoning for schools that are not closing? What about Kitteredge?	2/12/2026 8:58 AM
4489	I have no strong opinions about the facilities, more about the curriculum. I am adamantly against special interest schools such as Kittridge that do not allow all students to experience equitable educational opportunities and believe these need to be closed. With increased enrollment due to closures at other schools, it should be easy to justify offering the same curriculum across the board.	2/12/2026 8:57 AM
4490	It's unclear to me why you would close a school like Ashford Park which has incredibly strong community support. Why would you close schools that are overcapacity as opposed to expanding the school or rezoning. Especially with Ashford Park, we would probably be rezoned for Montgomery which is already over capacity too.	2/12/2026 8:57 AM
4491	I am very sad to discover Vanderlyn on the closure list. I know it is an older building and a small school but it is the heart of our neighborhood. Children thrive there. I find it hard to believe there will be so few children there in 2030 when we have had a huge turnover in our neighborhood alone with plenty of babies in the neighborhood currently. It's also hard to swallow a closure scenario without knowing what that means for the students. There aren't enough seats locally in Dunwoody to accommodate two whole schools closing. Will a large school be built instead to combine the two closing schools? Where would the children be redistricted to otherwise? Many, including this family, purchased a home specifically zoned for VES. Moving two schools into a bigger school I think would be more palatable than redistricting. I know property values are not a concern to DCSD specifically but it will affect families. If redistricting to lower performing school, I suspect those with the means will move their children to private. When more high achieving students are moved out the denominator will affect the overall performance. Vanderlyn Elementary is a vibrant, diverse, and active school. The building is full of kids engaged in a variety of experiences in the classroom as well as specials. Our testing data shows that our kids continue to thrive academically. We have a highly engaged parent population. The location of the school related to the homes it serves makes transportation easy and it allows kids to build community well outside of the school experience. We walk to and from school every day. My kids participate in several after school activities at the school. The building is safe, up to date, and well maintained. The staff has worked to maximize use of the space.	2/12/2026 8:57 AM
4492	Closing Ashford Park and breaking the feeder from there to Chamblee Middle and Chamblee High is really short sighted and eliminates a top 5% elementary school. It took the community 15 years to bring Ashford Park from middling to excellent. If you are trying to kill property values and break up a cohesive student cohort, you couldn't do worse than this.	2/12/2026 8:56 AM
4493	I agree with combining elementary when needed to larger updated space. More critically, I think Dunwoody High desperately needs space to expand and the Vanderlyn site presents that much needed optio .	2/12/2026 8:56 AM
4494	The initial facilities scenarios provided seem to be clear and well-thought out. I agree and can see the benefits of consolidations.	2/12/2026 8:56 AM
4495	While I understand the need for operational efficiency, the impact to instruction and behavioral health to have 900+ students in an elementary school would be detrimental. The district also needs to immediately address what happens to some of the special programming - our home school (Evansdale) is home to the French Dual Language Immersion program. Where does that program go if Evansdale is closed?	2/12/2026 8:55 AM
4496	It's difficult to project future enrollment because of the very liberal school transfer procedures;	2/12/2026 8:55 AM

	feeder patterns should be removed from the conversation and geographical placement of schools considered; some schools (Livsey for example) are on less than required acreage so I don't understand the decision to rebuild for additional capacity.	
4497	It looks like all closures are in the same general area. I'm on the other side of the county, so I'm not very familiar with that area, but it looks like mostly the south-eastern part of the county will be affected. I have to assume the Board and others in charge of this decision have run the numbers and are not just making access to education more difficult for a certain population.	2/12/2026 8:54 AM
4498	Our family chose to settle in the Vanderlyn Elementary community because it represented the kind of school environment we believed our child deserved. From the moment we arrived, it became clear that Vanderlyn is more than a school. It is a place where families are woven into the life of the building, and we have been proud to take part in that. We contribute in the classroom, support events throughout the school, and stay connected through the PTO, which gives us opportunities to help shape the school's future. Principal Clayton has been an important part of this experience. His commitment to welcoming new families and actively recruiting students has strengthened the sense of community and ensured that the school remains vibrant. For us, Vanderlyn has become not only a place of learning but a genuine home. Vanderlyn also stands out for its academic strength, which is precisely the kind of excellence DeKalb County should strive to preserve. The school continues to post strong performance numbers, including an 81 percent proficiency rate in math and 74 percent in reading, supported by a 12 to 1 student teacher ratio that allows for more personalized instruction. As the district moves through the Student Assignment Project, leaders have made it clear that the current list of possible closures is only an early stage meant to generate conversation, not final decisions. With that in mind, it is important to recognize that closing a high performing, community-anchored school like Vanderlyn would be counterproductive. Schools that are academically strong, deeply supported by families, and led by engaged administrators already embody the goals the district is aiming for. Protecting a school like Vanderlyn is an investment not only in its students today but also in the long-term stability and success of the wider community.	2/12/2026 8:53 AM
4499	At first it's hard to imagine how the building closures will impact local communities. Ashford Park is going to be a topic of discussion as so many people live in the area for that school or bought their house for that reason. Much like we did to attend Montgomery. It would be good to see the scenario post closure/repurposing to better understands what could happen if a particular school closes.	2/12/2026 8:53 AM
4500	Regarding Ashford Park - I don't see how this solves the overcrowding problem. It's just going to overcrowd the surrounding schools - John Lewis and Montgomery. Why not rebuild Ashford Park. This is one of your top performing schools with a community that supports it and your suggestion is to close it?	2/12/2026 8:53 AM
4501	You have schools marked on this list for eventual closure and merging which have higher scores than schools you have already performed a merge with. Your latest architectural plans instituted for the elementary level are not designed to accommodate the projected enrollment at those schools. Gyms, auditoriums and cafeterias are all too small to handle the high numbers of enrollment during the school day and for any events for parents to attend.	2/12/2026 8:52 AM
4502	I think it's fine overall if it helps spread resources, but please keep Oak Grove!	2/12/2026 8:51 AM
4503	I have serious concerns with closing Ashford Park and the effect this will take on future cascading. Where will students move to for Elementary School? What would that mean for High School. This is an excellent school with above average parent involvement and closing this school would have a huge negative impact on the children affected.	2/12/2026 8:51 AM
4504	I understand the need to consolidate resources, but I'm deeply concerned that creating "mega" elementary schools with 900+ students in each will greatly reduce the individual care each child receives. Our three children attended Brockett Elementary School, which has a diverse population (including many ESOL students) and an excellent staff who has created a space tailored to meeting the specific needs of this community. Losing the ability to send our kids to neighborhood schools would be a great loss to then entire community and connection built within our communities.	2/12/2026 8:51 AM
4505	It's a bit outlandish to consider closing 28 schools. I understand closing some and adding more to under enrolled schools but not schools at capacity. As a family that attends Ashford park, we love our school and its community. It's full of amazing teachers and admin that work hard to teach our children while maintaining a safe, loving, and educationally enriched	2/12/2026 8:51 AM

	environment. I know the building is old which is why updates are being made. If the county chooses to close Ashford Park, it would be in the best interest of the county to relocate the ENTIRE neighborhood to another school together. Otherwise, you will have a significant drop in enrollment and your negative trend of under enrollment will continue. Families in this neighborhood will choose private school over an underperforming school any day. We have the means and will do what's best for our children.	
4506	Vanderlyn Elementary should remain open because it is one of the district's strongest academic assets. The school consistently delivers high student achievement, with proficiency rates of 81 percent in math and 74 percent in reading, placing it well above many surrounding schools. Its 12 to 1 student teacher ratio allows for individualized instruction that supports a wide range of learners. The Student Assignment Project aims to balance enrollment and increase access to high quality educational programs, and closing a school that already demonstrates exceptional performance would work against those goals. The district has emphasized that these closure considerations are only early conversation starters, which underscores the importance of strong community feedback during this phase. Vanderlyn is also a deeply rooted part of the Dunwoody community. My family moved specifically to be in the Vanderlyn district, and since then we have made it our home. We volunteer in our son's classroom, support schoolwide events, and are heavily involved in the PTO because we want to help strengthen the school for future generations. Community involvement is already one of Vanderlyn's strengths, and initiatives like the annual VanderDash continue to raise funds that support meaningful improvements for students and staff. Principal Clayton has also done an excellent job recruiting new families to the school and ensuring that Vanderlyn remains a welcoming and vibrant community. Closing a high performing and community anchored school would disrupt not only student learning but also one of the district's most engaged and supportive school communities. Vanderlyn represents exactly the kind of strong neighborhood school DeKalb should be committed to preserving	2/12/2026 8:51 AM
4507	I am concerned that these were not explained in a clear way. I have a PhD and I found some aspects of the explanation unclear. Overall, the scenarios seem logical. But most people's feedback will stem primarily from whether their child's school is affected. It's not obvious to me that the schools my children currently or will attend are affected, so my feelings aren't strong around this. I agree that DCSD should explore how to best allocate its resources and overall, see no problems with these plans--save for explanation to the public.	2/12/2026 8:50 AM
4508	I am not thrilled to hear that the elementary school in my area-Midvale and the school my child currently attends are slated on the close or repurpose list. Oak Grove is an amazing school and parents have put a lot into that school via facilities and extra after school class activities. I am sure there are other schools that are not performing well that could be or should be closed instead of a school that provides excellent education.	2/12/2026 8:50 AM
4509	Do not understand the closure of Ashford Park. A true neighborhood school. John Lewis was built to reduce overcrowding and now we're just moving it from one school to another. There was no attempt to alleviate the growth in APES.	2/12/2026 8:47 AM
4510	I am not happy with this at all. Closing the school our children attend, which is a high performing school that factored into our decision to buy our home, would likely cause us to withdraw from DCSD altogether. I'm assuming many other families feel the same. Additionally, this would cause financial hardship due to the loss of value our home will have if we are zoned to a different, poorly performing school.	2/12/2026 8:46 AM
4511	Go for it, but you need to address the traditional inequity between the "good" schools in DeKalb and the "bad" ones.	2/12/2026 8:45 AM
4512	Chapel Hill ES has an aging issue.	2/12/2026 8:45 AM
4513	More clarity around where kids would be moved from schools that will potentially be closed/repurposed would be helpful. Through the lens as a Kingsley parent, I understand the building is old and has several major issues that need to be addressed. When combined with low enrollment numbers, its obviously a candidate to have changes made. But losing the small neighborhood school is certainly a blow to many families.	2/12/2026 8:45 AM
4514	I have concerns with younger kids in middle grades mixing with high school student. I think the facilities should remain the same for each grade level.	2/12/2026 8:44 AM
4515	While I understand the need to consolidate, what happens to specific programs within elementary schools scheduled to close? We are part of the Dual Language Immersion program	2/12/2026 8:43 AM

	at Evansdale, a school scheduled to close, so what happens to that program? It is meant to continue into Henderson Middle and then we were excited for our child to have the advance French options available at Lakeside. What are the plans for such a program if Evansdale closes? There is no other equivalent beyond the Globe Academy, which doesn't have enough spots.	
4516	I think it would be a mistake to close a school rated as high as Vanderlyn when other schools in the area don’t perform as well.	2/12/2026 8:42 AM
4517	I'm confused as to how some of the facility choices were made - for example, Hawthorne's building is basically falling apart, but that will stay and Stone Mountain, which is still considered brand new, will close? That seems like a waste. For Briarlake to expand, there will have to be a sizable addition or new building built, so what would the property lose? Green space, the playground, already severely limited parking? I understand that Coralwood is not considered in this scenario, but given the smaller audience served and the huge plot of land, could Coralwood not move to another building and have one of the expanded schools at that location?	2/12/2026 8:41 AM
4518	Too many school closures	2/12/2026 8:40 AM
4519	For my area of town, the proposal to close Oak Grove but keep Sagamore and Briarlake Elementary makes no sense. Those two schools have no room to expand and Briarlake is on a very busy street - impacting student safety and the inability to expand/negatively impact the community with construction. While Briarlake received a HVAC system last year, that does not make it a better school to support over Oak Grove. Oak Grove just improved its playground and added turf, the foundation is extremely active and classes are full at the lower grade levels. Transitioning these types of resources to a school with up to double the amount of students would not be impactful and give the same resource experience Oak Grove students are familiar with today. People move purposefully to be zoned for Oak Grove Elementary away from Briarlake and other DeKalb schools. Additionally, no information was provided on how students would shift to other schools and how those schools would accommodate the increase - if this puts students in trailers, the committee is failing to provide a strong future for DeKalb schools.	2/12/2026 8:40 AM
4520	I appreciate the due diligence thats being taking with this initiative. Consolidations are necessary to maximize our resources and to build a better Dekalb.	2/12/2026 8:40 AM
4521	My children went to Oak Grove ES (early 2000s) and the community still raises considerable funds for the Foundation. I'm concerned about it on the list, partially due to housing value drop. However, the bldg is now old. Is the building age a factor?	2/12/2026 8:40 AM
4522	Looks well thought out and reasonable.	2/12/2026 8:39 AM
4523	This is a terrible plan, DeKalb. I love working at a school where I know all the students. It provides safety and community that you can’t get from a giant elementary school. Instruction is better because we can effectively utilize small group instruction, especially for support staff. What will happen with all of our jobs in this case? There has to be other solutions.	2/12/2026 8:39 AM
4524	I am concerned about closing 2 schools in the Dunwoody cluster and the capacity issues that would arise at Dunwoody ES and Austin ES. Chesnut is already over capacity, so there are even more students that will need to be absorbed.	2/12/2026 8:39 AM
4525	Consolidations are important but need to be sensitive to the relationship between the school and the community when the school is above capacity.	2/12/2026 8:38 AM
4526	Going from 5 elementary schools to only 3 in Tucker seems extreme. Especially if the only upgrade is to Livsey, which would absolutely need to happen first. Idlewood was supposed to get an upgrade, and that seems to have been taken off the table. Smoke Rise is now over capacity, and I don't see upgrade projects on the docket for them. So it's confusing how this would work. The Tucker community is growing. If you look at the housing forecasts/needs done by the city council you would see this. Once some older residents age out, these homes will very likely be filled with young families.	2/12/2026 8:38 AM
4527	Good to keep Chesnut open and to expand the school	2/12/2026 8:38 AM
4528	ES are the main reasons a lot of kids are pulled out from MS/HS. Parents rather homeschool instead of incessant calling on them by schools and forcing diagnosis on the kids. This must	2/12/2026 8:38 AM

	be reviewed. A lot of parents are opting out of schools after ES for peace of mind. Then try again in HS.	
4529	Montgomery is already way too large and classrooms are at capacity (27-30 in a k5 and 1st grade class with one teacher is too large. How will closing these 29 elementary schools help adjust resources to overcrowded areas? Is there a way to put more facilities or a new smaller zone near the 1,000 student Montgomery?	2/12/2026 8:37 AM
4530	First, thank you for the work that has been done and the thoughtful communications. Much better than what has been presented in the past. In isolation the proposed closures make sense however, I'm struggling with how this is being discussed in pieces. These decisions don't exist in a vacuum. We know closing schools is necessary, but this will also change boundaries, move programs, and affect families in ways that can't be fully assessed without seeing the full picture. Timelines matter too—saying this will take six to eight years to fully implement isn't enough without more specific milestones. It's hard to weigh the proposal when we don't know where the train is actually going. I would like more information to be presented outside of just the facilities so we can truly give feedback. It seems a bit sneaky to only provide in phases. I would ask that no building closures be voted upon until more information is presented.	2/12/2026 8:37 AM
4531	I don't know what the term "educationally adequate" means and if this is applied only to school facilities or to student outcomes also. I think consolidations are a good idea. I think redistricting is the hard part	2/12/2026 8:36 AM
4532	Please DO NOT close Ashford Park Elementary. This school has a very strong community and is very successful. And you are about to spend millions of $$ into renovating it - why would we do that and then not continue to use it as a school?!	2/12/2026 8:36 AM
4533	Closing the elementary schools in the Dunwoody cluster feels particularly short-sighted. Just a few years ago these schools were overcrowded with far too many portables. Enrollment dropped due to covid, but has been increasing most years since then. The forecasts of stagnant and declining enrollment just feel wrong, and doesn't represent what we're seeing locally.	2/12/2026 8:36 AM
4534	The school board are IDIOTS, the idea of closing one of the highest academic elementary school like Ashford Park which is currently over capacity is just unthinkable, its a land grab as the land if very $$$	2/12/2026 8:35 AM
4535	This seems like a severe overstep, which will abandon a large number of facilities and force more people into alternative school scenarios. As a child on an IEP, it makes me fearful for retaining the relationships and proper accommodations for my child	2/12/2026 8:35 AM
4536	OGE is the only reason my husband and I relocated to Dekalb County. Our 2 children are thriving at Oak Grove because the teachers and staff are the most dedicated team our kids have experienced. The small classroom sizes contribute to quality of instruction. And the OGE parents are involved and committed to uplifting the staff, in order to keep our students as our collective priority. We operate as a family at Oak Grove by helping each student in the way he/she needs. By closing OGE, many families will withdraw and move to other districts or go to private schools. This will deprive the county of hundreds of thousands of dollars in school-specific support. And it'll strip away the comfortable home away from home that my children have come to love, and where they're excelling beyond our expectations. Closing OGE would be an astronomical misstep.	2/12/2026 8:34 AM
4537	great	2/12/2026 8:32 AM
4538	Seems like a bad idea. I understand that declining birth rates is leading to an anticipated decline in student enrollment. However, Atlanta is projected to be a migration destination over the next several decades due to climate displacement, with projections anticipating population booms. Resource allocation being thin due to too few students seems like a solvable problem with allocation as opposed to consolidation.	2/12/2026 8:32 AM
4539	The biggest thing that I care about is the potential for Oak Grove Elementary School being closed. It and Sagamore Hills Elementary School are both near capacity. I am guessing that if it is closed, kids will get pushed to Briarlake and Sagamore Hills. There is potential that some kids at Sagamore Hills could then get redistricted to other schools that are in the Druid Hills cluster. That would be a very poor outcome for our family. The Leafmore neighborhood is a Lakeside neighborhood and we are within a mile of the high school. Our kids should stay at Sagamore and be able to head towards attending Lakesdie.	2/12/2026 8:32 AM

4540	While I understand that there are opportunities to consolidate. Closing Ashford Park ES is not the solution. John Lewis is also at or close to capacity. John Lewis is also in the lowest tier performing schools in the district. You would be moving kids from a successful environment and reduce the opportunity to excel. Also John Lewis would qualify for the voucher program which I would use to ensure my kids get the best possible outcomes.	2/12/2026 8:32 AM
4541	Horrible call. There has to be alternate solutions other than consolidating multiple schools into one. I do not want my child going to elementary school with 1000+ students. I love that all the teachers know her. Briarlake has a wonderful, small community culture that should not be expanded.	2/12/2026 8:31 AM
4542	I am concerned about the closure of Bob Mathis and how that will negatively impact Preschool Diagnostics and the Audiology department. Where will these departments be moved to/housed? I do not live in Dekalb and already have a long commute to work. By shutting down some schools, it has the potential to impact my location of work for preschool diagnostics and therefore give me a longer commute to work. That will make me really consider resigning my contract and continuing to work for Dekalb. I'm also wondering what will happen to these schools that are going to be closed. What will happen to the property and property value of the houses? I love the small, neighborhood elementary schools! I worry that creating larger schools will lead to more teacher burn out, especially if the schools have poor/weak administration.	2/12/2026 8:31 AM
4543	I am devastated to hear Vanderlyn may be closing. We have been very happy here and it is a great resource for the community.	2/12/2026 8:30 AM
4544	Families (WE) have invested SIGNIFICANT amounts of money to live in an area where the ES is a highly rated school, with teachers & community that care about our kids, & a feeder MS/HS that meet our expectations. Closure of Ashford Park is a significant NEGATIVE impact to the community.	2/12/2026 8:30 AM
4545	looks good to me	2/12/2026 8:28 AM
4546	I think this is all a big mess. What happens when schools become overcrowded? Smoke Rise Elementary school is already maxed, and the leadership at that school is horrible. You all make these decisions based on financials, but are not looking at the broader picture. Class sizes matter in the education space, and it is ridiculous that you all are ok with teachers having 28-30 kids in their class, without any additional supports. This is not equitable, and I don't see how it is sustainable long-term. Families are going to begin to make a mass exodus from public schools, and teachers will continue to leave the district in droves because they are overwhelmed. You all need to consider more than just numbers, and look closely at the leadership running some of these schools. Smoke Rise is a big mess, and no matter how much parents complain, you all continue to be tone deaf in addressing the problems. Closing more schools, adding more students to fewer buildings is only going to further make the problems we see now even worse. Our children and teachers deserve better than what they are getting. Also, you all seem to be very quiet about how these changes impact existing magnet school programs. It would be good to be able to see all the scenarios at the same time, so families may plan accordingly because we don't trust DCSD to make the best decisions for our children. Families opt into school choice because their home schools are not allowing students to thrive, and the more you remove options, the more seats will continue to be vacated. I for one wish that my tax dollars follow my children, whether that be in public schools or private schools.	2/12/2026 8:28 AM
4547	For our family we have had children at Austin and Vanderlyn Elementary. We moved to Vanderlyn because of the poor experience at Austin. Of all the ES in Dunwoody Vanderlyn has the reputation for the most family and community focused, you won't be able to recreate that culture. I would consider closing Austin first, then Chestnut of Kingsley, but Vanderlyn would be the last on the list. A school is much more than just a building and facilities, it is a culture and that culture has the greatest impact on learning.	2/12/2026 8:28 AM
4548	not completely enough information on how the consolidation happens. For instance, my children went to Evansdale. The 5 ES schools close are Pleasantdale, Evansdale, Livsey, Midvale and Henderson Mill. 3 out of 5 would close which seems like Pleasantdale gets Evansdale but what about the rest? Livsey is small, how do the ES translate to MS and HS/	2/12/2026 8:28 AM
4549	Impacting property values in Ashford Park, these families will likely move or send to private further exasperating the educational divide in DeKalb county. Can Ashford Park be expanded? what is the root cause of why the student Population is declining? Possibly because the	2/12/2026 8:27 AM

	school district is not run properly? Address the root cause don't just impact the high performing school where the bulk of your tax dollars are collected. why are the poor performing schools doing poorly? Reward those who care about education and address the gaps in poor performing areas.	
4550	What would happen to the empty buildings? Newly built schools are huge while the older buildings aren't. Move some students from nearby schools to the larger schools where needed.	2/12/2026 8:27 AM
4551	Initial takeaway is that this makes sense. But my question would be will there be any effort to keep students in their current high school zone (if the HS remains), even if their elementary school may close or change.	2/12/2026 8:27 AM
4552	It feels reasonable. I imagine a lot of families will be nervous, but I'm keeping in mind that this will be a a slower transition and not all at once.	2/12/2026 8:26 AM
4553	This is very concerning considering Ashford Park as a school has excellent test scores and huge parent involvement. It is an extremely tight knit community and closing the school rather than investing in expanding would cause a lot of families to go private. People move to Ashford Park and Drew Valley for the school.	2/12/2026 8:26 AM
4554	We absolutely love the neighborhood elementary school. From a safety perspective, it is not located on a busy street & it is easily walkable. The school has a TON of parent involvement & most people have moved to the area in order to specifically attend this school. It would be crushing to the community to close it.	2/12/2026 8:26 AM
4555	I do not agree with closing ashford park elementary, given that whole overcrowded and old, it still maintains the highest of educational standards. Where would these children be moved to? What about the children in the German program?	2/12/2026 8:26 AM
4556	I strongly oppose the closure of Vanderlyn Elementary. Vanderlyn is a community school which is embedded within local neighborhoods its serves. It's important to the students, families, teachers, staff and administration it includes and serves. It also continues to produce positive outcomes for students. Closing it and moving it students would remove a bright spot in this county's system. I'm convinced any closure would produce worse outcomes for all stakeholders.	2/12/2026 8:25 AM
4557	These scenarios don't outline how buildings will be updated/reused. For example, Vanderlyn is on the list, but that only benefits the community if Dunwoody High is districted to expand into that space. Also, knowing where those students will go (get split up versus move in a block) makes a big impact the community impact.	2/12/2026 8:25 AM
4558	I don't understand the proposal to close Midvale, Henderson Mill, and Brockett Elementary Schools. Where will students in this area attend? Livsey already has trailers outside. This suggests insufficient capacity, not excess. This area is getting younger as older residents sell their homes. There is no way that Livsey will be able to support the demand.	2/12/2026 8:24 AM
4559	I believe that what needs to be done will be done. But there is clearly no consideration or priority for preserving the communities on the southside of the county. Entire clusters of schools being closed while entire pockets of the county are untouched on the north end gives the perception that the district is only prioritizing certain demographics.	2/12/2026 8:24 AM
4560	I do not agree with or believe this should be done. Multiple elementary schools exist for a reason. Tearing these communities apart would have negative long term effects in the communities and neighborhoods. Making kids leave a place where they are already comfortable learning and forcing them into a new environment will have negative impacts on their learning as well as friendships.	2/12/2026 8:24 AM
4561	Just make sure all consolidations are fair and equitable	2/12/2026 8:24 AM
4562	Terrible. My daughter has thrived at Vanderlyn, and the IEP resources have been great, and with dyslexia ADHD and speech issues, she's been able to get a 98%tile in math and reading. The community is amazing, everyone helps everyone. Small is what works for my daughter, but the school is filled to capacity, and has the highest academic ratings of all the dunwoody elementary schools. If we got redistricted, we would change to private school, and I have a son that wouldn't start (currently 3). It would be bad for Dekalb, dunwoody, and Public schools to shut the top academic and full school.	2/12/2026 8:23 AM
4563	I think it's a good place to start, however it would be nice to know for each school that's to be consolidated or closed where their students would be going. Also, the staff that are working at	2/12/2026 8:23 AM

	these proposed closed facilities what will happen to them?	
4564	We absolutely cannot close oak grove elementary. It is a beacon of our community and a beloved school. It is a reason people buy homes in this part of Dekalb county and would be a huge miss for the county to eliminate the school. There would likely be a mass exodus of families paying taxes in this county and supporting this school district. Oak grove elementary is a distinct reason of why people buy homes in this area (that contribute taxes to the county) and closure of this school would diminish that.	2/12/2026 8:22 AM
4565	The fact that you want to close oak grove elementary and move it to another land locked school of sagamore. Or a school on a major road of briarlake and lavista is completely incomprehensible. I bought my house specifically for this school and there is so much latent and foundation involvement in this school that it is totally unnecessary and ridiculous to even consider closing it. You will see property value decrease and probably enrollment decline more as people consider private schools because they are upset over your choices.	2/12/2026 8:22 AM
4566	I understand consolidations need to be made; however, I believe Vanderlyn Elementary should NOT be closed anytime soon. Many families, including my own, move into the school district because of the neighborhood feel of the school. It is a cornerstone of our community. In addition, enrollment is certainly high enough that other elementary schools should be considered for closure first before VES. We also have very high test scores and wonderful teachers. If you were to even consider closing or repurposing VES, please do so over a long period with clear timelines for families to adjust their plans.	2/12/2026 8:22 AM
4567	Some of the closed elementary schools don't seem to be in proximity to middle schools being converted to elementary schools. Where are the students from Ashford Park Elementary going to go? Montgomery is over full already and none of the closed schools are near ashford park so those kids would just end up crowding an already crowded school.	2/12/2026 8:20 AM
4568	My biggest worry is the horrific construction that has taken place at schools the past several years and the idea of building on to other schools. New HVAC systems that were installed are so loud that they surpass the acceptable and safe decibel level. New plumbing that is still resulting in ceiling tiles collapsing and flooding onto the floor. Ceiling tiles that are caving in because wires are snapping. This is such a waste of money, and I do not trust new construction to be safe for staff and students.	2/12/2026 8:19 AM
4569	As part of OGE community, I am shocked by this. My family Bought a house specifically to go to Oak Grove Elementary, I am not happy with this. It is one of the best elementary schools in the district!	2/12/2026 8:19 AM
4570	Oak Grove is too important to the whole neighborhood to close. It is the institution that binds everything together.	2/12/2026 8:18 AM
4571	The links in the email do not link to any page with scenarios. It sends me to the Dekalb schools home page. I can’t find it on the SAP page. Can you resend?	2/12/2026 8:18 AM
4572	Listing elementary that are proposed to close and not specifying plan for those schools that would be impacted is not a plan. If things the best “plan” the SAP members could come up with then perhaps the selection process was not adequate.	2/12/2026 8:18 AM
4573	The scenarios make sense. This has been long overdue. People will push back hard, but the boe needs to move forward and class schools for the long-term financial stability of the district.	2/12/2026 8:17 AM
4574	Elementary schools with large populations do not lead to good educational outcomes and contribute to a loss of community. Behavior problems increase when there is a loss of community.	2/12/2026 8:17 AM
4575	Closing multiple schools in the Tucker area seems poorly thought out. At Smoke Rise we were merged with Idlewood and it has been less than ideal. Our children arrive home almost an hour later because of the volume of kids on the bus. My oldest child could not participate in the holiday program because there are so many students they only allowed K-2 to participate. Traffic for drop off in the morning has increased exponentially. It has been a nightmare.	2/12/2026 8:17 AM
4576	First, I appreciate the intent of the proposal. That said there are two key areas that were not considered when proposing the closure of these 27 schools: 1. Performance Data - Communities are not transportable. Great schools are not created overnight. Making these decisions without utilizing any performance data is extremely misguided. We need to preserve the highest performing schools in Dekalb. Performance isn't just test scores. It's also about	2/12/2026 8:17 AM

	teacher retention and student choice - what % of eligible students in the zoned area are choosing to go to a school. When closure decisions are made strictly based on facilities data key data sets are being ignored and great schools and cultures (as well as teachers and students) will be lost. 2. Change Management/Volume of Closures - The volume of changes being recommended here and the long timeline (10 years plus) are not going to optimize to the stated metric of reducing student turnover. This could be bitten off in smaller chunks and still achieve the same outcomes. Looming school closures while other schools are being expanded will lead to teacher and student departures as well as degradation of outcomes for Dekalb students.	
4577	Very opposed to closing Oak Grove Elementary.	2/12/2026 8:15 AM
4578	Looks like this is very well and strategically planned comprehensive plan based on current data and projections.	2/12/2026 8:15 AM
4579	Consolidations are reasonable if this doesn't increase class sizes. I understand that some schools have the space, such as my current school.	2/12/2026 8:15 AM
4580	I do not think Rowland should close. This is a nice school that serves the community well.	2/12/2026 8:14 AM
4581	I believe this could work but we need to also know which schools our children will attend before hand.	2/12/2026 8:14 AM
4582	I think potentially closing Oak Grove would not be in the communities best interests.	2/12/2026 8:13 AM
4583	My initial feedback is the following. The people in the decision-making of hiring Superintendents who are under federal investigation are deciding on what's best for DeKalb parents, faculty, and students.	2/12/2026 8:13 AM
4584	My child attends Kingsley and I understand the need to close the school due to high maintenance costs. But from what I see, they will either be shifted to Chestnut or Hightower, which are very old buildings as well. If we must close Kingsley, I would hope our neighborhood (Fontainebleau) gets shifted into the Chestnut district as its logistically easier than Hightower. Getting to hightower in the morning from our neighborhood would be a nightmare. It would also keep us in the Dunwoody community with friends and not another city (Hightower).	2/12/2026 8:13 AM
4585	This is absolutely insane! These are schools tucked into neighborhoods. The schools are already crowded and the neighborhoods cannot handle twice the number of kids. You will destroy the neighborhood, the school experience, and the area which brings in large tax dollars. People will move out and therefore crash the taxes that go to these schools - drop dramatically.	2/12/2026 8:13 AM
4586	Lager mega elementary schools do not benefit students. Keep smaller neighborhood schools.	2/12/2026 8:12 AM
4587	I like it	2/12/2026 8:12 AM
4588	Heartbreaking to see our school, evansdale on the list. We are just kindergarteners this year, and our experience at the school has been fantastic. We have planned the next decade around having our youngest come through the same programs. The school is a hub of the community, and a rich cultural melting pot. I couldn't imagine having to lose that	2/12/2026 8:12 AM
4589	Whatever benefits students and teachers the most	2/12/2026 8:10 AM
4590	As an APES parent, the initial proposal takes a high performing school and moves it into a cluster of very low performing schools. Instead of actually focusing on the problems of low performing schools, it feels like the district is watering down the peaks and valleys to bring th numbers up.	2/12/2026 8:10 AM
4591	The closing of ASHFORD Park doesn’t make sense. It is a top school with amazing parental involvement. Rezoning makes more sense.	2/12/2026 8:09 AM
4592	I do not want Oak Grove elementary to be closed. It is a wonderful school with a close community of parents, students, teachers, and support staff. It is high achieving and parents support many of the programs through the Oak Grove Foundation. There is also high risk of people moving out of the area of the school closes.	2/12/2026 8:08 AM
4593	I don't understand closing 2 elementary schools to overcrowd 2 others in our area. Dunwoody cluster	2/12/2026 8:08 AM
4594	Do not lose Midvale. It is a nice small neighborhood school that many families love.	2/12/2026 8:07 AM

4595	This is very well thought-out and makes sense in laymen's terms.	2/12/2026 8:06 AM
4596	I'm happy with the ideas shared about the consolidation ideas	2/12/2026 8:05 AM
4597	No plan has been given on what will happen to the DLI program at evansdale and Ashford Park should those schools be closed	2/12/2026 8:03 AM
4598	This is a DISGRACE. Closing schools means displacing students. It means ripping apart communities. It means rather than being in walking distance, kids will have to travel even further to attend school.	2/12/2026 7:59 AM
4599	It makes sense, but the details are where the devil is	2/12/2026 6:59 AM
4600	SAP Member- the initial scenario should not move forward. Excessive focus was placed on closing the entry point school, Elementary. We must remember that elementary is the community building school and the foundational entry point for learning. Focus should be on eliminating seats at the MS/HS level.	2/12/2026 6:40 AM
4601	Why are elementary schools with enrollments over 450 being considered for closure, if 450 is the magic number to maximize state funding? A bigger school isn't necessarily a better school. Can you quantify the savings associated with closing a school and busing students to a nearby school? DCSD has built many schools with capacities of 900-1200 elementary students. Have you identified the positive and negative impact of larger schools on students - attendance rates, academic achievement, graduation rates, parental involvement, school climate, graduation rates, discipline, mental health, etc…? It seems your assumption is that bigger is better, when in fact, many stakeholders like the smaller neighborhood schools. Even BOE members have chosen smaller schools/programs (DSA) for their children.	2/11/2026 11:19 PM
4602	At first, I was shocked that Ashford Park, which is in the overcapacity Chamblee cluster, was suggested to close. After reflection, it seems logical that a 70-year old school with only 480 seats, situated on a tiny 7 acre lot , with a low FCA score, is no longer serving the community, nor cost-effective to enlarge. I suggest that Ashford Park zone be redrawn to entirely be served by John R Lewis, and the JRL's current boundaries be corrected to be served Dresden, Montclair, and even Woodward. John R Lewis would then be zoned for Chamblee Cluster, keeping the communities nearly entirely together with the nearest school to them. This enables each neighborhood to have a closer, more walkable elementary school option, and immediately address the most overcapacity elementary school in Dekalb; this elegant solution could be enacted for the 2026/27 school year at no cost. It is key that messaging be that Ashford Park community remains together, and remains within Chamblee cluster. It's not about the building, it's the fear that if they lose it, they will be torn apart and/or put into Cross Keys or new Seqouyah cluster. Nancy Creek should be brought back online and serve as a upper/lower until Montgomery ES is enlarged to better serve the 12 acre lot.	2/11/2026 10:43 PM
4603	I agree with the baseline scenarios and believe that we should move forward expeditiously	2/11/2026 10:08 PM
4604	I'm concerned about the number of "consolidations" in south DeKalb as opposed to north DeKalb. It almost seems like south DeKalb's sacrificing for the sake of north DeKalb.	2/11/2026 9:41 PM
4605	It's a decision, unfortunately there will not be a completely perfect situation, only one that best fits the facts and needs of the district.	2/11/2026 9:39 PM
4606	I think they largely make sense and align to the guiding principles. I am concerned about implications to boundaries to the Dunwoody cluster given the capacity issues. However, I understand we'd need to expand Chesnut before closing Vanderlyn and Kingsley. I've also heard parents at Hightower may actually have a preference to move to the Doraville cluster, which would alleviate the crowding at Peachtree and DHS.	2/11/2026 9:29 PM
4607	The initial scenario is not surprising based on the data gathered over the course of time. Just a few questions on some of the choices.	2/11/2026 8:25 PM
4608	I think it is an ideal that can work. The thought could really work in the actual building as it relates to resources. It has to happen I believe. I would not argue this process.	2/11/2026 8:23 PM
4609	I am curious about one cluster in particular. McNair/ Cedar Grove.	2/11/2026 8:20 PM
4610	I think that more information needs to be provided on the Luster form because all of the expanded schools are located in the north and the schools in yellow are in the south. The question is will the schools in the south that are yellow be renovated. If so, this is a good start. Additionally, I think there needs to be more than one scenario.	2/11/2026 8:17 PM

4611	It makes sense to consolidate schools, the way we will be able to say if it make sense is to see where programs will lie. These consolidations allow for so many different options to shift programs and expand programs.	2/11/2026 8:16 PM
4612	It will be better received with additional context as to what school the Ashford Park students will be transitioned to. it’s not right he said that’s why he wants to be back from community. I’m didn’t answer a question.	2/11/2026 8:14 PM
4613	I see the logic but I am curious about how this will affect boundaries of attendance zones.	2/11/2026 8:13 PM
4614	At first review, it seems equitable across the district and makes sense for each cluster.	2/11/2026 8:05 PM
4615	While it will be challenging for families whose schools may be consolidating or closing it’s a bit jarring. But I live in a cluster where the scenario calls for the HS to be converted to a MS and I think that is a good thing. I do however have some concerns that SE and SW parts of the county have the greatest concentration of consolidations and closures in this scenario. I know it’s a population issue but how this is socialized (for whatever the final scenario is) will be very important so that parents do not feel marginalized.	2/11/2026 8:05 PM
4616	These consolidations make sense to me and it appears great effort was made to not disrupt clusters if possible. I also appreciate that closures and consolidations appear to be spread through the district and not centered in certain areas.	2/11/2026 8:04 PM
4617	It is concerning that our school will expand without knowing the details as our school is very old and needs a lot of construction updates.	2/11/2026 8:03 PM
4618	I’m concerned about what may be considered segregation.	2/11/2026 7:58 PM
4619	A mix. I’m relieved my schools will probably be ok but I’m concerned that the most impacted areas (areas with most closings/consolidations) are mostly communities of color (and maybe also mostly working class?)	2/11/2026 7:56 PM
4620	I like the spirit of this and understand the need for some closures/consolidation. My main QUESTIONS would be: For the areas where they're suggesting expanding an elementary school and closing another... 1) Is there room to expand these elementary schools? Some of the ones mentioned are tight on land.. will they go up? how will they manage parking? traffic? Some are on majorly busy roads with already massive traffic issues (e.g. montgomery ES). 2) What was the decision criterion for the closing of schools? It's unclear and feels like it would need to be more clearly stated to more fully reviewe these plans.	2/11/2026 7:50 PM
4621	My initial reaction is somewhat mixed. My concern is what will the consolidation scenarios do for classroom sizes within the presented within the initial facilities scenarios. I would want to maintain lower classroom sizes for all potential outcomes.	2/11/2026 7:34 PM
4622	It was very informative and a great perspective on understanding the reasons for consolidation.	2/11/2026 7:28 PM

Q5 Please share you feedback on the potential grade band scenarios, please be specific to the schools or clusters you are referencing along with the grade bands.

Answered: 3,691 Skipped: 5,313

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	As a middle school counselor, it is absolutely imperative to keep certain age groups separated. I am strongly against k-8 schools. My current school is 6-8. The difference between a 6th grader and an 8th grader is huge. They should be kept apart. Same with 6-12. There is no way that I want my 6th grader around an 8th grader...let alone a high school child. No way.	3/9/2026 11:33 AM
2	I believe that PK-8 models can be effective where schools have to be consolidated and transportation distance is challenging. I also believe that the PK-3 / 4-6- / 7-8 / 9-12	3/9/2026 10:54 AM
3	I do not understand this scenario enough to give a adequate response	3/9/2026 8:37 AM
4	I don't feel there should be any grade band from pre k to 5 of Redan school	3/9/2026 7:09 AM
5	We support keeping the current Ashford Park families within the Chamblee High School cluster, and, again, we encourage as much continuity as possible within high achieving populations.	3/9/2026 6:38 AM
6	Keep it simple.	3/9/2026 6:00 AM
7	The present grade bands for our community, needs to remain the same. Canby Lane Elementary, Mary Bethune Middle and Towers High School!	3/9/2026 4:07 AM
8	N/a	3/9/2026 2:58 AM
9	Keep elementary schools as they are. Ideally some middle schools will continue separately from high schools	3/9/2026 2:09 AM
10	I believe elementary should remain elementary K-5. I do not believe that 6-8 grade should go to school with high school students.	3/9/2026 1:31 AM
11	I feel like little kids do not need to be in the same school as no grown adults kids I don’t think 12 11/ 10th graders need to be around six 7/5 graders that’s absolutely insane	3/9/2026 1:17 AM
12	keep the traditional grade bands for Evansdale and the Lakeside cluster	3/9/2026 1:17 AM
13	no particular issue if the grades are properly separated in school, on the bus, and in sports	3/9/2026 12:31 AM
14	Not sure how to answer this but middle school needs to be with high school in my opinion so that they will mature behavior wise.	3/9/2026 12:27 AM
15	The Dunwoody Cluster would benefit from having larger feeder schools within proximity to both the Middle School and High School. You see this quite often in Fulton County, for example. You can still keep a traditional grade band model, or even consider separating the older elementary grades (3-5 or 4-5).	3/9/2026 12:21 AM
16	Maintaining the traditional model is preferred to limit the number of transitions for students, will continue to keep developmental levels together, allow for robust programming and the ability to build and maintain relationships. The more grade bands, the more spread out siblings may be which will likely reduce parent engagement as parents are spread out between schools and have to juggle potentially conflicting event calendars	3/9/2026 12:13 AM
17	Before you consider changing the grade banding of schools, please look at research which indicates whether such changes benefit students in their learning performance, in their sense of community, in their character development, and so on. I am not against changing of grading principles changing a lot of small schools into very small K through 12 schools that would make sense But it needs to be prefaced with someone doing the work to look at research that indicates the impact such changes have on students	3/9/2026 12:11 AM

18	the grade level that is currently in use at bob mathis works well for our community	3/9/2026 12:04 AM
19	I think it is outrageous that we would even consider putting pre-k through 8th grade in the same school. I do not want my 4 year old being put around a 14 year old.	3/9/2026 12:03 AM
20	I think the bands should remain the same.	3/9/2026 12:01 AM
21	Do not want our neighborhood school to be repurposed for some other use. Evansdale has a large property suitable for expansion off the back while leaving plenty of parking and playground area.	3/9/2026 12:01 AM
22	I feel like the best option for our school would be rearranging the grade bands. The PK - three, four - five grade band option for our elementary school feels like it would have the best opportunity to keep our community connected while still accommodating the overcrowding issue at Ashford Park.	3/9/2026 12:00 AM
23	The idea of putting 6th graders with 12th graders or PreK with 8th graders is so upsetting on so many levels and I am stunned this is being proposed as an legitimate option. What will the 6-12 school be called, a high school? To my knowledge, 6 and 7th grades have never been part of high school level education. And what will the prek to 8th grade school be called, an elementary school? I went to school in Dekalb when elementary school was 1st-7th and high school was 8-12th. I cannot imaging still being considered an elementary student in 8th grade. As for trying to divide into 4 grade bands, that seems so chaotic and disruptive and will mean the children will have very few years to feel attached to their schools, something that is really important at the elementary school level when children are growing and developing so quickly. They need stability and changing schools so often will not provide that. Also if our neighborhood elementary school-Evansdale-closes we will lose the wonderful French DLI program our child and hundreds more have benefited from over the past several years and since it was implemented 10 years ago. It will also keep future students from benefiting from this program.	3/9/2026 12:00 AM
24	I believe the traditionnal system our child went through worked well. I would not mix a too wide an age gap (elementary to high). Cluster: Oak Grove Elementary, Henderson Middle, Lakeside High School.	3/8/2026 11:59 PM
25	I suppose I prefer the traditional model we have in place now (OGE, HMS, LHS). This seems like a question very few of us are qualified to answer though. If you're not in education directly or maybe something education adjacent, I don't know how you're supposed to answer this. Feels like you're just asking it so you can say you got public feedback.	3/8/2026 11:59 PM
26	Elementary grades	3/8/2026 11:57 PM
27	I don’t think grade banding is a good idea because of the different social emotional stages children are in based on there age. I don’t believe that 6-8th graders should be in school with 9th-12th graders. I feel like it increases odds of bullying and lessened safety for students.	3/8/2026 11:57 PM
28	We like the current grade band cluster from Evansdale to Henderson Middle to Lakeside.	3/8/2026 11:57 PM
29	Although I am a product of Dekalb County Schools and attended a K-7 elementary school, I would not reccommend the K-8 grade band. I lived in the city of Cleveland, Ohio with K-8 grade bands and there were limited opportunities for students in extracurricular activities, clubs, and courses. Mixing older (6-8) students and younger students did not work well with excitement and trepedation of younger students beginning school and the hormones, resisting, and testing of the older students.	3/8/2026 11:57 PM
30	I am not opposed to grade bands if they make sense, are in the best interest of the children in regards to education, smaller class sizes, remainjng close to their community and are age appropriate	3/8/2026 11:57 PM
31	I’m not super in love with the grade band scenarios either- developmentally, in the age of social media, having a 6-12 campus or a PK-8 campus poses social development issues. Additionally, the impact this may have on educator certification will be an issue especially if the district isn’t offering to pay for teachers to modify certifications. I am not opposed to the PK-3/4-5.	3/8/2026 11:56 PM
32	see 6 and 7	3/8/2026 11:52 PM
33	I prefer the current grade bands with Ashford Park being PK-5 feeding into 6-8 at Chamblee Middle and 9-12 at Chamblee High	3/8/2026 11:51 PM

34	Putting elementary school kids with older kids (ie middle schoolers) is a terrible idea. Grade bands should remain K-5 (potentially with pre K), 6-8, and 9-12. More grade bands is ok though.	3/8/2026 11:50 PM
35	Instead of closing multiple elementary schools, the district should explore converting some buildings into grade centers such as PK–2 or 3–5 schools etc. This could help balance enrollment and reduce underutilized buildings.	3/8/2026 11:50 PM
36	I personally prefer the traditional banding because I think it's segments kids at appropriate groups for their fades of childhood and adolescence. In other words, my concern would be putting kids that are too young with kids that are too old in the same building.	3/8/2026 11:48 PM
37	Stability is the priority for the Lakeside cluster, where high utilization and regional growth make consolidation impractical. Oak Grove and Sagamore Hills are nearing capacity at 96% and 91% respectively; meanwhile, Briarlake (73%) lacks the overhead to absorb Oak Grove's enrollment without significant strain. Given the cluster's proximity to a major healthcare and research expansion, its population is poised for growth rather than decline. Consequently, the traditional PK–5 model should remain, while grade reconfiguration efforts should be redirected toward clusters facing long-term underutilization.	3/8/2026 11:45 PM
38	I am glad to hear that mixing of age groups as inappropriate are being taken into consideration. I can see K-8 if there a lot or almost total separation. I can see 6-12 working also, again, if there is a lot of separation between the upper and lower ages. I work all levels and am shocked at the inappropriate language and behaviors that I see coming from students in grades 7-12.	3/8/2026 11:44 PM
39	I oppose bundling multiple grades together. I oppose putting K-8 and 6–9 together, even if divided by partitions.	3/8/2026 11:43 PM
40	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 11:42 PM
41	Any scenario that requires potential additional bus drivers and routes seems unrealistic to me. I believe the traditional grade band option is working for the Lakeside cluster, but my son graduated a number of years ago.	3/8/2026 11:41 PM
42	All clusters- The grade bands K-6, 7-12 or PK- 8, 9-12 would be my selection.	3/8/2026 11:38 PM
43	Im not understanding why this is needing to take place.	3/8/2026 11:37 PM
44	I love the idea of at least 6 th still in elementary	3/8/2026 11:35 PM
45	It is unclear why the district is considering moving away from the traditional PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 model in clusters where the current structure is working well. In our area, the elementary, middle, and high school progression is well established and understood by families. Schools appear to be operating effectively within the existing grade bands, and there has not been a clear explanation of what specific problem this change is intended to solve. Shifting to a different grade band structure would create significant disruption for students and families, including additional school transitions, new transportation patterns, and the need to reconfigure facilities that were designed for their current grade levels. These changes can also disrupt school culture, teacher collaboration, and established community relationships that have developed over time. Before pursuing grade band changes, the district should clearly demonstrate the educational or operational benefits compared to the current PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 model. If schools in a cluster are functioning well under the existing structure, maintaining stability should be prioritized. Significant structural changes should only be considered where there is a clear, data-supported need and a demonstrated benefit for students.	3/8/2026 11:34 PM
46	.	3/8/2026 11:32 PM
47	History has shown that PK-8 cohort works because it was the existing model prior to the creation of the "middle school" model. That being said, whatever model is chosen, the district must not sacrifice educational programming and student developmental needs at any grade level.	3/8/2026 11:30 PM

48	We are in the Tucker cluster. The current grade bands seem appropriate, as would PK-6 / 7-8 / 9-12. The elementary school band going through 5 or 6 allows the students to become comfortable and confident in their school and allows for more children in a single family to go to the same school in the early years (minimizing schedule conflicts for children who cannot be alone). Middle school is an awkward and emotional time for many students. Having a smaller band at this time can help avoid additional pressure being in a cohort with high schools students. Additionally, smaller schools provide more familiarity and sense of community.	3/8/2026 11:30 PM
49	I have always preferred pk-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Putting middle school and high together is a disaster waiting to happen.	3/8/2026 11:29 PM
50	I am OPPOSED to grade bands that span grades 6-12. While there might be some ways of keeping the younger students, aged 10-12 years, apart from older students, who might be as old as 18-19 years, in school facilities, buses will be high risk settings. As a physician and experienced parent/guardian, I am concerned that the younger students will be particularly vulnerable to bullying, drugs/vaping, and even physical assault on buses without adequate supervisory staff. A bus driver can't prevent an 18 year-old from assaulting a pre-pubescent child while that driver is responsible for a huge vehicle in traffic that can be intense and at high speeds. I have asked about bus safety for this grade band both during an online SAP session and through a question at Cross Keys; the question has gone unanswered. This tells me that the question of bus safety for this broad grade band has not been considered. I am appalled.	3/8/2026 11:29 PM
51	Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in the Lakeside cluster. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 11:24 PM
52	Specific to the Lakeside High School cluster the grade band scenario boundary the same.	3/8/2026 11:23 PM
53	Traditional grade bands should remain. Some age groups should not be in the same building with older students.	3/8/2026 11:22 PM
54	If it is come down to band some schools, the District need a plan for transportation, schedule etc	3/8/2026 11:20 PM
55	I believe that the grade bands should stay in the traditional format. Unless the lower grades are completely separate from the higher grades I feel like there could be a safety issue. And this is for all clusters and all schools.	3/8/2026 11:19 PM
56	Elementary, middle and high school students have different needs and don’t need to be in the same buildings. Transitioning is normal and beneficial to students in some ways and shouldn’t be avoided at the cost of age-specific environments and safety of younger children especially. Parents having to drive/pick up children from different schools is the norm and not a drawback to be considered.	3/8/2026 11:18 PM
57	You referenced the PK–2 and 3–5 grade band model used by City Schools of Decatur. However, this model is currently being reconsidered and should not be presented as an option. Similarly, the proposed 6th–12th grade configuration presents significant challenges, particularly from a developmental standpoint.	3/8/2026 11:18 PM
58	It is unclear why the district is considering moving away from the traditional PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 model in clusters where the current structure is working well. In our area, the elementary, middle, and high school progression is well established and understood by families. Schools appear to be operating effectively within the existing grade bands, and there has not been a clear explanation of what specific problem this change is intended to solve. Shifting to a different grade band structure would create significant disruption for students and families, including additional school transitions, new transportation patterns, and the need to reconfigure facilities that were designed for their current grade levels. These changes can also disrupt school culture, teacher collaboration, and established community relationships that have developed over time. Before pursuing grade band changes, the district should clearly demonstrate the educational or operational benefits compared to the current PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 model. If schools in a cluster are functioning well under the existing structure, maintaining stability should be prioritized. Significant structural changes should only be considered where there is a clear, data-supported need and a demonstrated benefit for students.	3/8/2026 11:18 PM
59	I believe the younger children need to remain k-5. Middle schools should remain 7-8 and High School should remain 9-12. Children are being exposed to too many things way to early. Younger children mimic older children. If the school system is already having major concerns at each grade level why would a proposal be given to place easily impressionable children with older children who may demonstrate unfavorable behaviors. I think that's a bad idea.	3/8/2026 11:18 PM

60	I do not think grade bands should change. K5 / 6-8/ 9-12. But you have provided NO actual data or information other than a pro / con list. So how can I provide any educated response to this? Its no more than a guess? Evansdale/Henderson/ Lakeside. I dont agree that adding more bands is a good idea adding more changes the kids have to jump from and even more buildings that need to be accounted for? Talking about cost of small schools and you want to add more -w/ only 4th / 5th grade? But the idea of cramming K-12 into only 2 bands -however you split it - (K5/6-12 or K8/6-12)... is also unnervingly out of touch. Especially in such a large district. Some small rural community - I can see maybe that is a need. But throwing all those ages in one school is just developmentally not appropriate. The bands as they are make sense as kids grow and change, physically, academically and extra curriculars. You start cramming everybody into fewer schools you are getting less community.	3/8/2026 11:14 PM
61	The current grade bands should stay in place	3/8/2026 11:13 PM
62	Grade band modification is not the solution. It will only lead to more school populations being divided.	3/8/2026 11:13 PM
63	Towers needs to stay a high school	3/8/2026 11:12 PM
64	Traditional seems preferred but all of these seem doable to me if it allows parents to stay with their current school group / community. 6-12 seems the hardest due to very difficult developmental stages, for example, on the bus.	3/8/2026 11:08 PM
65	I believe there should be fairness and equity in grade bands across clusters.	3/8/2026 11:08 PM
66	Traditional PK-5th grade bands work best for highly utilized schools clusters like the Lakeside cluster	3/8/2026 11:05 PM
67	I believe grade bands should remain intact if students from Ashford Park Elementary are reassigned to John Lewis Elementary	3/8/2026 11:05 PM
68	The traditional elementary schools like Redan Elementary is a school that is doing well with all their students. It is more like family from the pre-k -5 grade. The traditional way is what we need in the elementary schools. It works for the age group.	3/8/2026 11:05 PM
69	Family engagement opportunities are higher with the current grade banding (PreK-5, 6-8, 9-12) for siblings to stay together. This often leads to stronger community >> better attendance >> higher scores >> more funding. This also allows for the tiered transportation that is currently in place and keeps students close to their schools.	3/8/2026 11:05 PM
70	The proposal closes Evansdale Elementary. A neighborhood school that brings diverse communities together, offers the only STEM FRENCH option in the county and fuels the heartbeat of our neighborhood. Closing it with be asenseless and devastating loss. Evansdale brings together families from a highly diverse demographic and socioeconomic background, but in a community setting with all the acceptance equality and support that we should be modeling for the next generation. I soulless mega school is NOT the way to go, and if anyone had asked before they spent our tax dollars on new wear mhouse schools, we would have told them. In fact we did. Repeatedly. In 2019 the last time this money before community and childhood proposal was wheeled out!	3/8/2026 11:03 PM
71	There is not enough information available to the public to weigh how this can occur. You state that you are looking at buildings only and not programs. How can you look at grade bands and not programs?	3/8/2026 11:02 PM
72	Leave the current grade bands as is. Changing the bands does not fix the issues with the school system. If the consultants are wrong the kids suffer. Other counties don’t need to change their age bands to improve student learning. Why do we feel like this is the answer for our kids?	3/8/2026 11:01 PM
73	I think this is preferable to closing schools altogether. Evansdale could expand to serve grades 1-6	3/8/2026 10:58 PM
74	I am against changing from the traditional grade banding the district currently operates under: PK-5, 6-8, 9-12. The challenges far outweigh the benefits and they would be a significant change for families which would be a big obstacle to overcome.	3/8/2026 10:57 PM
75	no strong preference for grade bands, so long as students at the school are able to perform well	3/8/2026 10:56 PM

76	Given that the school cluster comprised of Briarlake Elementary, Sagamore Hills, and Oak Grove elementary have high utilization with expected continued growth resulting from significant development and redevelopment projects in its surrounding area, the traditional PK-5th grade band makes the most sense.	3/8/2026 10:56 PM
77	PreK-2 and 3-5 grade bands are fine. I don't think 6-8 should be in the same building as K-5. Parents of kindergarten students may not be comfortable sending them to a school with teenagers. I think K-6 would be fine, but 7th and 8th graders need to be in a separate school. Middle school has a different climate. The climate of an elementary school will conflict with the climate of a middle school and vice vera.	3/8/2026 10:51 PM
78	I do not support grade band configurations that would require Evansdale students to attend large consolidated “mega-schools” outside their neighborhood or outside the existing Evansdale–Henderson cluster pathway. Maintaining the current K–5 structure at Evansdale Elementary best supports both community stability and program continuity. Evansdale’s French immersion program connects directly to the program at Henderson Middle School, and preserving that pathway is important for both academic continuity and maintaining enrollment. In addition, creating larger consolidated grade-band schools risks driving families away from the public system altogether. Many families chose this neighborhood specifically because of the presence of a strong, local elementary school. If Evansdale is closed or replaced with a large, more distant school, it is very likely that some families will pursue private schools or alternative options, which could ultimately reduce enrollment rather than stabilize it. For these reasons, I strongly encourage the district to maintain neighborhood elementary schools like Evansdale within their current clusters, preserve existing program pathways such as the French program feeding into Henderson Middle School, and avoid grade band scenarios that rely on large consolidated schools.	3/8/2026 10:47 PM
79	Lakeside and Henderson Middle has had overcapacity.	3/8/2026 10:47 PM
80	The first grade band most appealed to me. While the appeal of younger, qualified students gaining access to higher level classes (something I believe my children should have) is appealing, I think the likely negative impact on the students’ well being outweighs this. These kids need environments designed specifically for their age group — I think it can lead to negative peer pressure or exposure to behaviors they are not prepared for, peer pressure, change a schools’s culture and more.	3/8/2026 10:46 PM
81	I strongly support keeping the traditional grade bands in the Lakeside cluster as they are: pre-K through 5th grade in elementary school, 6th through 8th in middle school, and 9th through 12th in high school. The children need stability without having to change schools, teachers, or friends every few years. Maintaining these grade bands allows younger students to look up to and learn from the older students, while also giving the older students responsibilities to help and support the younger classes, which promotes their growth and development. I do not support breaking the grades up into different grade bands. Changing the structure would disrupt students’ learning, social connections, and sense of community. Keeping the current grade bands ensures continuity, supports strong relationships with staff, and allows children to thrive academically and socially. Oak Grove Elementary, along with the surrounding schools in the Lakeside cluster, should maintain these traditional grade bands to provide the stability, mentorship opportunities, and supportive environment that students, families, and the community rely on.	3/8/2026 10:46 PM
82	Na	3/8/2026 10:45 PM
83	My first preference is a traditional PK–5 (Midvale); 6 - 8 (TMS); and 9 - 12 (THS). If this option is not selected, my alternate preference is a PK–8 model with a combined Midvale ES; Livsey ES; and part of the former Evansdale ES. My suggestion is for the Midvale ES to serve as the facility for a combined PK - 8 school of this nature since it is the most centrally located of these three schools and has the site acreage (level grade) that is best suited for expansion.	3/8/2026 10:44 PM
84	From my perspective as a parent in the Lakeside cluster, stability should be a priority for our schools. Oak Grove is projected to reach about 96% utilization next year, and Sagamore Hills is already at about 91%. Briarlake is currently around 73%, but if Oak Grove were to close, Briarlake would likely need to absorb a significant portion of Oak Grove’s students. That would change the picture quickly. It’s also important to consider the broader context of this area. The Lakeside cluster is not a region experiencing decline. On the contrary, it sits next to one of the largest healthcare and research growth corridors in Georgia, with major expansion happening around Emory and Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta and thousands of jobs being added. These kinds of investments typically bring families and long-term population growth. Given these	3/8/2026 10:43 PM

	conditions, the traditional PK–5 elementary structure continues to make sense for a cluster that is already highly utilized and located in a growing area. If the district is considering structural grade reconfiguration as a tool to address underutilization, it may be more appropriate to focus those changes in clusters that are facing long-term and significant enrollment decline, rather than in areas like ours that are showing stability and growth.	
85	N/a	3/8/2026 10:41 PM
86	I can see benefits to having K-7 or K8 schools in clusters where the buildings/enrollment make sense but I am not familiar with all the clusters. I do not see that being possible in the Lakeside cluster as the high school is already well over capacity. If I were the parent of several small children, I would not want the elementary grade bands split up into K-3 and 4-5...that could put me in a situation where I had 1 child in k-3, one in 4-5 and another in 6-8... why create 2 schools to juggle for parents of young kids by dividing K-5?	3/8/2026 10:37 PM
87	Grade band decisions should be guided by what best supports student development. In the Chamblee cluster and surrounding Brookhaven community, families are accustomed to the traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 structure, which provides clear transitions and strong identity for each school level. If grade bands are changed, the district should carefully consider how that affects feeder patterns and community confidence. Families are much more likely to support elementary boundary changes when they feel confident about the middle and high school pathways that follow. (ie.... if you close Ashford Park and move students, they should still feed into Chamblee High) From a classroom perspective, elementary teachers also benefit from schools that focus on a consistent developmental age range. Elementary schools serving PK-5 students allow teachers to collaborate around early literacy, language development, and foundational skills. These are particularly important in schools serving high numbers of English learners.	3/8/2026 10:34 PM
88	I stand with the traditional grade band scenario.	3/8/2026 10:33 PM
89	The proposed schools briarlake and Sagamore Hills will not have capacity for Oak Grove students.	3/8/2026 10:32 PM
90	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 10:31 PM
91	The lakeside cluster is located near Emory, CHOA and the CDC, in a fast growing area in terms of employment and is showing no signs of decline. Maintaining stability and ensuring the traditional PK-5 grade bands are kept are the best choice for the area where reconfiguration should focus in priority on consistently underutilized clusters	3/8/2026 10:30 PM
92	The Lakeside cluster stability should be prioritized. The cluster is not experiencing structural decline. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 10:29 PM
93	I believe the clusters should share the same grade bands, and they should remain traditional K-5,6-8 and 9-12.	3/8/2026 10:28 PM
94	No opinion.	3/8/2026 10:28 PM
95	We are in the Chamblee cluster.	3/8/2026 10:27 PM
96	I believe that by grouping PreK-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12 there is a greater likelihood that important early literacy and foundational skills can truly be focused on and that within each band the particular social development of children in those ages can be better addressed. Outliers will always be present, but focusing great attention on a small grade cohort will give teachers the opportunity to give specific help to those that need it.	3/8/2026 10:26 PM
97	Keep traditional age bands except for unique scenarios requiring a split campus	3/8/2026 10:24 PM
98	There is absolutley no reason for 17 and 18 years olds to be in the same school and facilites at 11 and 12 years olds.	3/8/2026 10:24 PM

99	The grade band scenarios are not clear and I would have to learn more. Generally I support smaller age ranges in a facility.	3/8/2026 10:24 PM
100	It would be an absolute failure to increase the grade band where 6th and 7th graders would share a campus with high school aged teenagers. The discrepancy in normal age related development makes it inappropriate for these age groups to be in such close proximity.	3/8/2026 10:24 PM
101	I think the classes should remain separate. I would need to hear more information on how the creation of the bands would benefit the students.	3/8/2026 10:23 PM
102	I grew up attending dekalb county schools when elementary was k-7. And high school was 8-12. It was not conductive to early education needs of children and child development. I am not supportive of expanding the grade bands. Decades of research support shorter grade bands.	3/8/2026 10:22 PM
103	My only feedback here is that you should meet the needs of the community and student population.	3/8/2026 10:22 PM
104	Unsafe and inaccessible. There is not amount of security that the school can provide in a public system that could support risking the safety of students in todays environment.	3/8/2026 10:21 PM
105	Our grade names need to be kept the same, as it is what is best for children’s development.	3/8/2026 10:21 PM
106	I personally don’t want to see high school 9-12 grade kids with middle schoolers and also 7-8th grade kids with K-5 kids mixing much more mature kids with naive and susceptible children easily influenceable	3/8/2026 10:20 PM
107	I think each cluster and community will have different needs and that is ok!	3/8/2026 10:19 PM
108	I’m more in favor of keeping siblings in the same school for as many years as possible. The current PK-5 ES band is most appropriate. Involvement of parents in volunteering and in fundraising is best served when a child attends the same school for those seven years. As for the MS HS bands, the disparity of those growth years make combining them very precarious. An eleven year old should not be in school with eighteen year olds.	3/8/2026 10:18 PM
109	Many of our students are multilingual learners (ELLs). A 6-8 model is often better for these students as it allows for three years of consistent English language development before they hit the high-stakes credit requirements of 9th grade. Moving 9th grade out of the high school building (into a 7-9 model) could help ease the social transition but might isolate students from high school extracurriculars and AP opportunities.	3/8/2026 10:16 PM
110	I like that Oak Grove Elementary School is PK–5. I want to stay in my school until I go to middle school. My friends and I know our teachers and classrooms, and I learn best when things stay the same. My little sister is in pre-K at Oak Grove, and I want to be at school to help her and be a big brother to support her. I also look up to and learn from the older kids, and they help us. As I get older, I like helping the younger kids too. If the grade bands changed or we had to go to different schools, it would be harder to learn from the older kids and to help the younger kids. Please keep the grade bands the same for Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills Elementary School, and Briarlake Elementary School. Staying in the same schools and grade bands will help all the kids learn, grow, and support each other.	3/8/2026 10:16 PM
111	I understand that we are working within a portfolio of established or pre-planned facilities (some slotted to break new ground, be expanded, or upgraded), and also that our budget is not unlimited. Within these constrained resources, my advice is to figure out the grade band scenarios that would best serve the students likely to attend those schools. While consistency is certainly the best case when it is feasible, it is abundantly clear that we are not operating in a best case scenario right now. We should not hold consistency across the district above other factors that would produce better outcomes for students.	3/8/2026 10:16 PM
112	La escuela Brockett es de la comunidad y no la tienen que quitar	3/8/2026 10:15 PM
113	I don’t think this is a good solution. Students benefit from being around peers their same age and development stage. Such a a wide range of ages could create potential problems and risks.	3/8/2026 10:15 PM
114	I support maintaining the traditional PK-5, 6-8, and 9-12 grade configuration. This structure is familiar to families, aligns with clear developmental stages, and is currently working well for our community. Before considering a shift to alternative grade band models, I would want to see compelling academic, operational, or financial data demonstrating clear benefits that outweigh the disruption to students and families. Stability and continuity are especially important during	3/8/2026 10:15 PM

	broader consolidation discussions. If schools like Ashford Park are performing well, maintaining a consistent grade structure supports that success.	
115	Accessibility and safety can not be achieved with grade bands in Dunwoody.	3/8/2026 10:11 PM
116	With regard to grade bands, the goal (from my perspective) would be to maximize student education and extracurricular opportunities while being mindful of staffing challenges (within the building and the transportation department). Maturity varies greatly with age and that is also important to consider.	3/8/2026 10:10 PM
117	Pk-6th/7th-12th	3/8/2026 10:07 PM
118	The board needs to do what is best for each community. We at Ashford Park are asking to be kept as one community that can grow from Pre-K through high school. Please do what is best for the students, friends, neighbors, and the lifeblood of the community. The savings generated by cutting a bus route is not worth the loss of a community.	3/8/2026 10:06 PM
119	The Lakeside Cluster would most benefit from maintaining the traditional PK-5, 6-8, and 9-12 grade band structure. This preserves a clear feeder pattern, with Hawthorne Elementary remaining a PK-5 school in the Lakeside Cluster, feeding directly into Henderson Mill Middle School and Lakeside High School, where it is geographically and programmatically aligned. This structure is especially important for Hawthorne, a Title I school serving a high-needs population, including students from nearby apartment communities, English language learners, and students with disabilities. Hawthorne's success is closely tied to its co-taught inclusion model, which is well-established and effective at the elementary level. There is significant uncertainty around how this model would function beyond 5th grade, and extending it into higher grades risks jeopardizing the specialized supports that exceptional and special needs students currently receive.	3/8/2026 10:05 PM
120	I believe this entire process needs to be paused due to corrupt Horton's involvement, incorrect data and lack of community input. Evansdale does not have anyone on the SAP and is therefore not represented. The French Immersion program is an essential part of the Evansdale community. Do not incorporate us into Pleasantdale or Sequoia. The fact HPM is running this and stands to profit off of this project is disgusting and should kill this entirely.	3/8/2026 10:05 PM
121	Now is fine.	3/8/2026 10:05 PM
122	I think grade bands may have to change based on school location and allocation changes. I understand that the Chamblee cluster may have to make adjustments.	3/8/2026 10:04 PM
123	Grade bands - my children attended school when it was K-7 and 8-12. Have heard bad things about middle schools.	3/8/2026 10:04 PM
124	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK-5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 10:03 PM
125	Absolutely no grade bands should be considered. Adapting and becoming comfortable in a school environment is difficult enough and we should not add another transition for our children to cope with. I also would see far too many liability issues with combining students of different maturing levels onto one campus especially with the access to technology they have these days. Safety should be the number one priority and changing grade bands would likely create significantly more unsafe scenarios in our schools.	3/8/2026 10:03 PM
126	Do not change grade bands in the Chamblee Cluster.	3/8/2026 10:03 PM
127	My children are in the traditional grade cluster. I think it's important to keep children grouped together based on age and maturity. There is too much of an age gap for some of these suggestions.	3/8/2026 10:02 PM
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130	The grade levels need to stay where they are at. Making the potential adjustments put the children at risk which is a far greater loss than a win. This would be a terrible loss for the children, while the county sits back and worry about budget cuts. There needs to be another way!!	3/8/2026 9:59 PM
131	The current grade bands seem to work. However, I'm not opposed to altering the grade bands to help with the issue of low student enrollment. When I was a student in DeKalb, elementary school was K-7 and High School was 8-12. Such a scenario would reduce the number of buildings needed.	3/8/2026 9:58 PM
132	I do not feel the grade bands would benefit to change for the Ashford Park/Chamblee MS/HS cluster. We have a robust group of students along the continuum who benefit from the classic school grade separation allowing for sibling crossover, efficient transportation, and sufficient programs. We need to alleviate the crowding at our elementary school while maintaining families to their current cluster.	3/8/2026 9:58 PM
133	The benefits of the current, traditional structure far outweigh the challenges. The challenges pose new logistical hurdles, without additional staff preparedness, and may potentially require more resources to ensure smooth transition through the proposed alternative scenarios.	3/8/2026 9:58 PM
134	I think there are concerns having 6th graders in the same school as 12 graders. Same with prek together with 8th graders. But if handled appropriately I don't see a problem with either.	3/8/2026 9:58 PM
135	I thought the experiment with a 4th / 5th grade academy in Dunwoody went well. I would be in favor of increasing number of grades at a school to drive up attendance numbers of reducing number of grades at schools that are overcrowded.	3/8/2026 9:56 PM
136	I am not in favor of making grade bands larger especially for middle and high school	3/8/2026 9:54 PM
137	Traditional PK-5 in the current Lakeside cluster (Sagamore Hills, Oak Grover and Briarlake) is part of the strong community we have built with upper grades supporting younger students in many events. This in itself is a development aspect that is great for the kids. Given the utilization the school expects next year and the growth nearby, it does not make sense that Oak Grove is in these discussions. They should instead focus on the clusters that are underutilized and don't expect growth long term.	3/8/2026 9:54 PM
138	Preferred Grade Band for the Lakeside Cluster and Hawthorne Elementary: ✅ Traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 The Lakeside Cluster would most benefit from maintaining the traditional PK-5, 6-8, and 9-12 grade band structure. This preserves a clear feeder pattern, with Hawthorne Elementary remaining a PK-5 school in the Lakeside Cluster, feeding directly into Henderson Mill Middle School and Lakeside High School, where it is geographically and programmatically aligned. This structure is especially important for Hawthorne, a Title I school serving a high-needs population, including students from nearby apartment communities, English language learners, and students with disabilities. Hawthorne's success is closely tied to its co-taught inclusion model, which is well-established and effective at the elementary level. There is significant uncertainty around how this model would function beyond 5th grade, and extending it into higher grades risks jeopardizing the specialized supports that exceptional and special needs students currently receive. Alternative grade bands such as PK-3 / 4-5, PK-8, or 6-12 would introduce additional transitions, fragment services, and potentially undermine Hawthorne's unique and successful support model. The traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 configuration best supports stability, equity, and appropriate services for vulnerable students across the Lakeside Cluster and specifically those at Hawthorne (poverty level 52%; 19% special education students). Perhaps pilot K-8, 9th grade academy's or other structures pre-K thru 3 inclusive schools like Coralwood and measure outcomes before rolling out County wide.	3/8/2026 9:54 PM
139	Every cluster should have a unique grade band that meets the needs of the population and optimizes the existing facilities. We live in the Chamblee cluster thus the grade bands should	3/8/2026 9:53 PM

	be created to allow teachers and students to maximize their greatest potential. If this means adding more bans then please do so. We want what is best for our kids and not cost savings measures.	
140	keep oak grove elementary school open	3/8/2026 9:51 PM
141	If there are already more challenges than benefits, why would we change to any other model? What are the three tiers of transportation? How would that benefit the students? The benefits listed are pointless and only "sounds" good, but not practical, like many other things in Dekalb Schools.	3/8/2026 9:51 PM
142	8th graders with 12th grader is too much age and maturity difference. clusters should be standardized so the school experience is predictable and standardized	3/8/2026 9:50 PM
143	I feel like the current grand band in the chamblee cluster is the best option. There are so many different needs for the younger kids vs the older kids. Middle school is difficult enough without the influence of older kids. Elementary needs to remain separate from middle school, 5 year olds do not need the pressure of being influenced by teenagers	3/8/2026 9:50 PM
144	The traditional PK-5, 6-8, and 9-12 is fine. An alternative that might be better than the other proposed one is PK-6, 7-9, and 10-12. Changing the way that is being proposed is disruptive and will decrease the quality of the education for the students in our neighborhood.	3/8/2026 9:49 PM
145	Keep as is	3/8/2026 9:48 PM
146	I believe it is both emotionally and educationally appropriate to keep the traditional PK-5, 6-8, and 9-12 bands intact - the maturity gap alone increases safety, emotional, and behavioral risks especially for the younger elementary age groups. Elementary students are still developing basic emotional regulation and impulse control. They are very vulnerable and need environments scaled to their size, mobility, supervision needs. Middle and high schoolers are navigating puberty, identity formation, and social risk-taking. Mixing these groups increases exposure to behaviors younger children are not developmentally ready to process. National school safety data shows higher rates of physical altercations in middle and high schools compared to elementary schools.	3/8/2026 9:48 PM
147	I support maintaining the traditional grade band structure of PK–5 for elementary, 6–8 for middle, and 9–12 for high school within the Lakeside High School cluster. For the Lakeside cluster—Oak Grove Elementary School, Sagamore Hills Elementary School, and Briarlake Elementary School—stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected to reach approximately 96% utilization next year, Sagamore Hills is already at about 91%, and Briarlake is at 73% but would likely need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation occurs. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline; it sits adjacent to a major growth corridor driven by expansion from Emory University and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, with thousands of jobs and ongoing campus investment. Frequent grade-band changes or shifting students between schools every few years would create unnecessary transitions and instability for children. Stability in school communities is critical for social development, continuity of instruction, and long-term academic growth. Structural grade reconfiguration should be focused on clusters with sustained, significant underutilization—not high-utilization, growth areas like this part of the DeKalb County School District.	3/8/2026 9:48 PM
148	No preference. The analysis seems reasonable to me.	3/8/2026 9:47 PM
149	Keep k-5	3/8/2026 9:47 PM
150	Oak grove elementary has a good reputation and closing it hurts Dekalb county schools and its reputation if it's closed. It's beneficial having good reputation for future enrollment and engagement.	3/8/2026 9:47 PM
151	Support Lift & Shift. Too many families have kids at multiple grades so creating grade bands thus different schools makes life more challenging for parents and waters down the school culture.	3/8/2026 9:46 PM
152	The age difference alone should suggest that 6 graders should not be intermixed with a young adult and be expected to act in a child's place.. You cannot expect a child who just left elementary school to feel a sense of security(mentally and physically) when they are in a transition phase..you cannot expect the upperclassmen to dive into their "high school experience " of moving into adulthood when they will be forced to be around children who still in a growth and development stage..	3/8/2026 9:46 PM

153	Open to any grade band scenario which allows the Ashford Park school community and faculty to stay together.	3/8/2026 9:46 PM
154	My preference is to leave Oak Grove unchanged.	3/8/2026 9:45 PM
155	From an elementary perspective, it is extremely important that younger students remain in age-appropriate environments designed specifically for early childhood learning. Schools serving PK–5 allow educators to focus on foundational academic skills and social development in a setting designed for younger children. Moving to configurations such as PK-3 / 4-5 splits or PK-8 models can disrupt this continuity and create unnecessary transitions. Frequent transitions between schools can be difficult for students and families and may negatively impact academic stability and community cohesion. Maintaining a PK-5 elementary structure allows students to grow within a consistent school community while preparing them for middle school. If changes must occur, they should prioritize minimizing transitions and maintaining developmentally appropriate school environments.	3/8/2026 9:45 PM
156	Support shift. Creating grade bands to keep families together is best. Different grade bands creates harder situations for families. The grade bands need to work for each community.	3/8/2026 9:45 PM
157	The grade bands will need to vary based on schools and student population.	3/8/2026 9:44 PM
158	I do not agree with making any grade band changes for Oak Grove ES/Henderson MS/Lakeside HS	3/8/2026 9:44 PM
159	The grade bands (traditional) have been most effective as stands. While change is often necessary, when it applies to children and their education, it’s best to keep with the mode that has produced results so successfully	3/8/2026 9:42 PM
160	3 clusters should be fine	3/8/2026 9:42 PM
161	The potential grade band scenarios are far fetched and I do not believe they offer a value.	3/8/2026 9:41 PM
162	Dunwoody should be kept with the traditional clusters. Our town cannot support significant changes to the school infrastructure as proposed with these new clusters. Before moving forward, families need cluster-specific reassignment modeling, receive school utilization projections, and a clear explanation of why expansion or shared-campus options were not prioritized.	3/8/2026 9:40 PM
163	I do not think a 6th grader should ever be in a school with 12th graders. I personally think brining back the kids to the elementary schools makes more sense. Pre k -8 th.	3/8/2026 9:40 PM
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165	The decision on grade band scenarios should be driven by the outcome of the actions taken on that cluster.	3/8/2026 9:36 PM
166	Sixth graders being in the same school with eighth graders is already a tough situation. Putting 6th graders in the same school with 17 and 18 year olds is a pretty ridiculous scenario for many reasons - safety, logistics, resources being spread thin.	3/8/2026 9:36 PM
167	I am totally against a grouping/banding of 6-12 in one building together. The age group of 6th, 7th, and 8th grades should remain on their own and not be with older students in a high school setting. While teaching high school myself, I've personally observed students allowed to remain past the age of 18 for whatever reasons. There are many dynamics in a school building and for safety reasons, younger students need to be with others in their age range.	3/8/2026 9:36 PM
168	For the Lakeside cluster, the current grade band scenario provides needed stability.	3/8/2026 9:35 PM
169	The grade bands should remain intact and the same.	3/8/2026 9:34 PM
170	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove’s enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in	3/8/2026 9:34 PM

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171	My best choice will be to use the second band. However, I am sure most parents would prefer having all of their in the same location.	3/8/2026 9:33 PM
172	I do not have enough information on how a change in grade bands would affect my children's school placement and education given we were only provided with a list of 27 schools to close.	3/8/2026 9:33 PM
173	Evansdale's French program is unique to the lakeside cluster. Neighborhood parent-teacher and community volunteers provide needed resources and personnel for French students. Moving the program would destroy this vital community. French teachers at evansdale Henderson Middle and lakeside high schools have put down strong roots in our community. Older students mentor the younger students It is imperative that this program stay at Evansville and within the lakeside cluster to keep the program strong.	3/8/2026 9:32 PM
174	In my opinion, maintaining the traditional model or incorporating PK–3 / 4–5 configurations is preferred in the Oak Grove, Sagamore, Henderson, Lakeside cluster. Reverting back to K-8 or 6-12, creates age disparities that will impact the learning environment and put undue stress on the teachers.	3/8/2026 9:32 PM
175	The traditional model of grade bands works best. Do NOT put 6-12 graders together. That is way too large of an age difference to be safe and to work well.	3/8/2026 9:31 PM
176	Strong Academic Achievement Evansdale is not a struggling school — it is a high-achieving school. In fact, it has been recognized as a Georgia Title I Reward School for student growth, showing that the school is delivering strong academic results. Named a Georgia Title I Reward School. This places Evansdale among the top-performing Title I schools in Georgia for academic growth. Demonstrates the school is improving student outcomes and academic progress. 5) Robust STEM Programs and Opportunities Evansdale provides strong STEM programs and opportunities that encourage innovation, problem-solving, and real-world learning. Evansdale combines language immersion with STEM learning. Students participate in: National robotics competitions. Technology fairs. Science projects and inquiry-based learning. Students regularly receive district and regional recognition. 6) Exceptional Community Support Evansdale has an exceptional partnership between families and the school through the Evansdale PTO (a merger of the community-created Foundation and a highly active PTA). Evansdale benefits from a remarkable level of parent engagement. The Evansdale Foundation provides funding for enrichment programs and classroom resources. The PTO is highly active and provides volunteer support. Community involvement directly enhances student learning. 7) Stability in the Lakeside Cluster Evansdale is a key part of the Lakeside cluster pathway that many families rely on when making long-term educational decisions. Evansdale is an important part of the Lakeside school pathway. Families often choose where to live based on: Evansdale → Henderson → Lakeside. Frequent redistricting proposals create uncertainty for families and the broader community.	3/8/2026 9:31 PM
177	I prefer the Traditional PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 models configuration, but I also believe that the PK–3 / 4–5 configurations might allow for increased focus on foundational literacy.	3/8/2026 9:30 PM
178	For Oakgrove elementary grade banding by including 6th grade or even up to 8th may be considered.	3/8/2026 9:30 PM
179	I agree with the consolidation, if it means more resources for our students within the district.	3/8/2026 9:27 PM
180	A K–3 grade band could be beneficial if it helps reduce class sizes in the early grades. It is concerning for a kindergarten classroom to have as many as 26 students with only one teacher responsible for them. Research has repeatedly shown that smaller class sizes in the early elementary years play a significant role in long-term academic success. While paraprofessionals can provide helpful support, they do not address the underlying issue of overcrowded classrooms.	3/8/2026 9:26 PM
181	If the schools had the capacity, it seems like a better idea to have 6th graders stay with elementary school, 7th and 8th together. 9-12th together.	3/8/2026 9:26 PM
182	I prefer to not grade band and add another transition for the students.	3/8/2026 9:26 PM
183	No change for Oak Grove Elementary	3/8/2026 9:25 PM
184	I am more in favor of maintaining the traditional grade bands or the more graduated like K-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12. I think that the difference between 6 and 9th graders is so large that it would not	3/8/2026 9:25 PM

	be great to have them at the same schools. I think it might shorten the time kids can be kids, instead of teenagers.	
185	I would support a K–3 grade configuration if it results in smaller class sizes. Having a kindergarten teacher responsible for 26 students is neither safe nor effective. Research repeatedly shows that smaller class sizes, especially in the early elementary years, have lasting benefits for student learning and development. Paraprofessionals can certainly help, but they do not address the fundamental problem, which is that classes are simply too large.	3/8/2026 9:24 PM
186	Tucker cluster - need to maintain and support a thriving community of elementary and Midvale is a community staple. The well-rounded education, campus, parent teacher organization (PTO) thrives and is something to be admired by other schools. TMS and THS could greatly benefit from what's happening at Midvale - the community and the students matriculating.	3/8/2026 9:24 PM
187	N/A	3/8/2026 9:23 PM
188	I would prefer to take middle school out, and go back to simply elementary and high school.	3/8/2026 9:22 PM
189	I believe grades 9 to 12 should remain separate from lower grades, however across the district I think there could be variation as long as higher grades eg 7-8 are in separate wings/floors than lower grades.	3/8/2026 9:21 PM
190	I support a K–3 grade band if it leads to smaller class sizes. It is unacceptable and unsafe for one kindergarten teacher to have 26 students. Research has consistently shown that class size has long-term impacts on student success, especially in the early elementary years. While paraprofessionals are helpful, they do not solve the core issue: classes are simply too large.	3/8/2026 9:20 PM
191	Prek through 5 is a lot of grades to have at one school. I would favor having more students per grade with smaller grade bands. There's a huge gap between a prek student and 5th grade student, and as a parent I'm wary of them sharing bathrooms, playgrounds, lunchrooms etc.	3/8/2026 9:19 PM
192	Larger facilities seem terrible for younger students- k-5 or k-8; my daughters class (Hawthorne Elementary in the Lakeside cluster) was over crowded at the beginning of the year; they were able to add another teacher to alleviate some of this crowding. It would also be helpful to redistrict and rebalance. Increasing the facility size, in my opinion, should be done with cautious consideration- adding more students and more classrooms to an overcrowded school does not seem like a great answer-but increasing the footprint and removing the trailers at the school, provided the students can remain, more or less, "under the same roof" would be desirable. I think anything that can be done to remove trailers from our schools and replacing them with more permanent structures could be a reasonable solution to schools targeted for expansion, like Hawthorne. This would allow for students and teachers to still feel like part of the school community while providing an expansion/upgrade and not disturbing in too great a degree the communities that these schools are part of.	3/8/2026 9:19 PM
193	I went to private school that had grades 1-8 in one location & then 9-12 at another. I thought that worked well. The traditional grade bands here have worked fine for our daughter as well.	3/8/2026 9:19 PM
194	I understand that DeKalb County School District is exploring potential grade band changes as part of the Student Assignment Project. In the Chamblee Cluster, I believe grades 9–12 should remain together at the high school level at Chamblee High School. High school students have unique academic, extracurricular, and social needs that are best supported in a traditional 9–12 high school environment. For younger students, I would be open to alternative grade band structures within the K–8 range, such as K–5 / 6–8 or K–4 / 5–8, as long as developmental stages and transitions are carefully considered. It is important that younger elementary students remain in environments designed for early childhood development, while middle grade students have programming that supports increasing independence and academic challenge. Any grade band adjustments should also consider minimizing the number of school transitions for students and preserving strong existing school communities such as Ashford Park Elementary School. Thoughtful planning around developmental stages, transportation, and community impact will be critical if the district chooses to modify grade bands.	3/8/2026 9:19 PM
195	Please do not shut down Oak Grove elementary	3/8/2026 9:18 PM
196	absolutely no 6-12 band	3/8/2026 9:18 PM
197	You could consider moving the schools in this section of Dekalb County (30345) and possibly all sections of Dekalb County back into the grade band scenarios that they were built for (1-	3/8/2026 9:18 PM

	7/8-12), or something similar (i.e. K-8, 9-12). Schools should be in as close proximity to students' homes as possible.	
198	I believe that traditional bands are better for our students emotionally and maturity wise.	3/8/2026 9:17 PM
199	As a family zoned for Ashford Park Elementary School in the Chamblee cluster, we strongly prefer grade band structures that preserve the current developmental progression and cluster pipeline. Specifically: We support the current K-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 model. This structure works well for the Chamblee cluster. The transition from Ashford Park Elementary (K-5) to Chamblee Middle School (6-8) to Chamblee Charter High School (9-12) provides a clear, well-established pathway that families can plan around. Students benefit from age-appropriate school environments at each stage, and the three-school pipeline creates natural transition points that support social and academic development. We are open to a K-2 / 3-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 model as an alternative, provided it keeps the Chamblee cluster intact. A primary/elementary split can work well developmentally and could potentially address capacity concerns at Ashford Park without disrupting the broader cluster pathway. Any K-2 or 3-5 school serving the Ashford Park attendance zone must maintain a guaranteed feeder relationship into Chamblee Middle School (6-8) and Chamblee Charter High School (9-12). We oppose any K-8 configuration for schools in the Chamblee cluster. A K-8 model would disrupt the established middle school transition, potentially reduce access to the specialized programs and staffing that Chamblee Middle School provides, and could undermine the coherent pipeline into Chamblee Charter High School. The academic rigor and AP preparation that begins in the middle school years is a critical part of what makes the Chamblee cluster pathway valuable — a K-8 model risks diluting that. In summary, any grade band restructuring affecting Ashford Park Elementary and the Chamblee cluster should preserve the integrity of the K-5 → Chamblee Middle → Chamblee Charter pipeline, whether through the current model or a K-2/3-5 split. A K-8 model is not an acceptable alternative for our community.	3/8/2026 9:16 PM
200	Keep the band the same elementary middle and high. It will impact students.	3/8/2026 9:14 PM
201	We do not support alternative grade band scenarios. As a father to 2 daughters, I would feel extremely uncomfortable with them being in a school with much older children. For their safety and social well being.	3/8/2026 9:14 PM
202	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 9:13 PM
203	There is no need to change just so you can change more. All of this needs to be suspended until a permanent Superintendent is in place!	3/8/2026 9:13 PM
204	Elementary, middle and High School	3/8/2026 9:12 PM
205	I do not like the idea of changing from the traditional grade bands.	3/8/2026 9:11 PM
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208	Keep Brockett open. My son is in 1st grade. Why do these kids need to start from ground zero.	3/8/2026 9:08 PM
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210	I strongly support maintaining traditional grade bands (separate elementary, middle, and high schools). This structure is working well in our area, and there is no clear need to combine significantly different age groups into the same building. Kindergarteners and eighth graders are at very different developmental stages, just as sixth graders and twelve graders are at different stages. Younger children benefit from environments specifically designed for early childhood learning, play, and supervision, while older students require settings tailored to adolescent academic and social needs. Keeping these groups separate ensures that facilities, programming, and supports remain age-appropriate and aligned to students' developmental stages. In addition, expanding grade bands into a single, larger school would significantly increase traffic in and around the campus. The Atlanta area already experiences congestion, and concentrating more students, buses, and carpool traffic at one site would negatively affect both the school community and surrounding neighborhoods. Maintaining traditional grade bands preserves developmentally appropriate learning environments and helps manage infrastructure impacts like traffic. I encourage the district to continue building on a structure that is already serving our community well.	3/8/2026 9:06 PM
211	The grade clusters should be as follows: Pre-K-8 and 9-12.	3/8/2026 9:06 PM
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213	For PK-3, the teacher to student ratio is especially important to ensure kids get the best experience and learning path. A more hands on approach at a young is needed.	3/8/2026 9:03 PM
214	The schools that would absorb oak grove "briar lake" and sagamore don't seem to have capacity or better facilities.	3/8/2026 9:02 PM
215	In my opinon, grade banding is a mistake. As someone who attended a middle school that was also in a high school building I can tell you it was logistically difficult. Having that diverse range of ages together is also inappropriate.	3/8/2026 9:02 PM
216	For The Oak Grove/Sagamore/Briarlake cluster, stability should be prioritized. The schools are not experiencing structural decline. Redistributing students from one cluster school to another would lead to that school's over-utilization, exceeding 100% capacity.	3/8/2026 9:02 PM
217	Please prioritize small school size over robust programming when it comes to elementary school! This means investing funding into good quality 300-400 capacity elementary schools within smaller catchment areas, the way we currently have things, and not consolidating elementary schools into fewer and larger buildings. Elementary aged children should not share a building, drop off, cafeteria, restrooms, etc with middle or even high schoolers. We chose our neighborhood for the small, community elementary and subsequent path to Lakeside.	3/8/2026 9:00 PM
218	Grade band outside of the traditional model are not necessary. I do not support commingling younger students with much older students. Dekalb County Schools tried grade bands many years ago and moved away from them. We should not try them again.	3/8/2026 9:00 PM
219	I am not in favor of grade band scenarios that group younger students (I.e. 6th graders with 12th graders). There is too much of a difference (socially, mentally, developmentally, emotionally) between those ages. DeKalb county had this over 20+ years ago and it didn't work so they went to the elementary, middle, high school model.	3/8/2026 9:00 PM

220	My children are currently in Ashford Park Elementary in the Chamblee luster.	3/8/2026 9:00 PM
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222	I am not necessarily partial to any of the grade bands. If closures in my current district and cluster result in my children being forced into a lesser performing school/cluster while also breaking up the many friendships and community aspects I will have no choices other than to leave DeKalb county all together or go to a private school.	3/8/2026 8:57 PM
223	Oak Grove Elementary would do well as a PK-8 school. The main reasons parents pull their kids in 3rd through 5th grade is because they are scared of Henderson. The parents put them in Kitteridge or private school and then come back to Lakeside. If OGE were PK-8 the families would stay. Parents from around the county are choosing to put their kids at OGE because it is an excellent school, and that why the enrollment has been increasing since the pandemic.	3/8/2026 8:57 PM
224	Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year	3/8/2026 8:54 PM
225	Feedback on Potential Grade Band Scenarios For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization. Q	3/8/2026 8:50 PM
226	I am not opposed to having grade band scenarios.	3/8/2026 8:49 PM
227	The traditional band system does work	3/8/2026 8:48 PM
228	I do not object to potential grade band changes amongst clusters. I believe the data should continue to drive these decisions, with updates being made to keep communities and municipalities together.	3/8/2026 8:48 PM
229	I strongly support maintaining traditional grade bands (separate elementary, middle, and high schools). This structure is working well in our area, and there is no clear need to combine significantly different age groups into the same building. Kindergarteners and eighth graders are at very different developmental stages, just as sixth graders and twelve graders are at different stages. Younger children benefit from environments specifically designed for early childhood learning, play, and supervision, while older students require settings tailored to adolescent academic and social needs. Keeping these groups separate ensures that facilities, programming, and supports remain age-appropriate and aligned to students' developmental stages. In addition, expanding grade bands into a single, larger school would significantly increase traffic in and around the campus. The Atlanta area already experiences congestion, and concentrating more students, buses, and carpool traffic at one site would negatively affect both the school community and surrounding neighborhoods. Maintaining traditional grade bands preserves developmentally appropriate learning environments and helps manage infrastructure impacts like traffic. I encourage the district to continue building on a structure that is already serving our community well.	3/8/2026 8:47 PM
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231	My feedback on grade band scenarios is grounded in the importance of preserving the integrity of the Chamblee cluster feeder pattern: Ashford Park Elementary → Chamblee Middle School → Chamblee High School. Keep the Chamblee cluster intact The Chamblee cluster represents a well-established, high-performing feeder pathway. Any grade band reconfiguration that disrupts this pipeline — whether by reassigning Ashford Park students to a different middle school, converting Chamblee Middle to a different grade configuration, or closing Ashford Park and scattering its students across clusters — would undermine years of community investment and continuity for families in this area. Grade band model is secondary to cluster cohesion I do not have a strong objection to any particular grade band structure, provided that the Chamblee cluster remains intact. Whether the district continues with the traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 model or explores variations, the priority should be that students who start at Ashford Park have a clear, stable pathway to Chamblee Middle and Chamblee High. What I am asking the district to protect The Chamblee cluster should be treated as a cohesive unit in all future scenario planning. Decisions about any one school in this feeder pattern — particularly at the elementary level — should be evaluated for their downstream impact on the full K-12 pathway, not in isolation. Closing or reconfiguring Ashford Park does not just affect elementary students; it disrupts the enrollment pipeline and community cohesion of the entire cluster. My recommendation Retain Ashford Park Elementary as the elementary anchor of the Chamblee cluster, transition to John Lewis for 4-5 grades, and maintain the existing feeder pattern through Chamblee Middle and Chamblee High, and evaluate any grade band changes with explicit consideration of cluster-level impact.	3/8/2026 8:47 PM
232	Please keep Evansdale Elementary intact and a member of the Lakeside High School community.	3/8/2026 8:47 PM
233	Keeping the grade band around Oak Grove Elementary and the Lakeside school area the same is the best option for these children and the future children to come. We need our children to be around children of around the same age. Less distractions mean better learning for every child in these communities.	3/8/2026 8:46 PM
234	I strongly recommend maintaining the K–5, 6–8, and 9–12 grade band structure within the Lakeside cluster, with K–5 at EES, 6–8 at Henderson Middle School, and 9–12 at Lakeside High School. This structure provides a clear and stable pathway for students in the French program and supports continuity of instruction across grade levels.	3/8/2026 8:45 PM
235	I am open to flexible grade bands based on cluster needs.	3/8/2026 8:44 PM
236	Current scenarios do not meet our goal of keeping the Ashford Park students together and in the Chamblee middle and high school cluster. Under the current scenarios we do not feel our children will be provided the best education	3/8/2026 8:44 PM
237	Our goal is to keep our Ashford Park students together in the Chamblee cluster for the best educational experience for children. I don't believe a great band approach serves this purpose.	3/8/2026 8:44 PM
238	Closing a school that already exceeds the district's utilization target, shows sustained enrollment growth, and demonstrates strong academic outcomes does not directly address the district's stated challenge of underutilized facilities. Oak Grove is projected to reach 96% utilization next year, while Sagamore Hills is already at 91% utilization. Briarlake is currently at 73%, but it would need to absorb a significant portion of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation were implemented. Given the limited available capacity across the cluster, closing or reconfiguring Oak Grove would likely create overcrowding or require substantial boundary changes. This cluster is also not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansion corridors in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and continued institutional growth. These economic drivers are likely to support ongoing residential demand and stable or increasing student enrollment. For these reasons, traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate for this cluster. Grade band restructuring should be prioritized in areas of the district experiencing sustained and significant underutilization, rather than in a cluster where schools are already near or above the district's target utilization.	3/8/2026 8:43 PM
239	Keep the traditional.	3/8/2026 8:40 PM
240	I understand that changing the bands may help with optimizing facilities. However, I believe bands should be consistent within each cluster.	3/8/2026 8:40 PM
241	I understand as long as teacher salaries and step increases are unaffected	3/8/2026 8:38 PM
242	The current grade divisions are appropriate. Most students attend the same school throughout	3/8/2026 8:37 PM

	their elementary years, which allows teachers to truly get to know them and become familiar with their learning styles, strengths, and individual needs.	
243	Oak Grove is projected to reach 96% utilization next year, while Sagamore Hills is already at 91% utilization. Briarlake is currently at 73%, but it would need to absorb a significant portion of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation were implemented. Given the limited available capacity across the cluster, closing or reconfiguring Oak Grove would likely create overcrowding or require substantial boundary changes. This cluster is also not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansion corridors in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and continued institutional growth. These economic drivers are likely to support ongoing residential demand and stable or increasing student enrollment. For these reasons, traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate for this cluster. Grade band restructuring should be prioritized in areas of the district experiencing sustained and significant underutilization, rather than in a cluster where schools are already near or above the district's target utilization.	3/8/2026 8:36 PM
244	Makes sense.	3/8/2026 8:34 PM
245	I attended elementary school and high school without a middle school dedicated solely to that really hard period of growth and development and I really struggled. I think having smaller classes and smaller school communities allows young people to be able to feel like they belong.	3/8/2026 8:34 PM
246	N/A	3/8/2026 8:33 PM
247	I am extremely uncomfortable the possibility of having 6th grades mixed with high school seniors. I'm not overly enthused about having kindergarteners and 8th grades in the same school either. I see the impact that 5th grades have on kindergarteners and I think that band being any larger than that is a mistake.	3/8/2026 8:33 PM
248	Traditional grade bands are more beneficial to all students.	3/8/2026 8:33 PM
249	I believe elementary should stay until 5th. Middle school should be 6th-8th and high school 9-12. This does not put older children with younger children. This model is more representative or development and maturity of children.	3/8/2026 8:31 PM
250	I do not support having any county school with a pre-k - 8 band or a 6-12 band. You have presented no data to show student outcomes improving for those bands. To say there would be transportation issues is to so minimize an issue as to ignore it entirely. The developmental needs of those ages is world's apart and presents safety concerns the county wont be able to effectively address. I am not opposed to a pre-k-3 band but then the stated purpose of fewer "transitions between schools" aside. Changing schools at the traditional model time is not an inconvenience and it is what parents with multiple children expect. I do not expect my 12 year old to pass a senior between class changes, or be in a shared club. Nor would I allow it. If there are to be new bands, the only acceptable one would be to divide elementary school in half.	3/8/2026 8:31 PM
251	I have attended every PTO / Foundation and PAC meeting for the last three years, my wife and I volunteer at the school frequently and our son has received a high quality education and strong relationships and friendships with classmates. I attend other Parent meetings, interact regularly with those representing APES on the SAP committee and attended the Cross Keys Meeting. Ashford Park has been an excellent school for our son and all students to learn and grow!	3/8/2026 8:31 PM
252	I am aligned to split elementary schools into multiple grade bands to prevent the schools from being too large and intimidating to kindergarteners as they start. I worry about the large school format being overwhelming for the students that are attending and for them to get lost in the process.	3/8/2026 8:29 PM
253	The grade bands should be elementary with grades k-5, middle school with grades 6-8 and high school with grades 9-12.	3/8/2026 8:27 PM
254	Evansdale- Henderson Muddle - lakeside high	3/8/2026 8:26 PM
255	Discipline is the key. With out it you are creating a disaster.	3/8/2026 8:25 PM
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257	Grade band k-8 is could be productive to improve the middle school experience for all constituencies - students, parents and school staff and faculty.	3/8/2026 8:22 PM
258	Good	3/8/2026 8:20 PM
259	It could work	3/8/2026 8:18 PM
260	Maintain traditional approach.	3/8/2026 8:18 PM
261	The pK-3, 4-5 band would be the best solution for Sagamore Hills Oak Grover cluster. Sagamore Hills already uses trailers and is at capacity. Utilizing both buildings and avoiding costly trailer rentals seems like the best idea for our area. Henderson Middle used to be an old high school and is so vastly large I cannot imagine changing that school. If there was a way to break away from Henderson and have hour middle school closer to our area that would be a great improvement.	3/8/2026 8:18 PM
262	Don’t have enough info or data to make much of an informed comment about grade bands. However, I feel strongly that 6th graders should not be with highschool kids.	3/8/2026 8:17 PM
263	Sagamore and Oakgrove ES could be split into PK-3 / 4-5 as the schools are in close proximity and serve simialar neighboorhoods	3/8/2026 8:17 PM
264	A school with K - 8 or 6 - 12 would be entirely too large. Additionally, it makes no sense to have 6th graders and 12th graders, or 8th graders and kindergartners, attending the same school.	3/8/2026 8:15 PM
265	Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 8:14 PM
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267	I am writing to express strong opposition to any proposal to close Evansdale Elementary School or remove Evansdale from the Lakeside High School community as part of the district’s school consolidation and redistricting process. Evansdale is a vital institution within the Lakeside High School cluster, and closing it would overlook several important factors related to facilities, community investment, and future enrollment growth. First, Evansdale is well positioned physically to support long-term use and expansion. The school sits on approximately 10.1 acres, a lot size that is larger than many neighboring schools and provides ample room for future growth. The campus is unique in that it includes a large, separate play field, two playgrounds, and multiple parking areas. Because of this layout, additions could be constructed at the back of the school without sacrificing play space or parking. In other words, the site has the capacity to accommodate modernization and expansion rather than closure. The school is also well situated to manage transportation and traffic flow. Evansdale occupies two sides of a large neighborhood block, allowing for safer and more flexible traffic patterns for buses and carpool lines. This physical advantage would be difficult and costly to replicate elsewhere. Additionally, enrollment projections indicate that Evansdale’s student population is expected to increase to over 600 students by 2030. This projected growth suggests that closing the school now could create capacity problems in the near future and force the district to reopen or rebuild facilities later at much greater expense. Another critical factor is Evansdale’s unique role in the Lakeside cluster’s French language program. Evansdale’s French program is supported by a strong network of neighborhood parents, teachers, and community volunteers who provide valuable resources and assistance for students. Moving the program away from Evansdale would disrupt this vital community infrastructure that has taken years to build. The French language pathway connecting Evansdale Elementary, Henderson Middle School, and Lakeside High School has deep roots in the community. Teachers in this program have developed long-standing relationships with students and families, and older students often mentor younger ones within the same cluster. Maintaining this continuity is essential to preserving the strength and success of the program. Finally, enrollment projections themselves should be carefully examined. Forecasting future student populations is inherently uncertain, and current models may underestimate the number of children who will attend Evansdale. In many communities, projections fail to fully account for	3/8/2026 8:12 PM

	apartment developments, immigrant families, and newly arriving households who may not appear in traditional forecasting models. These populations often bring additional students into neighborhood schools over time, which can make projected enrollment numbers significantly lower than the reality that unfolds. Evansdale Elementary had this issue the last time Dekalb redistricted as 120 more students than estimated showed up for the school year because the student estimates had significantly underestimated our area and large amount of families with children continuous moving into our area. Closing a school based on projections that may undercount future students could create unintended consequences for the district, including overcrowding in neighboring schools and the loss of an established community hub. Evansdale Elementary has the land capacity, community support, and projected growth to remain a strong and sustainable school within the Lakeside cluster. Rather than closing it, the district should consider renovating and expanding the facility so it can continue to serve current and future families. Thank you for your time and for considering the long-term impact of this decision on students, families, and the broader community. Sincerely, Matt Murphy Please keep Evansdale Elementary intact and a key member of the Lakeside High School community.	
268	I will not offer any view of the grade band scenarios, other than to say that this process of consolidation and revisions to the community school policies needs to be suspended until oversight and accountability of a full time Superintendent.	3/8/2026 8:11 PM
269	I like the grade bands we have now.	3/8/2026 8:09 PM
270	Why band grades? When did having grade levels based on age stop working? Inventing a solution to a problem that doesn't exist	3/8/2026 8:08 PM
271	I do not like the idea of these extra-large schools, possibly spanning 6 grades in the same building. I like that Ashford Park feeds into Chamblee MS & HS, my student has enjoyed meeting new friends from the other feeder schools.	3/8/2026 8:08 PM
272	For the Lakeside Cluster—specifically Oak Grove Elementary and Henderson Middle School—the district should commit to keeping the traditional PK-5 and 6-8 grade bands. The alternative scenarios being discussed (like PK-8 or 6-12) would create massive campuses that dilute community involvement and resources. The current PK-5 model at Oak Grove delivers top-tier academic results because of its manageable size; altering this grade band would break a proven model that is already working. We have seen the impact of the mega school at Henderson middle and are not satisfied by the impersonalized and overwhelming structure of the school vs oak grove. The kids are lost in a sea of chaos.	3/8/2026 8:06 PM
273	Many grades do not need to be in one school together. There are so many stages of development. It is not helpful and can honestly be hurtful and damaging for young kids to be in the same school as older kids.	3/8/2026 8:04 PM
274	Alternative grading ,mastery based grading or performance based assessments.	3/8/2026 8:02 PM
275	I am open to further discussions around various grade bands being used throughout DCSD and/or each cluster. I do not think that all clusters should necessarily be required to use the same. Additionally, I think that different grade band scenarios should be looked at if it helps keep communities and legal municipalities together as they are today. However, I cannot yet speak with confidence about which grade band scenario should be specifically used by each cluster at this time.	3/8/2026 8:02 PM
276	It doesn't matter but please diversify so there is only 1 child of a specific race in the school. Equally distributed by race/ethnicity within reason.	3/8/2026 8:00 PM
277	For Dunwoody Elementary, the Pre-K–5 grade band works well because students benefit from staying in one environment for early development.	3/8/2026 7:55 PM
278	In the Lakeside cluster, maintaining a traditional PK-5 elementary structure would provide continuity for students and families and align well with the existing middle and high school pathways. Evansdale Elementary feeds into Henderson Middle School and Lakeside High School, and maintaining the traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 configuration supports clear academic progression. If grade band adjustments are considered, it is important that they preserve program continuity, including Evansdale's French language program, which continues through the Lakeside cluster. Any grade band configuration should prioritize keeping established program pathways intact and minimizing unnecessary disruption to students.	3/8/2026 7:55 PM
279	N/A	3/8/2026 7:54 PM

280	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 7:52 PM
281	Keep as is	3/8/2026 7:52 PM
282	Pre k-5 is ideal for evansdale	3/8/2026 7:51 PM
283	I do think that Vanderlyn should be closed due to age and condition of facility. The land should be used for Dunwoody High School fields and parking.	3/8/2026 7:51 PM
284	Eh Just don't put the older kids with the younger kids.	3/8/2026 7:51 PM
285	I prefer the traditional grade bands uniformly implemented in each cluster.	3/8/2026 7:50 PM
286	I think it may be good idea to join middle schools to high schools.	3/8/2026 7:50 PM
287	I would prefer the traditional model. Breaking it up into different bands may create additional strains on buses and will require more administrative costs.	3/8/2026 7:49 PM
288	I agree that grade band restructuring may make the system look more efficient on paper. But in reality, it can create major disruptions for families and communities—especially when it is paired with school closures. The current grade bands are not the problem. What our schools truly need are meaningful investments that improve the learning experience for our children. We need smaller class sizes so teachers can give students the attention they deserve. We need better pay and stronger benefits so the district can recruit and retain talented educators and staff. We need modern technology, healthier and safer facilities, and the supplies teachers and students need to succeed. Our children deserve learning environments that inspire them—schools with vibrant classrooms, exciting playgrounds, nutritious meals, and opportunities that make them excited to come to school every day. These students are the future of DeKalb County. They deserve more than efficiency plans and closure proposals. They deserve investment, vision, and commitment. So instead of showing us plans to close schools, show us your plans to strengthen them. Show us how you will make DeKalb County schools places where children love to learn and where families want to enroll.	3/8/2026 7:47 PM
289	Evansdale is the perfect size for prek-5	3/8/2026 7:46 PM
290	I like the 4-8 grade band at WMS, but that might be because it's such a small school.	3/8/2026 7:45 PM
291	NA	3/8/2026 7:41 PM
292	What I love most about OGE is its tight knit community. There is no need to change the grade bands.	3/8/2026 7:39 PM
293	Please keep the grade bands the same and do not close Oak Grove Elementary.	3/8/2026 7:31 PM
294	Grade bands should not change at all. The some of the costs are heavily weighted including the possibility of 3, 4, and 5 year olds sharing spaces and programs with older students (12-15 year olds). Likewise, the could be many consequences to 11 year old 6th graders sharing programs and spa es with 18 or 19 year old seniors. A separate band for 4th and 5th grade students would cause unnecessary transitions that would be difficult to mananage for 8-11 year olds. One thing to consider would be to house multiple grade bands in the same facility (elementary and middle or middle and high) with clear program and occupancy and staff distinctions. This model exists in districts such as Clayton County Schools. Admin, teachers, counselors, social workers, and school psychologists could communicate more effectively especially concerning issues that impact whole families such as chronic absenteeism. Collaboration between staff could also have many more benefits. Support staff and special education services such as Speech, OT, and PT could also be utilized more efficiently with this model. Parents with students across multiple bands could find relief and greater opportunities to participate in school activities.	3/8/2026 7:31 PM
295	For the lakeside cluster - our current grade bands are appropriate. The community continues to grow and the current structure supports our growth.	3/8/2026 7:27 PM

296	Grade level bands should remain the same. The only change that I would suggest is keeping 6th grade in elementary or keeping 9th grade in middle school. Younger students should NOT be with older students in a K-9 or K-12 situation.	3/8/2026 7:26 PM
297	I am unfamiliar with any research on grade bans scenarios. I do know that research has shown that children thrive and achieve better outcomes when they are from smaller schools. It is easy for a quiet child to get overlooked in a large school.	3/8/2026 7:25 PM
298	The goal is for our children to read and write. Core curriculum and learning should be the primary focus. When the student-teacher ratio is low, learning improves. Pre-K and K should be grouped out of elementary school. Focus on 1st - 8th and 9th - 12th.	3/8/2026 7:24 PM
299	I like the idea of splitting grades apart provided good transportation options are available for families with children at multiple schools.	3/8/2026 7:24 PM
300	City of Decatur is the model - how is Dekalb really doing? Other metropolitan counties worldwide are the model - how is Dekalb really doing?	3/8/2026 7:22 PM
301	You didn't provide information on specific schools or clusters so how should we be able to reference them? Seriously	3/8/2026 7:22 PM
302	The grade band would be great for the Miller Grove cluster if it is Pk-5/ 6-12.	3/8/2026 7:20 PM
303	I am kind of confused about the grade bands and school clusters. But as for Rock Chapel and Redan, I am wondering where will those students go? Will they be bussed to Lithonia Middle that is moving? If so, a K-8 Facility might work as long as there is enough space. Because again, We can't send the students all over to Princeton and Stephenson Elementary.	3/8/2026 7:19 PM
304	There is not enough information to provide that kind of feedback. I clicked all around the website and I did not see any information how a grade band scenario will play out for the Lakeside cluster. If you genuinely want to get input you would have shared this information. As you didn't , this survey is not to be trusted	3/8/2026 7:16 PM
305	Sixth graders do not belong in a school with 12th graders. My God ,they are children. With 8th graders in with 12 graders was bad enough, then we wonder is happening to the children.	3/8/2026 7:13 PM
306	NA	3/8/2026 7:07 PM
307	Please keep the traditional grade bands	3/8/2026 7:05 PM
308	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 6:53 PM
309	Wider grade bands would contribute to more personnel issues.	3/8/2026 6:52 PM
310	The idea of a High School 6-10 is unacceptable. I attended Dekalb County Elementary School K-7 and High School 8-12. 8th grade in High School exposed children to much older high school students. Middle school allows children to be children and not be exposed to significantly older students that have achieved puberty.	3/8/2026 6:49 PM
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312	The Lakeside cluster should be steeped in stability.	3/8/2026 6:44 PM
313	N/A	3/8/2026 6:42 PM
314	Kittredge was a wonderful experience for us and all kids deserve the quality of teachers and	3/8/2026 6:38 PM

	resources it provided.	
315	Elementary schools need to stay small pre-k through 5th	3/8/2026 6:38 PM
316	Grouping students into grade bands based on similar age ranges, levels of emotional development, and learning maturity can create a more supportive and developmentally appropriate learning environment. It also reduces exposure to behavior models that younger students may be more likely to imitate. For these reasons, I support the PK–3 / 4–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 grade band structure for my cluster, as it better aligns students with peers who are at comparable developmental stages and supports their overall academic and social growth.	3/8/2026 6:38 PM
317	Putting middle schoolers who are currently physically assaulting one another with older high schoolers is an excellent way increase the number of violent offenses in public schools. K-8 would be potentially better but, given public schools record of not protecting students I imagine this will just increase violent incidents with smaller children.	3/8/2026 6:35 PM
318	I understand the need for making changes, but Oak Grove Elementary is the heart of the community, and it would be devastating to lose it.	3/8/2026 6:30 PM
319	It works very well (and is recognized by potential home owners) to have pre-k through 5th at Evansdale, 6-8 at Henderson Middle, and 9-12 at Lakeside	3/8/2026 6:29 PM
320	I believe the review and change of grade cluster may be beneficial in supporting students and families, meeting needs of students, and establishing a school culture and environment to better meet the growing behavioral and academic needs.	3/8/2026 6:29 PM
321	This seems like a complicated decision with no guarantee for alleviating anything.	3/8/2026 6:21 PM
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323	Traditional grade bands	3/8/2026 6:15 PM
324	My concern with changing the grade band scenarios is the impact to siblings in different grades and how it could drive a burden to their parents.	3/8/2026 6:15 PM
325	The families in our cluster have transportation issues, and so having students at multiple schools can be a challenge.	3/8/2026 6:10 PM
326	Keep them as they are. I am in area 2 in the Lakeside cluster.	3/8/2026 6:09 PM
327	I prefer the traditional grade ban option. What is more important is to keep Evansdale in the Henderson Middle and Lakeside cluster.	3/8/2026 6:05 PM
328	Grade banding threatens to dilute parent involvement as some families will have to travel farther to attend school.	3/8/2026 6:05 PM
329	PK-5 / 6-12 scenario is used in a lot of other countries with good success. Having attended various schools with this model, I can speak from experience that it works well for allocating teaching resources across grades (e.g., a music teacher can easily teach 7th and 9th grade) and socialization of children. While keeping grade bands the same can help with efficiencies and uniformity, I don't believe that it's a strict requirement.	3/8/2026 6:05 PM
330	Oak grove will continue to get more students as these new families children become school age.	3/8/2026 6:04 PM
331	Need 3 bands given how drastic kids develop over that time and how differently they develop. Don't need to combine into 2 bands. Current baseline works best.	3/8/2026 6:00 PM
332	Ideal is to maintain standard K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 grade bands unless specific scenarios require and communities support them.	3/8/2026 5:58 PM
333	There is not enough information about how it will be structured.	3/8/2026 5:56 PM
334	I don't agree with the PK-8 grade bands for elementary schools as I believe it causes social	3/8/2026 5:56 PM

	stagnancy with the students and long term is not in their best interest. I think students changing schools and meeting new students at each school provides a better, more engaging social environment at the school. I think the grade bands should either stay as they are or go with the PK-3/4-5 scenario.	
335	I’m not sure about this. I think sixth graders are too young to be in a high school environment.	3/8/2026 5:51 PM
336	APES (my child's school) currently feeds into Chamblee Middle School which feeds into Chamblee High School. I do not endorse the type of grade band scenarios that have been mentioned. I believe in middle schools are the ideal step for children between elementary school and high school. I believe the maturity level of students greatly differs in the grade bands (elementary, middle and high school) currently setup in my child's school cluster and believe mixing the two will inevitably lead to social interactions between grades that do not currently exist that may be detrimental to the typical and proper social development of children. I believe the DSCD should strive to implement these three distinct stages of school in each school cluster throughout the district. I also believe that, if it made sense, more segmentation (more schools with smaller grade bands/less grade levels) is a more acceptable approach than consolidation into fewer schools with greater grade bands/more grade levels).	3/8/2026 5:51 PM
337	See above Evansdale elementary. Henderson Middle School need to stay the same	3/8/2026 5:48 PM
338	Unless I'm mistaken, specific grade banding was not proposed for specific schools. The 6th-12th band and the PK-3 w/ 4-5 bands seem to be the best	3/8/2026 5:44 PM
339	I prefer k-6 and 7-12 grade bands. Some middle school courses at Chamblee Middle already align with HS curriculum (and GPA) and academically this will keep things more in line. If a school like Kittredge were to be embedded, this would allow school like Ashford Park to keep more of it's community intact. It would also be less disruptive for Kittredge students to be switching schools from ES to MS for just 2 years.	3/8/2026 5:39 PM
340	We are open to grade band changes but not at the cost of closing our neighborhood school.	3/8/2026 5:36 PM
341	The Southside schools of the district where resources are low	3/8/2026 5:28 PM
342	Grade band 6- 12 is not desirable and detrimental to the younger students	3/8/2026 5:22 PM
343	6th graders don’t need to be in the same building as 12th graders	3/8/2026 5:22 PM
344	We experienced k-8 at The Museum School of Avondale Estates and were very pleased with the arrangement. The familiarity and comfort that students, families, and faculty build with each other is special. The ease of not having separate drop-offs for different schools is nice for families of multiple k-8 children. Having only one transition felt easier and more impactful for the students. That being said, I do agree that without excellent leadership and vigilant involvement, it could be an issue having multiple ages together in one building. The Museum School of Avondale Estates does a fantastic job of managing the different ages and stages well.	3/8/2026 5:21 PM
345	Due to the vast developmental difference between younger and older children, pairing PK–8 students with 6–12 students presents serious hazards to equality, safety, and healthy development. Younger pupils may suffer as a result of this mix, and older students may face unreasonable demands. Being around much older peers might expose younger children to adolescent behaviors too soon, impeding optimal developmental exploration when they are still forming their identity and emotional regulation. Equity requires that every age group have access to appropriate settings and resources, which can be difficult in a combined PK–12 system.	3/8/2026 5:20 PM
346	Referring. very confusing	3/8/2026 5:20 PM
347	I do not believe 6-12 grade should exist in any scenario	3/8/2026 5:17 PM
348	I am happy with the traditional grade bands. However, if it meant that APE could stay open with a PK-3 grade band, then we’d be ok with that scenario.	3/8/2026 5:15 PM
349	I believe that sticking with prek-5, 6-8 and 9-12 is most appropriate. Each of those has such different dynamics based on their age that being in an environment with similar age groups is extremely critical for their development.	3/8/2026 5:13 PM
350	Some elementary schools used to go to 7th or 8th grade. This might be a better alternative than facility scenarios because maintain sense of community. It worked before.	3/8/2026 5:13 PM

351	Ideal grade bands should have elementary run PK- 6, Middle School 7-8 and High School 9-12, It should be consistent for the entire system.	3/8/2026 5:12 PM
352	I would like the current Chamblee cluster and grade bands to stay as they are.	3/8/2026 5:11 PM
353	Lakeside cluster — as long as you keep the attendance lines the same in this cluster, you can do research to determine which band works best.	3/8/2026 5:10 PM
354	I do NOT think you should put 6th graders into a high school setting. They are just too young. If you change the bands to 1-6 for elementary and 7-12 for a combined middle and high school, then it would be fine.	3/8/2026 5:09 PM
355	The preK-8 seems like a good option for low enrollment areas of the county. Whereas, the PreK-3, 4-5 configuration would better serve high enrollment areas of the county. I believe a hybrid approach based on the varying needs of the county is a good approach. One size does not fit all.	3/8/2026 5:08 PM
356	It is a terrible idea to have PK or K students attending the same school as 8th grade students, and a terrible idea for 6th grade students to attend the same school as a 12 grade student. There is a reason why the traditional grade levels have been lumped together. The only scenario outside of traditional that would appear to make sense would be PK-3 / 4-5 / 6-8 / 9-12.	3/8/2026 4:57 PM
357	We are in the Kingsley/Vanderlyn etc cluster. I do like the option of closing Vanderlyn and rezoning students across the other elementary schools to increase their capacity. This would include growing Kingsley	3/8/2026 4:56 PM
358	Leave the grades alone in Lithonia. You don't want High school issues among your middle schoolers, sex too soon, or improper exposure. 6-8th needs to remain separate from elementary kids, to refrain from bullying downward, and to avoid bullying downwards from High Schoolers to Middle Schoolers.	3/8/2026 4:56 PM
359	I want to see the Ashford Park community stay at the Chamblee Cluster because it’s a high performing school. I don’t want to see Kittredge closed or the magnet ‘sunsetted’ because that’s not in the students best interest.	3/8/2026 4:55 PM
360	Ashford park through chamblee cluster	3/8/2026 4:54 PM
361	Not exactly sure of the question, but if the buildings will remain in the possession of DCSD, they could possibly be leased to schools looking for charter solutions, which may also attract more families, and boost enrollment of nearby public schools.	3/8/2026 4:53 PM
362	Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove’s enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth.	3/8/2026 4:53 PM
363	We have multiple young children who attend Ashford Park	3/8/2026 4:42 PM
364	We do not need grade bands.	3/8/2026 4:39 PM
365	I am familiar with the CSD grade bands and believe they create beneficial environments for both students and staff. The PK-2, rather than the proposed PK-3, is preferable because students begin taking the GA Milestones in third grade.	3/8/2026 4:39 PM
366	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization and current overutilization.	3/8/2026 4:37 PM
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368	The current grade bands appear to be quite functional for the area, students involved and local school structure and capacity.	3/8/2026 4:34 PM
369	I prefer the traditional grade bands.	3/8/2026 4:33 PM
370	Maintaining current traditional school bands. These Ashe's are in very different stages of life and maturing and have different needs across the board including academic, timing of school, extra curricular, social needs, etc. in the Dunwoody cluster, our schools have grown to be family friendly, diverse, and accessible- especially Chesnut Elementary and Peachtree Middle. They provide excellent walk ability and shared resources and collaboration between the schools.	3/8/2026 4:28 PM
371	Oak Grove Elementary is the best school ever. It shouldn't close.	3/8/2026 4:25 PM
372	Oak Grove Elementary is the greatest school in the nation	3/8/2026 4:25 PM
373	Oak grove elementary is the best school ever	3/8/2026 4:25 PM
374	I think grade bands should be created based on the needs and input from school communities.	3/8/2026 4:25 PM
375	Oak grove elementary is the best school that has ever existed.	3/8/2026 4:24 PM
376	Research has shown that students who are the oldest in their school) (k-8) during middle school years are more successful I went to Dekalb in the 8Os and 90s with no MS K-7 and 8-12…no transition wasn't appropriate 18 year olds don't need to be in school with 12 year olds It's not developmentally appropriate	3/8/2026 4:24 PM
377	PreK-8 would be great, if logistically feasible.	3/8/2026 4:23 PM
378	I understand the concept, but don't believe it is relevant to my area.	3/8/2026 4:22 PM
379	The neighborhoods served by Oak Grove, Henderson Middle and Lakeside High School are experiencing economic growth through construction of the new Arthur Blank Hospital and the expansion of the Emory healthcare system. New home construction is occurring in the area. These schools need to remain open to handle the growth.	3/8/2026 4:21 PM
380	Traditional PK-5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term , significant, underutilization.	3/8/2026 4:20 PM
381	This would propose major problems due to the significant differences in ages not to mention different levels of maturity	3/8/2026 4:14 PM
382	With limited flexibility on cutoffs, I support a traditional grade band of elementary, middle and high school that is consistent across the district. I hold this opinion as a "military brat" who frequently moved schools and districts, a former 7th and 8th grade teacher, and now parent. The needs of the populations in these age groups are varied and can be most appropriately addressed by programs, schools sizes and buildings specific to them. At the same time, I think minimal transitional years during schooling are beneficial and that the experience of advancing from band to band is an important psychological milestone for students. I think the traditional three grade band structure, provides a happy medium for such. In instances where campuses are geographically in close proximity, I believe an upper(4-5) and lower(k-3) elementary split can work, provided there is no increase in grade level size or shake up of student populations between the two buildings. I would also support Pre-K classes being housed on their own campuses as opposed to with elementary students.	3/8/2026 4:14 PM
383	This will definitely cause Major issues due to the maturity level difference of the younger students being in the same facility of older students	3/8/2026 4:13 PM
384	Está bien	3/8/2026 4:12 PM
385	I don't like the idea of 6-12 high schools.	3/8/2026 4:08 PM
386	I strongly support the Traditional PK–5 model for the Lakeside cluster. Smaller, community-based K–5 schools like Evansdale are the backbone of parent involvement. My family chose Evansdale specifically for its intimate community feel and its French Immersion program—qualities that are often lost in larger PK–8 configurations or 'super-schools.' Furthermore, 'split'	3/8/2026 4:07 PM

	models (PK–3 / 4–5) would be disastrous for language immersion programs that require year-over-year continuity in the same building. To retain families in the DeKalb system, the district must prioritize configurations that maintain stable, localized school communities rather than moving toward large-scale consolidation that increases travel time and decreases parent engagement.	
387	Current PK-5 grade bands remain appropriate because it is in a high utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should first focus on those with current and likely future underutilization.	3/8/2026 4:06 PM
388	I think the bands should stay as is. With the consolidations, do you feel the bands are needed to house fourth and fifth graders in a separate facility to provide more space for grades PRE-k-3 and to decrease schools being overpopulated? If so, it may be okay to do the PRE-K-3 and 4and 5th? Will this cause any conflict with parents who drive their children to school commuting from one school to another?	3/8/2026 4:06 PM
389	Could work for certain areas	3/8/2026 4:04 PM
390	It is fine the way it is. Or go to K-78and then 9-12 high school	3/8/2026 4:02 PM
391	I think K-8 is a bit of a stretch because of the age and maturity level of students' in 5th-8th grade	3/8/2026 3:59 PM
392	Keep Brockett Elementary Open	3/8/2026 3:56 PM
393	I believe each cluster should be considered for what the needs are for that specific cluster. Trying to force a "one size fits all" approach is not only naive it is not realistic. Why not leverage Oak Grove Elementary as a 4th and 5th grade academy for the LHS cluster?	3/8/2026 3:56 PM
394	I think it isn't a great idea. I'm glad this isn't going into effect until later as I'm worried about student safety.	3/8/2026 3:52 PM
395	No specific feedback.	3/8/2026 3:52 PM
396	I am very cautious about the K-8 or the 6-12 grade bands due to having such young kids with the older kids. My experience is that the younger ones were intimidated by the older kids and the older are held back having to accommodate the younger ones.	3/8/2026 3:49 PM
397	We are in an overcrowded area.	3/8/2026 3:45 PM
398	The lakeside cluster of schools is positioned in a growth area tied heavily to heath are giants in the region. It makes no sense to impact an area with stability in the population and expected increases in attendance.	3/8/2026 3:42 PM
399	I dislike the grand band scenarios that cluster 6-12 together. Developmentally, there's a very large difference between an 11-year old 6th grader and a 17-year old 12th grader. Not to mention the pressures that come with puberty, bullying, social media, being around the other gender, etc. Grouping middle and high school together is a recipe for disaster.	3/8/2026 3:31 PM
400	As a parent of a 7th grader at Henderson middle, I am opposed any redistricting for Lakeside Cluster. I bought my home specifically so my child could attend Lakeside.	3/8/2026 3:31 PM
401	I don't agree with the grade bands; we have done this in DeKalb before the current middle schools were built	3/8/2026 3:29 PM
402	I do not believe changing grade levels would be beneficial. But if needed PK-3rd, 4th-7th, 8th-12th. Young middle school students would not mesh well with high school students.	3/8/2026 3:28 PM
403	The current PK–5 grade band at Ashford Park Elementary is the most effective model because it fosters a stable, consistent learning environment where students can grow from early childhood through their formative primary years without the disruption of unnecessary transitions. This continuity allows teachers to deeply understand each student's developmental trajectory and maintains a cohesive school culture where older students serve as mentors to their younger peers. While a K–8 model is an intriguing alternative that could offer even greater long-term stability, it is practically unfeasible given our current infrastructure. Transitioning to a K–8 configuration would require a massive facility to accommodate the diverse needs of nearly a decade's worth of students; Ashford Park's current footprint simply cannot support such a significant expansion without compromising the very community intimacy and green space that make it so successful.	3/8/2026 3:28 PM

404	I'm not a fan of the different grade bands - the difference in maturity level and lifestyles is too great to mix certain grade levels together. Im happy how it is now.	3/8/2026 3:23 PM
405	Staying traditional pre-k-5th, middle, and high school.	3/8/2026 3:22 PM
406	If my suggestions above were implemented, the following questions become unnecessary	3/8/2026 3:19 PM
407	I would like the Ashford Park cluster to stay on Chamblee Middle and High School track.	3/8/2026 3:19 PM
408	No to banding elementary schools in south Dekalb	3/8/2026 3:17 PM
409	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 3:15 PM
410	I don't feel safe about the grace bands. I don't feel comfrterable sending my 6th grader to school with an 18 or 17 year old.	3/8/2026 3:13 PM
411	I don't have a strong opinion on the grade bands. My only thought on the second option is that it's a lot of moving around and transitions for kids.	3/8/2026 3:08 PM
412	unsure	3/8/2026 3:07 PM
413	When considering grade band scenarios, please think about how many times a student has to more to a new school. While I want my children to have great classes and teachers, I'm concerned that if the schools are far away siblings will be split up into different buildings. It is hard for parents to travel to many different schools every single morning.	3/8/2026 3:06 PM
414	I do not see changing grade bands to be a worthwhile endeavor, but don't have a strong feeling.	3/8/2026 3:04 PM
415	I disagree with the proposed grade band	3/8/2026 3:02 PM
416	I like the traditional setup, having younger kids with their grade levels and middle school with middle.	3/8/2026 3:02 PM
417	No preferences on schools	3/8/2026 3:00 PM
418	For the Lakeside cluster, including Oak Grove Elementary, the traditional PK–5 elementary grade band should remain in place. Schools in this cluster are not experiencing the level of sustained underutilization that would justify restructuring grade bands into configurations such as K–2 and 3–5 or other split models. Maintaining the PK–5 structure is particularly important for elementary-aged students. A single elementary school allows students to build long-term relationships with teachers, administrators, and peers while maintaining continuity in academic support and school culture. Splitting grade levels across multiple campuses would create additional transitions for young students and increase logistical challenges for families with multiple children. Additionally, grade band restructuring in this area could contribute to larger, more centralized "mega schools," which often reduce the sense of community and parental engagement that are key strengths of neighborhood elementary schools. The Lakeside cluster, including Oak Grove Elementary, has strong community support and high levels of family involvement, which are important contributors to student success. If the district is considering alternative grade band structures, those changes should be prioritized for clusters experiencing long-term, significant underutilization. In higher-demand areas such as the Lakeside cluster, maintaining the PK–5 model better aligns with current enrollment trends, supports community stability, and preserves the successful educational environments that families rely on. For these reasons, I recommend maintaining the PK–5 grade band structure for Oak Grove Elementary and other elementary schools in the Lakeside cluster.	3/8/2026 2:57 PM
419	Traditional grade band would best serve the Evansdale community.	3/8/2026 2:50 PM
420	The grade band 6-12 would be a disadvantage to our children. 11 -13 year olds should not be attending schools with 17 year olds. If safety is a concern for DeKalb, this should not be done. The parents in our community do not feel safe with the 6-12 grade band. This is in reference to the Cedar Grove Cluster.	3/8/2026 2:48 PM
421	Whatever grade band you choose, Keep Oakgrove in the same place. You tried messing the	3/8/2026 2:47 PM

	district 15 years ago, and it failed.	
422	I believe this should be guided by scientific studies and not convenience of school building availability. I believe research shows that smaller grade bands give greater opportunity for interventions for students. Larger grade bands offer more monetary effectiveness. This deicion should be student centered.	3/8/2026 2:47 PM
423	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 2:46 PM
424	I think the current grade bands make sense. While it would be nice to have fewer transitions, the extremely large schools that would be required, and the grouping of children of significantly different ages, is a significant cost. If the district does reduce to two bands, my preference would be K-5 and 6-12 (or even better, K-6 and 7-12, though I did not see that proposed).	3/8/2026 2:46 PM
425	Tucker should remain middle grades	3/8/2026 2:45 PM
426	Traditional PK-5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high utilization growth corridor Structural grade configuration should focus first on clusters with long term, significant utilization	3/8/2026 2:45 PM
427	Not sure buildings are big enough to facilitate grade bands change	3/8/2026 2:45 PM
428	Traditional grade bands would best serve Evansdale Elementary.	3/8/2026 2:44 PM
429	It is difficult to give feedback on potential grade band scenarios when we don't understand at which schools and/or programs that they will be applied to. Again, the lack of clarity and consistency creates more questions than reassurances.	3/8/2026 2:43 PM
430	I do not have strong views about alternative grade-band models in general. I will say that Oak Grove's current model clearly works, and I would hesitate to try to fix what's not broken. I would be open to changes if there is actual evidence showing they would improve things for the students and their educators. To my knowledge, however, no such evidence has been offered. In response to a concerned parent's question during one of the February SAP webinars, a spokesperson for the consulting firm dismissed the very idea of basing decisions on empirical studies because, in his view, such studies can be biased toward whatever preordained outcome one prefers. I find that attitude deeply objectionable and concerning. Someone who despairs of the possibility of making decisions on the basis of facts has no business imposing his will on our public school district.	3/8/2026 2:40 PM
431	I belive the traditional grade bands make the most sense developmentally for our children. I also think combining students into giant schools is not a good idea, and will harm our student's education and sense of belonging to a community.	3/8/2026 2:40 PM
432	Neighborhood parent teacher and community volunteers provide needed resources. We also have a vital French program.	3/8/2026 2:35 PM
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435	I do not support grade band scenarios that would shift Evansdale students into different	3/8/2026 2:30 PM

	clusters or break the existing K–5, 6–8, and 9–12 Lakeside feeder pattern. Evansdale, Henderson, and Lakeside function as a cohesive pipeline—academically, socially, and through programs like French that rely on continuity across all three schools. Any scenario that reassigns Evansdale to Tucker or Sequoyah, or alters its grade band, would disrupt that stability and fracture a long-standing neighborhood community. I strongly prefer maintaining Evansdale as a K–5 school within the Lakeside cluster, aligned with Henderson Middle and Lakeside High.	
436	See below	3/8/2026 2:27 PM
437	From my understanding oak grove would be combining with sagamore, except sagamore does not have the seats or building space to accommodate such a huge influx of students. My colleague who is at sagamore is saying they are proposing putting trailors in the field for the new students which would essentially takeaway their outdoor space for sports. If this happens, I will be putting my daughter in private school which I didn't want to do because I wanted her to be part of the community she lives in but myself and the other professional parents will be highly considering it if this goes through, again reducing total enrollment.	3/8/2026 2:26 PM
438	Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 2:24 PM
439	The Ashford Park grade band should remain unchanged. If the students are reassigned to John Lewis Elementary School, the grade bands should remain intact.	3/8/2026 2:22 PM
440	The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made.	3/8/2026 2:20 PM
441	Considering the expansion of healthcare in George and the jobs being added the traditional pre-K through fifth grade remains appropriate. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on the clusters with long-term underutilization.	3/8/2026 2:19 PM
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443	I'm unsure what the options are in this scenario.	3/8/2026 2:18 PM
444	It is best to avoid grade bands that are wider than the traditional grade bands (PK-5, 6-8, 9-12). There are significant safety risks associated with combining preteens and young adults in the same school (6-12), and with combining preschoolers and adolescents in the same school (PK-8).	3/8/2026 2:18 PM
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446	I'd like the grade bands to remain the same. Consolidating grade bands removes the ability for students to develop and mature one stage at a time. Again, what does the data say about this? Please take feedback from experts on development stages.	3/8/2026 2:16 PM
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448	Traditional PK-5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high utilization growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term underutilization.	3/8/2026 2:12 PM
449	Stability should be prioritized for the Lakeside cluster. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briar Lake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment is consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located next to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional pre-K through five grade bands remain appropriate and a high utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 2:07 PM
450	Not a fan of grade band width stick with traditional system that in place now. Putting too many grade levels in one school. Hard to adjust when moving from elementary to high school. Better to transition to middle then to high school. Noticing closures are more affecting the South Dekalb area than others.	3/8/2026 2:06 PM
451	Evansdale Elementary: best if renovated or expanded. It has 10.1 acres, bigger than any neighboring schools. Has unique and large playgrounds and multiple parking lots. The site can accommodate additions in the back while still having ample play and parking space. The school also does well with traffic as it takes up two sides of a large neighborhood block.	3/8/2026 2:06 PM
452	Porque razón quieren cerrar la escuela	3/8/2026 2:04 PM
453	At 10.1 acres, Evansdale 's lot size is bigger than neighboring schools recommended for expansion. Evansdale is unique in that it has a large, separate play field, two playgrounds, and multiple parking lots. our site can accommodate additions in the back of the school and still have ample play and parking space. Evansdale is uniquely situated to accommodate increased traffic, as it takes p wo sides of a large neighborhood block. Evansdale's enrollment is projected to increase to over 600 by 2030.	3/8/2026 2:00 PM
454	Protecting young elementary students and small schools are priorities for me. Kindergartners do not belong in school with 8th graders.	3/8/2026 1:58 PM
455	For lakeside leave the cluster as is. Oak grove. Sagamore. Briarlake. Enrollment is high at our school Oak Grove.	3/8/2026 1:57 PM
456	I believe that each cluster should have the same grade bands. The traditional PK-5, 6-8, 9-12 would be the best for learning within their age groups.	3/8/2026 1:57 PM
457	Great band scenarios should also be optimized for best learning environment for students of all ages not necessarily for operational efficiency	3/8/2026 1:57 PM
458	Younger students should not be grouped with students that are significantly older	3/8/2026 1:56 PM
459	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 1:56 PM
460	K-8	3/8/2026 1:55 PM
461	If grade bands are adjusted, it should be done in a way that maintains stability for elementary students and minimizes transitions. For the Oak Grove cluster, maintaining a traditional elementary structure helps preserve continuity and community stability while enrollment continues to grow in the area.	3/8/2026 1:54 PM
462	N/A	3/8/2026 1:42 PM
463	I think smaller schools are better for the community and for students. I realize they are more expensive to operate but there should be a balance of both.	3/8/2026 1:38 PM
464	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized.	3/8/2026 1:33 PM

	Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	
465	I think Oakgrove Elementary should remain PK-5. At one time, thee were no middle schools, but it was determined that have middle schools had advantages.	3/8/2026 1:30 PM
466	I disagree that grades should be together. I think that schools should stay as the traditional way Pre-K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. The reason why I believe this is because students in Pre-K or other grades lower than middle school grade could get bullied or they can get hurt.	3/8/2026 1:29 PM
467	I like the grade bands as they currently are. If you consolidate the grade bands, I think 6th graders are too young to be in the same school with high school seniors.	3/8/2026 1:28 PM
468	I prefer the traditional tier system	3/8/2026 1:27 PM
469	The current banding tiers for best with the social emotional stratification while not expanding the need for buildings as the second choice does with an expansion of tiers. Grouping 6th and 7th graders with high school students is too likely to result in adverse outcomes with the current administrative capabilities of the high school.	3/8/2026 1:27 PM
470	Magnet program at Chamblee should remain there- it is a proven successful program that should remain in its place, elevating DCSD prestige in the area and delivering consistently top results	3/8/2026 1:25 PM
471	I don't see data, supporting evidence, or anecdotal evidence that suggest alternative grade bands would improve educational outcomes or resource allocation.	3/8/2026 1:25 PM
472	I initially moved here from rural areas in Georgia where we model Pre K - 2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. It works fabulously. The focus on student foundational academics is a lot more successful.	3/8/2026 1:22 PM
473	If split and different from today, then k- 7 and 8-12 might wok, but overall I'm concerned about how well the district would be able to effectively manage the transition and the emotional and physical risk factors that might be introduced.	3/8/2026 1:19 PM
474	If changes need to be made, I like prek-3, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, otherwise I prefer current for a smaller school.	3/8/2026 1:19 PM
475	The idea of 6-12 is a little shocking - such a large age gap and degree of maturity.	3/8/2026 1:18 PM
476	Using grade band alternatives to maximize the utility of facilities should definitely be considered. I do not have strong feelings on any of the alternatives under discussion	3/8/2026 1:17 PM
477	The Lakeside corridor is consistently the top performing in DeKalb. It's not based on sociopath economics but in excellent leadership.	3/8/2026 1:15 PM
478	I like the traditional bands. However, I am not opposed to K-8 where it makes sense. I think there is too much transition with some of the other grade band scenarios.	3/8/2026 1:12 PM
479	This would need to be done very carefully. There is such a vast difference between the physical and emotional maturity when combining a wide range of grades/ages. The reference to private and Catholic schools doing this with grades seems apples to oranges. Private schools can more quickly remove students who appear to be a problem. Also, the private schools tend to be much smaller, have more control over student acceptance, and I believe most in my area end or only start around middle schools years (e.g., something like K-middle school, and then have to change schools somewhere in middle school through high school.). This applies to all clusters.	3/8/2026 1:10 PM
480	I have no real feedback to shifting grade bands, this should be whatever is most efficient.	3/8/2026 1:09 PM
481	No matter the school or cluster, having 6th and 7th graders with high schoolers is a bad idea. I'm concerned about older kids preying on younger ones.	3/8/2026 1:09 PM
482	I like the pk-5, 6-12 grade band probably the most and as an alternative I think the pk-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 grade banding that the dunwoody cluster uses can also work well here.	3/8/2026 1:08 PM

483	This comment is more general and would apply to any school or cluster: I think there are significant safety and resource reasons to avoid combining such a wide range of ages/developmental phases in one condensed area. - Shared spaces (e.g., cafeteria, gym, bathrooms, hallways) would require additional monitoring to ensure the safety of the smaller kids. - Libraries would need to be expanded to house the variety of materials needed for such a wide range of learning. - Teachers for the arts subjects (e.g. music, drama, visual arts) would require a much wider range of skills and materials than they would if allowed to focus on a smaller age range; I would also worry that the music, drama, and physical education of younger kids would suffer because of time constraints and split focus with higher visibility activities for older kids that generate money for the school (e.g., sports, marching band, theater productions). - Hundreds of high schoolers driving through parking lots with classes full of Kindergartners passing through them is a recipe for disaster.	3/8/2026 1:07 PM
484	I hope the fact that Doraville United will be going to Chamblee Middle and then High doesn't mean the district end up eliminating a county-wide, cross-district magnet program from Chamblee. These very successful program is one of the best programs DCSD has to offer, and it delivers results every year. KIttredge, and the Chamblee middle and high, are top performers. Facilities and teachers are already built for these students' success. Magnet programs are elevating this district's performance and appeal among public education options in metro Atlanta. Maintaining strong academic pathways for motivated students should remain part of the district's long-term vision, regardless of how facilities and boundaries evolve.	3/8/2026 1:04 PM
485	I think grading banding is fine. Upper and lower elementary or middle schools is fine.	3/8/2026 1:00 PM
486	High achiever magnet program 4-6 is a tested and true program at Kittredge with fantastic results. The kids need to be mature enough to handle a schedule in which kids move classrooms for different subjects, and fourth is the perfect grade to start this. A 7-12 high achiever magnet jr high/high would be great at a school that is large enough to have different wings, which Henderson Middle has.	3/8/2026 12:56 PM
487	I don't know what this means	3/8/2026 12:49 PM
488	Hawthorne, Vanderlyn and Oak Grove should remain pk thru 5th grade.	3/8/2026 12:48 PM
489	I am vehemently opposed to a 6-12 grade high school. Sixth graders should not be mixed with older teenagers. The influence and treatment by older students would be bad for the younger students.	3/8/2026 12:46 PM
490	I think why the bands may help with resources they ultimately would be a disservice to the students who should be the first consideration!	3/8/2026 12:46 PM
491	Grades 6 through 12 is a very large age group. That's a lot of older influence for the younger kids, for good or bad.	3/8/2026 12:44 PM
492	Stability for the Lakeside cluster-Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills and Briarlake-should be a priority for the district. Achievement and testing is so important, why would you close Oak Grove when it is one of the highest performing schools in Dekalb County?	3/8/2026 12:43 PM
493	If there has to be a grade band. In my opinion, this is the more sensible option PK-3 / 4-5 / 6-8 / 9-12	3/8/2026 12:37 PM
494	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 12:36 PM
495	I advocate keeping traditional age bands. My concern with the grade bands is that you are gathering students from a wide area. This will likely include some students from an area where parents have high involvement and some students from an area where parents have low involvement. This will dilute overall efforts and might drive the high involvement parents to charter and private schools. Furthermore, when you gather people from a wide area, it will be harder for parents to volunteer and attend functions due to distance. You will have less parent involvement.	3/8/2026 12:34 PM

496	Keep the younger kids away from the older kids as long as possible.	3/8/2026 12:30 PM
497	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 12:29 PM
498	Not a good idea. Mixing different age groups and learning developments can be chaotic. Especially for children who are gifted but not in gifted classes.	3/8/2026 12:29 PM
499	I recommend keeping Oak Grove Elementary at PreK-5.	3/8/2026 12:24 PM
500	I understand the general drive to have bigger schools to drive economies of scale but believe that smaller, community based schools are more effective. Having had a child go through each Henderson Middle and Chamblee Middle, I noticed a big difference in the ability of the staff to oversee operations at Chamblee, which was much smaller at the time. It's a big bold initiative and think such a major shift should be done in one cluster first to see if it works to improve student outcomes rather than rolled out district-wide all at once	3/8/2026 12:24 PM
501	Grade Bans to me are not needed	3/8/2026 12:16 PM
502	Evansdale Elementary	3/8/2026 12:13 PM
503	I would like to see Pk-8 at Austin.	3/8/2026 12:05 PM
504	I think the Lakeside cluster should be PK-K, 1-6, 7-8, 9-12. Henderson Middle is underutilized due to parents sending their children to Globe and private school and will be more so if Pleasantdale leaves the cluster. Henderson Middle should be used for the Dekalb 7-12 high achiever magnet school. Use Henderson Mill as a PK-K, the remaining schools for 1-6, and remodel the former Globe/Heritage site for the junior high, 7-8. It has great proximity to Lakeside and can make use of its fields.	3/8/2026 12:00 PM
505	The bands should be based on what is best for the kids, ie what is best for peer groups for the kids!	3/8/2026 11:58 AM
506	Oak Grove Elementary School for PK-5	3/8/2026 11:57 AM
507	Developmentally I think that the grade bands need to be reconsidered. As a middle school educator there is a huge shock for elementary school students entering middle school in sixth grade. Additionally, there is a huge maturity growth that occur occurs between seventh and eighth grade. So I would propose a pre-K a three band a 4 to 7 band and an 8 to 12 band. Additionally, I believe that early childhood matters greatly impact the rest of a child's educational career so we need to do whatever is necessary to make sure that we support those primary years from a programming level. We can't afford as a community to ignore those needs due to our financial needs. I believe it will come back to bite us in the long run if that is ignored.	3/8/2026 11:57 AM
508	I am open to some of the scenarios presented, and would prefer this tactic if it can limit school closure and consolidation.	3/8/2026 11:53 AM
509	I prefer the existing grade band split (K-5,6-8, and 9-12), but believe these bands could be changed on a school/cluster basis if that makes the most sense given the physical resources of the cluster.	3/8/2026 11:51 AM
510	Grade bands could make sense in elementary school but not combining middle and high school grades	3/8/2026 11:45 AM
511	I am in favor of a K-3 grade band if it frees up funding to reduce class sizes. It is outrageous and NOT safe that ONE kindergarten teacher can have 26 students. The research is overwhelming that class size has long lasting effects on success and the biggest impacts are in lower elementary grades. Adding a paraprofessional helps but it does not solve the fact that classes are TOO BIG. REDUCE CLASS SIZES!	3/8/2026 11:44 AM
512	I don't love changing the current grade bands unless there is a big financial savings associated with it.	3/8/2026 11:40 AM

513	Evansdale French program is unique to the lakeside cluster so it’s critical that Evansdale stays with Lakeside high school.	3/8/2026 11:37 AM
514	I would prefer to keep the traditional grade bands	3/8/2026 11:35 AM
515	I feel the traditional band is the best.	3/8/2026 11:34 AM
516	Segregation of age groups into bands that support growth emotionally is important, however I am a product of a different band division than my children and would allow that decision to be made by professionals.	3/8/2026 11:31 AM
517	The 6-12 grade band does not seem to be ideal. But pre-k -4, 5-7 and 8-12 may work, with some separation within campuses of older and younger students at the high school level.	3/8/2026 11:30 AM
518	I prefer to keep them as is PK-5, 6-8, 9-12. I think there is value in having multiple grades in a school so younger students can look up to older students and older students can mentor younger students. It allows for some stability and familiarity in our students lives.	3/8/2026 11:30 AM
519	We do not. Red to be mixing such young children with HS, will dilute both experiences	3/8/2026 11:29 AM
520	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove’s enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 11:28 AM
521	Bands with fewer grades will cause longer commutes for parent and children and loss of community. 6-8 is a difficult time already for students and moving them in with high schools can make these years even more challenging.	3/8/2026 11:26 AM
522	As a whole, I oppose the proposed PK-8 grade band configuration within the county. This model is fundamentally incompatible with the developmental needs of elementary-aged children and the specific needs of our community. 1. Developmental Incompatibility: There is a profound gap between the social-emotional needs of a Pre-K student and a 14-year-old in 8th grade. Forcing these distinct age groups into a single campus creates a 'one-size-fits-all' environment that serves neither well. Younger children deserve a space specifically reserved for childhood, free from the social pressures and complex peer dynamics of early adolescence. 2. Inefficiency of the 'Mega-School' PK-8 Model: DCSD data indicates that a PK-8 model requires upwards of 900 students to be operationally viable. This would create exactly the type of 'mega-school' environment that research shows is detrimental to student achievement and parental engagement. 3. Safety and Logistic Concerns: A PK-8 configuration introduces significant safety risks, particularly regarding busing and shared common spaces. Mixing adolescents with preschoolers in hallways or during transitions is developmentally inappropriate and places an undue burden on staff to manage vastly different behavioral expectations. Different ages have different core needs to be successful. In addition, a staff member should not be teaching or being an administrator to that wide band of age span. Staff operate better under smaller grade parameters. Teachers have their sweet spot for ages, ones that they can teach and focus more attention and energy on that particular grade. Conclusion: I urge the district to maintain a traditional PK-5 elementary model. This allows our schools to remain specialized in early childhood development and ensures our children can remain 'kids' in a safe, age-appropriate setting before transitioning to a dedicated middle school environment."	3/8/2026 11:23 AM
523	Transitions are important for development and preparation for college and adulthood. I’d like my kids to go to separate schools for k-5, 6-8, and high schools.	3/8/2026 11:21 AM
524	I find it interesting that the system is now deciding to go back to grade band scenarios that existed years ago. Perhaps if the system would adopt “if it isn’t broken then don’t fix it”, we might not be where we are now today.	3/8/2026 11:20 AM
525	We have school shootings in high schools across our country, almost daily, and we want to mix middle and high school students without addressing gun laws and violence? Don’t make our families pay with their lives. And differing grade bands across the district restricts mobility for public school students.	3/8/2026 11:20 AM

526	Leave Oak Grove Elementary as is.	3/8/2026 11:18 AM
527	I noticed that no thought was given to a K-7 and 8-12 like it was when I was in school. I feel that worked well and I would be interested to know the pros and cons of that.	3/8/2026 11:16 AM
528	Prek-5	3/8/2026 11:14 AM
529	Traditional PK-5 bands remain appropriate in a high utilization growth corridor.	3/8/2026 11:09 AM
530	Given this school's proximity to Emory University, I think enhancing the facilities to strengthen the Pre-K programs and placing a strategic focus on early childhood education (lower grades)	3/8/2026 11:08 AM
531	N/aa	3/8/2026 11:04 AM
532	The mixture of younger and older children should be rethought due to bullying. The hallway congestion would not be good for our mobile and emotional students.	3/8/2026 10:57 AM
533	The PK-5 elementary structure continues to be developmentally appropriate for younger students. Elementary schools are most effective when they are designed around the academic, social, and emotional needs of younger learners. While I understand the district's need to consider building capacity and resource distribution, maintaining a PK-5 elementary structure paired with a dedicated 6-8 middle school allows schools to focus on age-appropriate supports and programming. Preserving that structure may help ensure that elementary students learn in environments designed specifically for their developmental stage.	3/8/2026 10:55 AM
534	I prefer K-6 7-9 10-12 Having seniors at the same schools with classes lower than sophomores creates more issues.	3/8/2026 10:54 AM
535	All grade levels!	3/8/2026 10:41 AM
536	The current grade bands (PreK-5, 6-8, 9-12) seem a time tested way to keep groups with similar physical and emotional maturities together. Especially in high school, discipline and crowd control can be issues when their mix includes younger less mature kids. PreK-8 or 6-12 would not be choices I would favor, including from personal experience years ago.	3/8/2026 10:39 AM
537	I support the Brookhaven community's strong support of the public school system now and for many, many years to come therefore, I support the following position… keeping our trajectory in the Chamblee MS and HS cluster, and the pathway of closing the Ashford Park Elementary School facility as a neighborhood school, and shifting the Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone to the current John Lewis Elementary facility, and preserve our (current attendance zone) Chamblee Cluster.	3/8/2026 10:35 AM
538	Based on estimated building capacities and current enrollment, Lithonia High School is already operating near 100% capacity with approximately 1,500 students. Redan High School currently serves around 1,000 students with an estimated capacity of about 1,400. If Lithonia students are reassigned to Redan High School, the combined enrollment could approach 2,500 students, which would represent nearly 180% utilization of the building. Such a level of utilization could lead to severe overcrowding, increased class sizes, and strain on facilities. Careful evaluation of building capacity and classroom availability is essential before implementing this plan.	3/8/2026 10:35 AM
539	I think having three grade levels is ideal, elem/middle/high but if having to consolidate doing 6-12 is better than having the kids switching every 2 years.	3/8/2026 10:33 AM
540	In theory and based on studies, I understand the benefit. However, this could present logistical transpiration challenges for all stakeholders.	3/8/2026 10:30 AM
541	I don't understand.	3/8/2026 10:27 AM
542	I think different grade band scenarios are great, but I prefer options where kids change schools fewer times rather than more times. Changing schools and learning entirely new buildings and routines is stressful for kids and takes away time and attention from actual learning.	3/8/2026 10:23 AM
543	I would prefer either keeping the grade bands together or slicing them into smaller groupings.	3/8/2026 10:19 AM
544	No comments on this right now	3/8/2026 10:17 AM
545	The traditional bands and the PreK-3 & 4-5 bands are most appealing to our family and seem most likely to continue the strong community feel and individualized focus we currently experience at Laurel Ridge.	3/8/2026 10:17 AM

546	n/a	3/8/2026 10:13 AM
547	If moving away from traditional grade bands that exist, you should never make them wider. 6-12 together or pk-8 together is preposterous. Research shows 6–12 models expose 11-year-olds to the social pressures of 18-year-olds (substance use, social media, and dating) prematurely. Conversely, in PK–8 schools, rules designed for toddlers often "infantilize" 8th graders, stifling the independence they need before high school. Middle schoolers will become "second-class citizens." Budget and facilities in 6–12 schools typically prioritize high school athletics and AP labs, while PK–8 schools often lack the specialized science and elective spaces found in dedicated 6–8 middle schools. A major concern is physical and power imbalance created by sharing hallways and buses. Research suggests 6th-graders in 6–12 environments report higher anxiety and bullying incidents, while the district's own SAP slides admit that these models "require additional staff certifications" and modifications to ensure safe, age-appropriate. Students who stay in a PK–8 environment for nine years often struggle more significantly with the massive shift to a 9–12 high school because they haven't had the "practice" transition of a standalone middle school, leading to a steeper drop in GPA during freshman year.	3/8/2026 10:12 AM
548	I would prefer smaller schools so children have more individualized attention.	3/8/2026 10:11 AM
549	I see merit to making broader grade bands for a school, such as a K-8 school. If this has been proven to be a successful model for primary education, allowing for greater educational opportunities for those in otherwise transitional grades (5th and 6th), then it needs to applied universally throughout the school district, not just for one specific area. Students in areas in the south should be given the same opportunity to attend these schools as students in the north. It should not be based on which community/city in the district speaks the loudest. To some extent, the Sequoyah HS/MS should be seen as a test run for the 6-12 scenario and I hope it is treated as such. There are opportunities to do something similar with other facilities (such as Vanderlyn, adjacent to DHS, or empty and decrepit real property next the CHS).	3/8/2026 10:07 AM
550	The schools aren't built to hold that many kids under one roof	3/8/2026 10:05 AM
551	High School students need to be separate from other grade levels.	3/8/2026 10:04 AM
552	Banding worked back in the 90's and in smaller schools, but I don't see a scenario in these current times where I would want kinder mixed with 6-8th grade behaviors.	3/8/2026 10:01 AM
553	I do not have enough information about the proposed clusters or grade band scenarios to provide specific feedback. Additional details about how schools would be grouped and what grade bands are being considered would be helpful.	3/8/2026 9:55 AM
554	I have always believed that k-7 for elementary and 8-12 for high school is the optimum configuration. DCDS should have never changed to the 3 tier system.	3/8/2026 9:55 AM
555	I believe the k-5, 6-8, and 9-12 bands are best for all clusters	3/8/2026 9:54 AM
556	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 9:48 AM
557	Traditional grade bands keeps each stage of development a child goes thru in their own group. For so many reasons, 6th graders and seniors should not be in the same school, PERIOD.	3/8/2026 9:43 AM
558	Moving 5th to middle school would be okay or 8th to high school - don't love younger kids being in the same space as much older. Need to consider how this impacts bus routes and families with multiple drop offs.	3/8/2026 9:42 AM
559	It's not the item	3/8/2026 9:41 AM
560	Referring to grades pre-K to 5, are you with the most important time in children's education.	3/8/2026 9:41 AM
561	I dont like the idea of 6 graders with 12th graders. (Between bullying and social media) I feel like it exposes the younger kids to too much adult content.	3/8/2026 9:39 AM

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563	I do not think that Brockett Elementary is large enough to bring in other grades.	3/8/2026 9:34 AM
564	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 9:34 AM
565	Combining six through 12th grade is a really bad idea. Sixth graders have very little to do with high school students.	3/8/2026 9:32 AM
566	Oak Grove could accommodate more PK. We have neighbors who want to attend but don't get in so turn to private and may never return to public.	3/8/2026 8:47 AM
567	I think splitting up elementary school grades is more ideal than having middle schoolers and high schoolers together.	3/8/2026 8:45 AM
568	Unsure	3/8/2026 8:45 AM
569	Combined middle and high school would be more ideal if it was 8 to 12 not 6 to 12. Cluster Dunwoody.	3/8/2026 8:39 AM
570	Keep as is	3/8/2026 8:39 AM
571	For the Tucker cluster specifically I believe Livsey Would be a perfect facility to house pre-k through kindergarten. There is a demand for more pre-k classes in the Tucker cluster and a school in a neighborhood where traffic patterns during drop off and pick up cause a strain a smaller band could help. It also utilizes a facility that is not slated to close for a demand(more pre-k spots) that is in our cluster. This could open up the opportunity for elementary schools to band as 1-6, middle school 7-9 and high school 10-12. Smaller schools should hold smaller grade bands. Sixth grade should be with lower grade levels. 6th graders are very much still young children and are not emotionally, socially, or hormonally ready to be with older adolescents.	3/8/2026 8:37 AM
572	Vanderlyn is a diverse, academically strong, and inclusive community. Preserving stable elementary environments while solving high school challenges aligns with district priorities. I would welcome collaboration between district leaders and both school communities to explore campus-level solutions that address high school capacity while preserving the Vanderlyn community.	3/8/2026 8:30 AM
573	My main concern of rebranding is related to over enrollment and whether the buildings/facilities can handle the extra grades and numbers of classrooms needed. Will having more grades in a school further reduce unstructured play time outside (aka recess), which is already too short? Will the school day be extended?	3/8/2026 8:29 AM
574	One of SAP's guiding principles is to promote equitable education outcomes throughout the district. Yet missing from HPM's scenarios is how their plans will promote equitable education outcomes and access, and HPM leaving open some grade band differences throughout the district is so far away from SAP's guiding principles that honestly it's offensive it's even a suggestion. Grade band decisions should be based ONLY on what is best for educational outcomes. If long-term decisions about grade bands start changing from area to area and start being made in response to which communities yelled the loudest about their schools being closed in 2026, you've drifted unacceptably far away from the point. If there is data to show that K-8 is the best educational scenario (which I would like to see more of and would like to see options for in Area 1), then it should be used throughout the district. But if the data shows that K-5 and 6-8 are best for learning, then that's what the district should implement	3/8/2026 8:28 AM

	everywhere. Educational decisions should be based on what's best for children, period, not based on what will quiet a community. For once in history, DCSD needs to grow a backbone and put education first.	
575	Oak grove to lakeside Henderson is too far. Create neighborhood schools! Brielle, oak grove, ssgsmore-> lakeside for middle and high.	3/8/2026 8:26 AM
576	It's not entirely clear in terms of what has been put forward what exactly you'd like us to react to. I do have serious concerns about 6-12 scenarios. The development of students in those grades is just so vastly different, it seems odd to house them all under one roof. I'm also curious why a PK-6 / 7-8 / 9-12 model was not included in any of the evaluations. Having experienced sixth grade at Kittredge and 7-8 at CMS, keeping sixth grade in elementary and giving students one more year of growth and development in elementary has seemed like a win for our family and students.	3/8/2026 8:25 AM
577	Rethinking grade bands a good idea. Especially at middle school and high school levels	3/8/2026 8:24 AM
578	No commnt	3/8/2026 8:22 AM
579	My concern with the grade bands is that you are gathering students from a wide area. This will likely include some students from an area where parents have high involvement and some students from an area where parents have low involvement. This will dilute overall efforts and might drive the high involvement parents to charter and private schools. Furthermore, when you gather people from a wide area, it will be harder for parents to volunteer and attend functions due to distance. You will have less parent involvement. In my experience, the schools with the most parent involvement have the higher scores on GreatSchools.net. This is at risk with your new plan.	3/8/2026 8:20 AM
580	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/8/2026 8:09 AM
581	Honestly, everyone knows the way the grade bands are now just work. History has proven that. I am referring to the Dunwoody cluster	3/8/2026 8:06 AM
582	I think that having K-8 in one school is a bad idea. The age range is too much. I would not want my PK or K student on the same bus or in the same building as an eighth grader. Although it is not listed, I think 4-8 or a traditional PK-5 and 6-8 best serves the needs and capability of students. The schools in the North are over crowded and will get more so with the listed school closures.	3/8/2026 7:49 AM
583	I'm fine with K-8 or 6-12, either would be better than middle school.	3/8/2026 7:42 AM
584	I would love to see Kittredge 4-8 like Wadsworth. Kittredge was incredible for both of our daughters and Chamblee Middle has been so bad that we are considering private schools. The magnet program works so much better standalone than embedded until high school where the focus is on AP and gifted classes.	3/8/2026 7:33 AM
585	You need to stop trying to reinvent the wheel and keep traditional grade banding.	3/8/2026 6:38 AM
586	With limited knowledge and understanding about how things will go, it is difficult to give true, thoughtful feedback. I do have concern about the grade band scenario with high school being 6-12. Having a 6th grader on the same bus with a 12th grader causes fear and concern.	3/8/2026 5:59 AM
587	I don't see the point of changing the grade bands. That's more buildings to fund, more transitions for the kids, and more hassle for families to get kids to school on time traveling to multiple schools so soon.	3/8/2026 3:25 AM
588	Maintaining strong vertical alignment of curriculum, consistent communication with families, and adequate academic supports will be essential to ensure a smooth transition for students and staff. Across all clusters, it will be important to consider transportation logistics, staffing allocations, and the availability of specialized support services (ESOL, Special Education, interventionists). These factors will play a key role in the success of any grade band restructuring.	3/8/2026 1:18 AM

589	Keep Traditional K-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 in stable clusters on all schools	3/7/2026 11:58 PM
590	Would require more buses and modifications that would be too complicated to change from PK-5.	3/7/2026 11:58 PM
591	We should keep our ELEMENTARY PREK -5 , MIDDLE 6-8 and high schools 9-12. Our children have different milestones and different ways of seeing life.	3/7/2026 11:50 PM
592	I agree with the poll results for Ashford Park and prioritizing the Chamblee cluster.	3/7/2026 11:36 PM
593	6-12 is not acceptable - developmentally that is just too wide of a band for larger population schools	3/7/2026 11:28 PM
594	No strong opinions on grade bands, but I don't think that 6th graders being in the same school as seniors is a recipe for success.	3/7/2026 11:26 PM
595	I was a former student of DCSD and now a parent. I recall when the expansion and development of middle schools. I do not think it would be advantageous to cluster middle school kids with high school kids.	3/7/2026 11:22 PM
596	I'm not understanding the grade band scenarios	3/7/2026 11:18 PM
597	I have concerns about scenarios banding grades 6-12 together. My children attended Kittredge, where 6th graders share a school with 4th and 5th graders, and this model has worked well for my family and others in the program. I think 6th and 7th grade students show a range of development, but most should NOT be grouped with high schoolers. Grouping Pre-K through 3, 4-6, 7-8, and 9-12 would be ideal. This might not be possible given space and bus limitations, but 6th graders and most 7th graders should not be grouped with high schoolers. Pre-K through 3, 4-7, and 8-12 would be a close second choice for me. Clinton, MS, uses small bands with great success, as each school has more geographic and socioeconomic diversity. I know the school system is smaller and not directly comparable, but the principles are important to keep in mind.	3/7/2026 11:13 PM
598	Having 6-12 at the same school is ludicrous.	3/7/2026 11:08 PM
599	I'm concerned with what seems like the district's attempt to "average." Placing good students in worse clusters and/or placing worse-performing students in good clusters. This will negatively impact overall school performance and have negative effects on property value.	3/7/2026 11:02 PM
600	Lakeside, Henderson, Oak Gtove	3/7/2026 10:55 PM
601	I believe the traditional PK-5 / 6-8 /9-12 works well because of the students' age groups. I believe that having too wide a range of grades in school would be too much for the teachers, staff, and students.	3/7/2026 10:55 PM
602	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK-5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/7/2026 10:53 PM
603	It's worth looking into, but I would like to see how it works in other school districts.	3/7/2026 10:32 PM
604	Don't do it	3/7/2026 10:28 PM
605	Great school	3/7/2026 10:26 PM
606	I am satisfied with status quo	3/7/2026 10:22 PM
607	I think grade bands needs to be consistent within clusters. I am generally in favor of K-2, 3-6, 7-9, and 10-12 bands. Lumping middle school aged kids with high school seems to be a mistake (6-12).	3/7/2026 10:21 PM
608	Younger grades, 5th and below should stay in a smaller school scenario.	3/7/2026 10:19 PM
609	Traditional pre-k to 5 bands makes the most sense in a high utilization growth corridor.	3/7/2026 10:12 PM

610	In reviewing the potential grade band scenarios, it is important to carefully consider how changes would affect both students and school communities. For example, moving to a K–2 and 3–5 elementary grade band model within a cluster could allow schools to better specialize in instruction that is developmentally appropriate for younger versus upper elementary students. However, this model may also require students to transition between schools earlier, which could disrupt continuity and relationships with teachers and peers. Similarly, shifting schools in a cluster to a 6–8 middle school grade band may provide students with more targeted academic programs and extracurricular opportunities designed specifically for adolescents. At the same time, districts must consider transportation, building capacity, and the social-emotional impact of additional school transitions. Overall, when evaluating grade band scenarios, districts should prioritize student learning, stability, and community input to ensure the changes truly benefit students within each cluster and school community.	3/7/2026 10:09 PM
611	Not well informed about this issue.	3/7/2026 10:07 PM
612	I think it makes more sense to do prek-8 /9-12 because as a bus driver for dekalb, a lot of parents aren't home to receive the children and it would help if an older sibling was present.	3/7/2026 9:55 PM
613	Make ashford parks zone smaller so the adequate number of kids attend is better than making it prek-2	3/7/2026 9:52 PM
614	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant under-utilization.	3/7/2026 9:50 PM
615	none	3/7/2026 9:37 PM
616	Combining large span of grades in one facility is potentially emotionally and physically dangerous for younger students.	3/7/2026 9:35 PM
617	I do not like the idea of extending grade bands to include 8-12th. I think that there is a vast difference in the maturity levels of 8th graders versus seniors.	3/7/2026 9:30 PM
618	pk-8 with 9-12 for high school is better scenario. Would allow i believe for smaller pk-8 schools rather than the current large middle school format.	3/7/2026 9:23 PM
619	I think the grade bands should be organized according to age appropriate development.I would prefer the 6-8 and 9-12 grade bands, no preference on the PK-5 grades.	3/7/2026 9:20 PM
620	Traditional Pk-5/ 6-8/ 9-12	3/7/2026 9:20 PM
621	Middle schools have failed us. Go back to the original DeKalb model of K- 7 8-12 model particularly in the Lakeside cluster and systemwide. I think it will be better for our students, their families, our teachers and our communities.	3/7/2026 9:13 PM
622	I generally prefer pre-k to 5 in one building then either 6-12 or 6-8 and 9-12 in 2 buildings That's just how I feel after living 51 years of life and raising 3 girls in DeKalb county.	3/7/2026 9:10 PM
623	No evidence or benefit to change the grade bands - better for kids to mix	3/7/2026 9:09 PM
624	Keep the Ashford Park community (Ashford Park/Drew Valley) in the Chamblee Ms/Hs cluster. If you move buildings, fine, but this community should not have the programs of Chamblee taken away - they simply don't exist at Cross Keys. You need to look cluster by cluster at buildings and programs and figure out what makes most sense for each cluster. You could also make upper/lower campuses using Ashford Park and John Lewis if needed and close another school that's failing. Move the magnet out of Chamblee to make space if you have to.	3/7/2026 9:07 PM
625	I oppose any grade band placing 6th graders with 9–12 students. The developmental gap between 11–12 year olds and 17–18 year olds raises safety, behavioral, and supervision concerns, including exposure to older student influences and increased traffic from student drivers.	3/7/2026 9:07 PM
626	Keep Magnet programs in the same cluster	3/7/2026 9:06 PM
627	I'm not sure this would affect these particular school.	3/7/2026 9:03 PM

628	Based on the data, it appears that our Lakeside cluster is performing well. So it would seem to make sense to keep the grade band the same, i.e. pk-5, 6-8, 9-12. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. At the same time, keeping consistent with what we were told in the webinar, different grade bands may work better for other school clusters. But there appears to be no reason to change ours.	3/7/2026 9:01 PM
629	Opposed. This will introduce unnecessary transitional stress for children in key developmental periods.	3/7/2026 8:53 PM
630	I don’t agree with grade banding because student in the higher grades can bully the ones in the lower grades. I think they should stay how they are .	3/7/2026 8:52 PM
631	I can only speak in generics because my son graduated in '14. Regardless of the cluster, the concept used in the example is understandable. Utilizing the space to serve both middle and high school students is an ideal situation. Keeping the HS and MS communities separate is necessary and doable but they too present their own challenges depending on the layout of the building. To answer the next question, how would differing grade bands affect students who move from one school to another? I'm trying to imagine pros and cons but need to hear input from existing parents to understand their concerns.	3/7/2026 8:45 PM
632	Priority should be given to maintaining traditional grade level divisions where possible. Older students with younger students than in current divisions would not be prudent and should be avoided where possible.	3/7/2026 8:40 PM
633	No opinion on this issue.	3/7/2026 8:37 PM
634	We are open to incorporating more grades into Evansdale - we are just adamant that the school remain open. We think it's important for kids to remain together as much as possible - Evansdale kids have gone on to Henderson Middle and Lakeside High School which has enabled them to bond with other kids in nearby neighborhoods. We urge you to maintain this track.	3/7/2026 8:35 PM
635	Oak grove elementary	3/7/2026 8:34 PM
636	If Oak Grovecloses they will be absorbed by Sagamore Hills and Briar lake. They are not able to absorb that number as they are near capacity themselves.	3/7/2026 8:29 PM
637	In my experience as a parent of 4 children, now adults, who grew up in Dekalb County, I see the middle school as the weakest link. I grew up in Chicago with a K-8 model, and th presence of younger children seemed to have a positive effect on the 6-8th grade students. As mentors, leaders, and with the expectation that they had to act older, it seemed to calm the wildness we see in middle schools now. I favor K-8 for these reasons. I believe 9-12 should remain for the purpose of setting college prep/ career prep goals. But I think high schools should be smaller. Let’s use Middle school buildings to cut high school sizes.	3/7/2026 8:26 PM
638	I believe combining more grades to allow for sixth graders to be in a school with twelfth graders again is just overwhelming and makes the learning environment intimidating. Children need to be comfortable in their learning environment and having peers much older especially as teenagers can be uncomfortable. I enjoy the smaller schools with fewer grades.	3/7/2026 8:23 PM
639	Students need to be around multiple age peers.	3/7/2026 8:21 PM
640	Good	3/7/2026 8:20 PM
641	6th graders do not belong with high school kids, it’s making them grow up too fast and putting them in an uncomfortable situation	3/7/2026 8:20 PM
642	Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore is at 91% Briarlake is at 73%. We are very close to numerous hospitals and research expansions. The will be thousands of jobs as these campuses get larger	3/7/2026 8:15 PM
643	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove’s enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in	3/7/2026 8:01 PM

	a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	
644	I would prefer to keep the current grade bands the same.	3/7/2026 8:01 PM
645	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/7/2026 7:57 PM
646	Evansdale should stay as is	3/7/2026 7:56 PM
647	2 grado evansdale elementary	3/7/2026 7:47 PM
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649	I do not agree with a 6th to 12th grade band. Younger students do not need to be mixed with older students.	3/7/2026 7:36 PM
650	Evansdale elementary works best with the traditional PK-5 structure.Elementary students benefit from being in school designated for younger learners an from having stable relationships with teachers and staff The traditional pk-5/6 -8/9-12 model should remain for the Evansdale cluster.	3/7/2026 7:34 PM
651	I believe the traditional grade banding (PK-5/6-8/9-12) is the best among the proposed alternatives. I'd like to know how any new grade banding would be accomplished. Will grade bands in house in the same schools? Or split among buildings?	3/7/2026 7:32 PM
652	I think it makes sense to expand Kittredge to a 4 through 8 school. You can increase the diversity of KMS by going back to door-to-door busing. You could explore raising the class sizes back to 23 students per homeroom to create more access to the program. I think a central location within the school district would make sense for KMS.	3/7/2026 7:23 PM
653	It is difficult to evaluate "grade band" scenarios when none has been proposed for Ashford Park. All we have been told is the school is set for closing.	3/7/2026 7:20 PM
654	Especial mente creo que el cuarto grado de la escuela evansdale elementary es muy buena, ya que mi hija aprende mucho	3/7/2026 7:12 PM
655	I am against any type of non-traditional grade band. 6th graders don't need to be attending school with 12 th graders, it is inappropriate from a development standpoint.	3/7/2026 7:11 PM
656	Do not support the potential grade band scenarios. Almost the entire world are using the current grade band that means the current grade band works and it's working well. Whatever advantages you introducing the potential grand band scenarios are just assumptions, there is no data to support. And as a parent, I don't want my kids to be involved in the uncertainty education life.	3/7/2026 7:10 PM
657	I don't not want over crowded classes.	3/7/2026 7:06 PM
658	Ashford park is a successful school and a key part of chamblee high and middle school it makes sense to leave it in this cluster as you can pretty much walk to Chamblee high from my house. I don't see where these students go. I have heard it mentioned that with the new Dresden elementary the John Lewis students could be moved there for capacity and then Ashford park kids could be moved to the John Lewis building. I don't understand why we just don't keep it as it is. I also don't see where cross keys middle school comes from. Seems like we are forgetting about them too.	3/7/2026 6:58 PM
659	I am opposed to any type of non-traditional band scenario. 12th graders should not be attending the same school with 6th graders. It is not appropriate.	3/7/2026 6:57 PM
660	Oak Grove Elementary has a record in the neighborhood as achieving a high standard of	3/7/2026 6:56 PM

	education it would be a great loss of this highly skilled institution.	
661	As for our family's experience in regards to Oak Grove Elementary; a traditional model K-5 is best suited to nurture the development of younger students. A model that would blend those aforementioned grades with older students (6/8) would not work well. Transportation would also be an issue (budding the littlest children with middle school age kids would not be an ideal environment).	3/7/2026 6:53 PM
662	I am in favor of the traditional bands because teenage students should not be in the same building as 4-year-old children. Unless advanced security measures are in place, there are possibilities of teenaged students interacting with pre-school-age children in nefarious ways.	3/7/2026 6:49 PM
663	We believe that PK-5 should remain in place for Oak Grove ES, 6th-8th grade at Henderson Middle, and 9th-12th at Lakeside HS. It is important for kids to have more opportunities to be in a leadership position at a young age. If you collapse to 2 schools (PK-8, 9-12), then you delete the ability of kids to learn these leadership skills at 5th grade. There is also such a huge mental, physical and social difference between 4 year olds and 13/14-year olds. They should NOT be in the same building as middle schoolers start to become exposed to many bad influences (drugs, alcohol, smoking, sex) that younger children should not be around.	3/7/2026 6:47 PM
664	Grade Bands are not a good idea. 12th graders shouldn't be attending the same school as 6th graders. It is not appropriate from a developmental standpoint.	3/7/2026 6:33 PM
665	I don't see a need to change the current grade bands.	3/7/2026 6:29 PM
666	I prefer the traditional model at Evansdale, K-5 and then feed into 6-8 at Henderson Mill and 9-12 at Lakeside.	3/7/2026 6:27 PM
667	As a pediatrician, I feel that putting 6 to 12 grades together would be a huge difference. A 10 and 11-year-old and six grade is quite different from a 17 to 18-year-old and they're senior year and I don't foresee that benefiting anybody	3/7/2026 6:21 PM
668	McClendon elementary should remain open	3/7/2026 6:19 PM
669	I would like for Kittredge to remain 4 to 6. Chamblee Middle as 6 to 8 with the magnet program and Chamblee high as 9 to 12. I think all students in the Chamblee High magnet should be able to complete their studies at Chamblee High even if the magnet program is moved. I think Dekalb is trying to move the magnet program just like you moved Kittredge out Chamblee and over to Druid Hills.	3/7/2026 6:13 PM
670	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/7/2026 6:12 PM
671	I have a resident for an extended period and had children in the system when there were no middle schools. There were two bands of 1-7 and 8-12. It did not work. The intimidation and stress for 1st and 2nd graders in the first was unhealthy and was not trauma-informed. It was the same for 7th graders going to school with 11th and 12th graders.	3/7/2026 6:07 PM
672	6 through 12 seems to make sense. It definitely gives the opportunity for students that are advanced in the eighth grade to get enhanced instruction.	3/7/2026 6:00 PM
673	PK-5 grade bands are appropriate.	3/7/2026 5:59 PM
674	See above for Dunwoody schools	3/7/2026 5:50 PM
675	Estoy satisfecho de todo no tengo mas palabras que desir gracias	3/7/2026 5:41 PM
676	Stability in the cluster is important. Changing the bands will not add stability.	3/7/2026 5:40 PM
677	I am a product of DeKalb County elementary 1-7 grade band and 8-12 grade bands, however, and that seemed to be better than the middle school concept.	3/7/2026 5:31 PM
678	No opinion on the grade band	3/7/2026 5:28 PM

679	I'm concerned about the McNair cluster of behavior of the older students. Perhaps the school could be converted to a 6-9th school instead.	3/7/2026 5:22 PM
680	Open to ideas here that better utilize existing facilities rather than tearing them down and building mega elementary schools. When I attended DCSD, we didn't even have middle schools - it was K-7 and 8-12.	3/7/2026 5:19 PM
681	Ashford Park elementary Within the Chamblee cluster- I want them to stay K-5 elementary, 6-8 middle, 9-12 highschool. The age ranges and transitions make sense	3/7/2026 5:14 PM
682	These are also stupid. Elementary, middle, and high is the standard and works well.	3/7/2026 5:06 PM
683	I prefer traditional. I do not feel comfortable with middle and high school students attending the same school unless the building is divided and faculty/staff can distinguish between the two grade bands.	3/7/2026 5:06 PM
684	PK-5 grade bands remain appropriate.	3/7/2026 5:02 PM
685	No comment	3/7/2026 4:56 PM
686	There's good behaviors and I call tell on how staff and teachers work hard.	3/7/2026 4:49 PM
687	I think we should review the grade clusters to what makes the most sense.	3/7/2026 4:47 PM
688	Not sure	3/7/2026 4:46 PM
689	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/7/2026 4:42 PM
690	See above comments - same regarding the grade band restructuring scenarios.	3/7/2026 4:40 PM
691	I believe that the current grade band set up (K-5, 6-8, 9-12) is the best scenario for children due to the amount of transitions and for the families.	3/7/2026 4:39 PM
692	Need academies such as 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grade to ensure students receive the needed supports to be prepared for the next level of academia.	3/7/2026 4:33 PM
693	I'd be in favor of maintaining small neighborhood schools, specifically at the elementary level, by pursuing the primary Pk-3rd/intermediate 4-5 grade band model	3/7/2026 4:33 PM
694	The grade band scenario seems illogical and many have families have children that are not in subsequent grades and would be terribly inconvenient to try and drop them all off…this is further breaks down community bonds as the children may not be attending a school in their neighborhood for multiple years	3/7/2026 4:24 PM
695	Please do not do large grade bands (PK-8 or 6-12). Vaping is already a massive problem, particularly in the Cross Keys cluster where it is proposed. Also there is the very real scenario of predatory behavior, either violence or sexual, that will be directed towards the younger students. Gang recruitment relies on young children for drug running as to evade harsh sentencing. Teen pregnancies are already a problem at Sequoyah and Cross Keys. Please do not exacerbate this problem by putting all of these students under the same roof to save money and time with buses. This is not fair to our students.	3/7/2026 4:22 PM
696	If this makes sense for our community, K - 3rd.	3/7/2026 4:21 PM
697	if it is in the best interest of the kids	3/7/2026 4:21 PM
698	Re: Cedar Grove Elementary, and Cedar Grove High School. This will be great for the students and the community	3/7/2026 4:19 PM
699	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands	3/7/2026 4:17 PM

	of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	
700	I am against these grade band scenarios. I think we should go back to elementary schools going through 7th grade and high school being 8th - 12th grade. It worked great!	3/7/2026 4:16 PM
701	This introduces risks such as violence against younger children, bullying, and being exposed to inappropriate behavior that is not age appropriate.	3/7/2026 4:15 PM
702	K-6	3/7/2026 4:11 PM
703	The traditional bands seem to make the most sense. I would not change them.	3/7/2026 4:02 PM
704	Please continue with traditional grade cluster	3/7/2026 4:02 PM
705	There is nothing wrong with the current, traditional grade cluster.	3/7/2026 4:01 PM
706	Pre-k through 3	3/7/2026 3:56 PM
707	Evsndale Elementary is a stand out in the county. We have plenty of acreage for expansion.	3/7/2026 3:54 PM
708	6th and 7th graders do NOT need to be with 11th and 12th graders. I have taught in high school, and I can tell you this would be problematic. Older students would bully and take advantage of younger students. I saw first hand what happened at a high school where 9th grade females dated 12th grade males. Let’s just say the population increased. Though the outcome may not be the same for younger children as it was for 6-12 grades, PreK-8 is too much difference in maturity. Based on my experience, PreK-8 would put the younger students at risk for bullying and being taken advantage of by older students. To sum up my concern in 6-12 and PreK-8…safety.	3/7/2026 3:53 PM
709	Based on need but it isn’t good for the development of young children to be in schools with students that are too mature.	3/7/2026 3:50 PM
710	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb much of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. The cluster is not experiencing structural decline. In fact, it is located near one of the largest healthcare and research corridors in Georgia, with thousands of jobs being added. And traditional PK-5 grade bands remain appropriate in this high-use, high-growth area.	3/7/2026 3:45 PM
711	Why in the world would you split our kids between the Tucker cluster and the Doraville cluster? Our kids need to stay in Lakeside and dividing them between two clusters will cause a host of issues.	3/7/2026 3:33 PM
712	Bob Mathis educate many exceptional ed students in grades Pre-k -5. Parents specifically move to this area because they know the staff at Bob Mathis truly care about their students. Students in Pre-k - 5 will be affected by this change.	3/7/2026 3:30 PM
713	I'm not sure how changing the grade bands would improve educational goals	3/7/2026 3:20 PM
714	I also like the idea of changing the grade levels to just two. Eliminate middle school?	3/7/2026 3:20 PM
715	Elementary school should be K-5, Middle school should be 6-8, and high school should be 9-12	3/7/2026 3:19 PM
716	Leave Oak Grove & Lakeside alone	3/7/2026 3:11 PM
717	Faster learners do better when grouped with others at their level, but then what do you do when they have already mastered the material in their band? I do not see a sustainable plan.	3/7/2026 3:06 PM
718	Repurposing an elementary school such as Oak Grove to serve younger students (Pre-K–Grade 3) may help keep the school operational, but large student populations remain a concern. Children under age 11 are still developing emotionally, neurologically, and socially. Schools with 900+ students can feel overwhelming and overstimulating, even when limited to younger grades. Large environments make it more difficult for children to receive individualized attention and develop a sense of safety and belonging. Regardless of grade band structure, elementary-age students (Pre-K–Grade 5) should have the opportunity to attend small, community-centered schools with student populations ideally not exceeding 500. Decisions about facilities should prioritize developmental science and the well-being of young learners, not just building capacity.	3/7/2026 3:05 PM

719	I do not agree with a 6th to 12th grade band. Younger students do not need to be mixed with older students.	3/7/2026 2:57 PM
720	Programa de DLI excelente programa con oportunidades para desarrollarse con habilidades bilingües	3/7/2026 2:52 PM
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722	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization	3/7/2026 2:50 PM
723	Keep Oak Grove. Smaller schools provide relationships and connections in education.	3/7/2026 2:48 PM
724	Cedar Grove High School 7-12	3/7/2026 2:43 PM
725	The traditional pre-k to 5th/6-8/9-12 works well but I so think that is what should stay.	3/7/2026 2:40 PM
726	The potential grade bands of k-3 and 4-5 would be difficult for large families.	3/7/2026 2:32 PM
727	I do not care for Pk-3-8 being in one building.	3/7/2026 2:31 PM
728	Our children need to stay in their neighborhood communities with peers close in age.	3/7/2026 2:23 PM
729	The grade band scenarios presented appear to meet the needs of our boys and girls.	3/7/2026 2:22 PM
730	We are not in favor of grade bands	3/7/2026 2:18 PM
731	None	3/7/2026 2:05 PM
732	See above for Henderson mill elem and Henderson middle.	3/7/2026 2:00 PM
733	No strong opinions	3/7/2026 1:57 PM
734	I would welcome collaboration between district leaders and both school communities to explore campus-level solutions that address high school capacity while preserving the Vanderlyn community. My daughter has been at Vanderlyn and my son will be starting there in two years. We've had an amazing experience, and would love to stay there and eventually have the at Dunwoody High School and work together with our dunwoody school community. For elementary school, with my daughter's need on her IEP, a Vanderlyn School closure would mean we would transfer her (and then her brother) to private school. The schools as large as what is being proposed is not going to work for our family at the young ages of elementary years. I believe this is the reason many people look to the Vanderlyn districted homes. This long term would also drive people out of not just the Dekalb school system, but the town of dunwoody as well.	3/7/2026 1:52 PM
735	I believe that the grade bands should remain as is.	3/7/2026 1:50 PM
736	Keep as is.	3/7/2026 1:49 PM
737	The current grade bands for the Lakeside cluster (PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12) are the best for developmental and academic reasons, along with the distance from school for tiered-transportation and keeping siblings together to have higher family engagement opportunities.	3/7/2026 1:47 PM
738	If this is the idea of combining grades based on classroom numbers. I do not agree with this. As well as do not agree with joining full elementary schools with high schools … that is too many age brackets within one schools. Kids should stay kids as long as they can and high schoolers are just beginning to understand adulthood therefore … high school should be its own building and school always!	3/7/2026 1:43 PM
739	None	3/7/2026 1:31 PM
740	Mis Sobrinos van a esa escuela	3/7/2026 1:28 PM
741	The Magnet program should stay at Chamblee. The scores are improving and the progress	3/7/2026 1:18 PM

	should continue.	
742	Oak Grove Elementary Traditional PK-5/6-8/9-12	3/7/2026 1:17 PM
743	Elementary, middle, high	3/7/2026 1:15 PM
744	Evansdale elementary is an integral part of our community and it cannot be closed.	3/7/2026 1:14 PM
745	The grade bands need to remain as is. Pre-K - 5th, Middle School 6-8 and High School 9-12. Absolutely don't need middle schoolers with high schoolers.	3/7/2026 1:14 PM
746	Yo soy de la comunidad por que los nietos míos pertenecen a la brochett	3/7/2026 1:02 PM
747	Oak Grove, Sagamore, and Briarlake should remain Pre-K through 5. Grade bands should reflect local enrollment trends and utilization levels rather than a uniform district-wide model. I am a former DeKalb County teacher (17 years) and have seen firsthand the advantages of the PK-5 band.	3/7/2026 1:01 PM
748	Tucker high helps alot as well as the middle and elementary	3/7/2026 12:55 PM
749	N/A	3/7/2026 12:42 PM
750	McNair DLA	3/7/2026 12:40 PM
751	Keep traditional grade bands	3/7/2026 12:36 PM
752	I have was passionate thoughts about this topic so haven’t thought about it as much.	3/7/2026 12:36 PM
753	Traditional PK-5 /6-8 / 9-12	3/7/2026 12:15 PM
754	I don’t see the point or how it addresses overcrowding.	3/7/2026 11:59 AM
755	As a parent whose child attends Oak Grove Elementary School through the lottery program, I hope the district maintains Oak Grove as a K–5 elementary school in the Oak Grove cluster. Families seek out Oak Grove because of its strong academic standing and supportive school community, and programs like the lottery allow students from other zones to access that opportunity within DeKalb County School District. Changing the grade band or restructuring successful schools like Oak Grove could reduce those opportunities and push families to look outside the district. Grade band changes would be better used to help utilize under-enrolled facilities elsewhere while keeping high-performing elementary schools stable.	3/7/2026 11:58 AM
756	Oak grove is very important to our community. Lakeside is over crowded.	3/7/2026 11:56 AM
757	In the Oak Grove Elementary School cluster, Oak Grove should remain a K–5 neighborhood elementary school. Maintaining stable elementary schools supports community engagement and helps retain families in the public school system. Grade band changes should instead be used to better utilize under-enrolled facilities elsewhere in DeKalb County School District while protecting strong neighborhood schools.	3/7/2026 11:54 AM
758	Concerned re developmental differences between 6th and 12 graders causing younger students to grow up too soon and be exposed to developmentally inappropriate stimuli.	3/7/2026 11:53 AM
759	Maintaining neighborhood elementary schools should remain a priority when considering grade band changes. In the Oak Grove Elementary School cluster, keeping Oak Grove as a K–5 elementary school is important for both community stability and enrollment retention. Oak Grove is a well-established neighborhood school with strong family engagement and consistent demand from local families. Rather than altering grade bands at successful elementary schools, DCSD should prioritize using grade band changes to better utilize under-enrolled facilities elsewhere in the district. For example, converting larger underutilized campuses into specialized programs, magnet schools, or alternative grade configurations (such as K–2 / 3–5 or 6–12 models) could increase enrollment and program opportunities without disrupting thriving neighborhood schools. Maintaining traditional K–5 neighborhood elementary schools like Oak Grove Elementary School supports families, reduces transportation burdens, and preserves the community anchors that attract families to the district. Grade band restructuring should focus on maximizing unused capacity while protecting schools that are stable, high-performing, and central to their communities.	3/7/2026 11:47 AM
760	Doesn't affect me as all my kids will be in high school or out of high school by the time this happens. I don't like the band model that Decatur City Schools has. It would have been a nightmare when my kids were younger at multiple schools	3/7/2026 11:45 AM

761	I think changing grade bands would negatively effect the environment of the school. Changing schools to be grades 6-12 would mean the school would be catering to ages 11-ish to 18. This is a very large age range, and the resources that a 12 year old needs is different from the resources a 18 year old needs. In particular, high school students talking in the hall will likely expose middle schoolers to ideas/conversations that they wouldn't have had in their own middle school. If grades were to be combined, doing K - 8 would probably be better than combining 6-12. High schoolers have different worries and conversations and activities that middle schoolers don't have. High schoolers need resources to deal with some real-world challenges and figure out what they want to do for the rest of their lives. The age groups are at very different stages in their lives.	3/7/2026 11:37 AM
762	The traditional is best if at all possible.	3/7/2026 11:36 AM
763	I am against mixing elementary, middle, and high school aged students. Please keep traditional grade band scenarios (PK-5, 6-8, 9-12) Kids need to be around kids their own ages. There are too many risks of older students taking advantage of younger students when mixed in buses and in buildings.	3/7/2026 11:34 AM
764	Schools were successful when they went from Elementary (K-7th) and then went directly to high school (8th-12th). This way the educators from the middle school can be better utilized and create better transition to high school.	3/7/2026 11:34 AM
765	When considering grade band changes, the district should prioritize developmental appropriateness and student support. Elementary students benefit from environments designed specifically for younger learners, including smaller settings and age-appropriate facilities. If grade bands change within clusters, schools should ensure that students still have access to strong academic programs, extracurricular activities, and specialized services. In clusters where facilities are being repurposed, careful planning will be needed to ensure smooth transitions for students, staff, and families.	3/7/2026 11:31 AM
766	PK - 8 and 9 - 12 would be better than PK - 5 and 6 - 12.	3/7/2026 11:31 AM
767	The division of elementary, middle and high schools makes sense. The younger children should not be exposed to all aspects of the older children.	3/7/2026 11:29 AM
768	See item 8 below	3/7/2026 11:29 AM
769	The current grade bands are good. In smaller clusters, I could see maybe k-8 in a single school, but keeping 9-12 separate is critical as those kids are emotionally and socially at a very different level than younger kids and have very different needs.	3/7/2026 11:24 AM
770	Keep Oak Grove, Sagamore, Lakeside, and Henderson.	3/7/2026 11:22 AM
771	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/7/2026 11:16 AM
772	I selected this neighborhood because of the cluster. I would be very disappointed of the cluster changed.	3/7/2026 11:12 AM
773	Oak Grove should not close or consolidate	3/7/2026 11:09 AM
774	I support the Traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 grade bands	3/7/2026 11:08 AM
775	I support the Traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 grade bands	3/7/2026 11:06 AM
776	Grade band changes should support clear feeder patterns and balanced enrollment. Models such as K–5, 6–8, and 9–12 can strengthen middle school programming, but the district should also consider what already works well in certain clusters before making changes.	3/7/2026 11:05 AM
777	This will crush elementary schools in dekalb. People will leave and they will lose a lot of what makes them great—small meaningful schools.	3/7/2026 11:04 AM
778	I feel the traditional grade band works my school cluster (Lakeside). Keeping this grade bad is important because it keeps the children's developmental stages aligned.	3/7/2026 11:00 AM

779	I would like to understand the impact if any of different grade band scenarios on students learning outcomes before offering any specific feedback.	3/7/2026 10:55 AM
780	McNair Middle is designed for 6-8. It is a beautiful building that serves its population well. McNair HS was one of the first renovations in the county thanks to Sarah Copelin-Wood and Deirdre P. Pierce. It houses 3 stand alone buildings which is compatible with several scenarios.	3/7/2026 10:51 AM
781	Evansdale elementary is uniquely positioned for expansion. It should be renovated and expanded to absorb other nearby schools under consideration for closure.	3/7/2026 10:47 AM
782	I do not favor a 6-12 grade band scenario as the difference in maturity between middle and high schoolers is too great. I do not favor smaller bands for elementary school as this means children would have to change schools more frequently while they are still very young and I believe the consistency and support of a traditional elementary school is important for them.	3/7/2026 10:47 AM
783	Grouping k-5 in elementary and 6-8 in middle school works well because most students in these groups are all around the same age depending on their grade.	3/7/2026 10:47 AM
784	Do not close Evansdale.	3/7/2026 10:46 AM
785	I have no real opinion on the grade bands	3/7/2026 10:45 AM
786	Many schools across the country have moved to a PK-4, 5-8, 9-12 model. I think it would make sense to examine this option for some clusters.	3/7/2026 10:43 AM
787	Tucker middle school band is very good	3/7/2026 10:42 AM
788	I believe grade band decisions should be flexible and reflect the specific needs of each school and its surrounding community rather than applying a one-size-fits-all approach across the district. Different schools and clusters have different enrollment levels, facilities, and community dynamics, so the grade configuration should make sense for that particular environment. When evaluating grade band scenarios, it will be important to consider factors such as building capacity, transportation impacts, and how transitions between schools affect students and families. Stability for students and manageable transitions between grade levels should be a priority. I would encourage the district to work closely with each school community when determining grade bands to ensure the structure supports both the students and the educators in that cluster. The goal should be to create configurations that best serve the academic, social, and logistical needs of each individual school community.	3/7/2026 10:42 AM
789	I believe there is tremendous benefit of keeping the traditional grade bands. There are significant developmental differences and needs. Smaller schools with developmentally similar students allows for a better learning environment, and allows students the space to focus on their developmental needs/ goals without extra pressure from older students. I know there are important financial decisions to be made, but I believe the school environment and student needs should be our absolute number one priority.	3/7/2026 10:41 AM
790	It would be devastating to our Evansdale neighborhood to lose the school and have our students redirected to Pleasantdale and Sequoyah, when Henderson Middle is so close. I like the idea of K-7 or 8, then 8-12 for high school. That’s the way it was when I went through DeKalb County Schools in the 70’s and it was no problem. I think it’s more important to keep communities together, rather than have larger populations by grade.	3/7/2026 10:40 AM
791	I think grade band would be better for kids. As long as it truly creates better education experience.	3/7/2026 10:38 AM
792	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove’s enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/7/2026 10:31 AM
793	Champion Middle, where would the new location be and would they continue as a theme school?	3/7/2026 10:25 AM

794	I think middle school is good, giving kids time to mature before they start school with 17 & 18 y/o. BUT it isn't imperative.	3/7/2026 10:21 AM
795	Taught in school with k-7. Not a good fit, especially these days and times	3/7/2026 10:20 AM
796	No comment	3/7/2026 10:13 AM
797	I'm still unclear how the grade band clusters will work.	3/7/2026 10:07 AM
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800	I need more information to understand the implications. For example, what would attendance boundaries be?	3/7/2026 9:56 AM
801	Whatever this is, don't close Oak Grove Elementary School. Again, it would be short-sighted.	3/7/2026 9:52 AM
802	I think changing the grade bands is bad for students social development and bad for the district fiscally by needing more buses and buildings.	3/7/2026 9:46 AM
803	Moving schools every two to three years does not allow the school team to get to know the kids long term or create a sense of community. K-8 and 9-12 would be my preference.	3/7/2026 9:44 AM
804	Dunwoody cluster: could the district go to a junior high school concept ?	3/7/2026 9:42 AM
805	This needs to be county-wide. Part of the issues are related to differences between clusters and programs. Eliminating a third transition would be helpful. 3 years at the middle school level just doesn't work. Get rid of it and do a variation of k-6 or 8 and 7 or 9-12. Cluster the grades within the school to keep kids close to age levels together.	3/7/2026 9:42 AM
806	I am referencing to the area 3 cluster. I love the school that I am teaching at but I want our students to have the same opportunities that the schools on the north side of Dekalb County Schools receive.	3/7/2026 9:37 AM
807	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in this high-utilization cluster. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/7/2026 9:34 AM
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809	I believe that students of Midvale elementary would go to Livsey. Lively is already at capacity and trailers are already being used. This would not serve the needs of the community.	3/7/2026 9:30 AM

810	I think it’s ok to split up some of the elementary grades in order to keep communities together and within the same high school cluster to alleviate overcrowding (Ashford Park)	3/7/2026 9:25 AM
811	I’m concerned what grade bands would do to Montessori! If you are going to change the grade bands, how are you going to keep Montessori for pre-k to 5th?! Also we have three children and this seems like a lot of drop off and pick up for our family. Three different schools is a lot when they aren’t staying at the same school as long as planned.	3/7/2026 9:23 AM
812	Too many grade bands prevent students from forming sttong relationships with other students and trachers when theyre constantly transitioning.	3/7/2026 9:12 AM
813	I’m not really sure on this topic	3/7/2026 9:06 AM
814	Grade band changes should prioritize stability for students and communities. In the Chamblee cluster, maintaining the traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 structure best preserves neighborhood schools and existing feeder patterns. Any changes should be based on local enrollment patterns and facility capacity rather than applying the same model across all clusters.	3/7/2026 9:04 AM
815	I believe it would work better to consider expanding Oakgrove Elementary so grades 6-8 can remain at the school and not need to transfer to middle school. Close Henderson Middle School , not Oakgrove Elementary	3/7/2026 9:04 AM
816	Pre-k-8th makes no sense. 4 year olds with 13 year olds? Again-why would one put 6th graders in the same building as 12 graders? If fewer schools to maintain is the goal, why have 4 bands.	3/7/2026 9:03 AM
817	I would need to see data from private schools about these grade bands. I was am 8th grader when high school went 8-12 at lakeside and that was young to be mixed in with am high schoolers. But we survived. Where is 6-12 being done effectively. Is there something else?	3/7/2026 9:02 AM
818	none	3/7/2026 8:59 AM
819	I don't agree with having 6th through 12th-grade students in the same facility during the same hours.	3/7/2026 8:59 AM
820	I favor the traditional model	3/7/2026 8:57 AM
821	I like pre-K-5th, middle school 6-8, and then highschool 9-12	3/7/2026 8:32 AM
822	There aren’t changes to my cluster.	3/7/2026 8:30 AM
823	If nothing can be done then I do think it would be helpful to add middle to the elementary age-PK-8 vs any is the other scenarios. Henderson Middle is a difficult and challenging transition for many and this would assure kids get support needed around the social and emotional issues that happen.	3/7/2026 8:21 AM
824	n/a	3/7/2026 8:20 AM
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826	Children attending Oak Grove Elementary are around other students without there being a huge learning or emotional gap. Lakeside students are dealing with a whole range of different issues and should not be around younger students	3/7/2026 8:05 AM
827	Evansdale elementary is growing and has plenty of land for expansion.	3/7/2026 8:00 AM
828	The grade band scenario of 6-12 is a terrible idea. Developmentally speaking, you cannot put middle school and high school together. Peer pressure, social media pressure, mental health, brain development should be considered!	3/7/2026 7:58 AM
829	If pursuing grade banding, for the Evansdale/Henderson Middle/Lakeside school district, a scenario that should be considered is PK-6 and 7-12. Or PK-8/9-12.	3/7/2026 7:49 AM

830	Prefer traditional	3/7/2026 7:43 AM
831	It’s a different approach. I don’t have much of an opinion on it	3/7/2026 7:30 AM
832	More concerned more about small size, walking-distance to homes & quality of staff than grade bands within schools.	3/7/2026 7:25 AM
833	Keep elementary, middle and high schools separate	3/7/2026 7:04 AM
834	We need to stay with the traditional.	3/7/2026 7:01 AM
835	9-12	3/7/2026 6:57 AM
836	I am not sure how I feel about them right now.	3/7/2026 6:52 AM
837	I would prefer the county to close Henderson Middle School and have Oak Grove Elementary follow the Pk-8/9-12 band.	3/7/2026 3:10 AM
838	My children are 26, 22,22 so I’m not as tune as in years past. But having one pre-k was never enough. How about adding additional pre-k options? Fill seats and help more kids get off to a good start. The idea of Pre-k -3 and so on is interesting. It may create challenges for families with multiple kids. I’m also not sure how this would help fill seats and not have kids going long distances. My kids were in the Evansdale/Henderson/Lakeside cluster and there is a definite benefit to parents to have the younger kids in particular close to home. My current residence is Midvale/ Tucker MS/ Tucker HS and before that I’ve lived in Decatur (not city of) and Doraville. In all cases I’d say we are old fashioned and like the small neighborhood based schools.	3/7/2026 1:47 AM
839	Elementary children should not be in schools with teenagers	3/7/2026 12:53 AM
840	I do not have strong views on the grade band scenarios. My primary concern is preserving Oak Grove Elementary.	3/7/2026 12:12 AM
841	Alternatively, if Towers converted to a 6-12 environment it would allow for students to matriculate in a stable environment that would allow for positive improvements regarding: IEP/RTI protocols, social emotional support, intensive English support, fidelity in reinforcing GaDoe vertical alignment, and athletics/extracurricular involvement. Most importantly, students can evolve in a community that knows them, and graduate with a sense of pride.	3/6/2026 11:47 PM
842	When I went through school in NC, I went through several schools because of the grade bands: PK-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-12. I felt that having them separated in that way helped cater the learning and overall environment / atmosphere to each social level that the grades presented. I even like the idea of PK-3 (from the options presented) because younger kids are around younger kids. What I’ve experienced with my son starting school AND going to volunteer at his school is that the older kids can be mean or bad influences to the younger kids. This separation could be very beneficial!	3/6/2026 11:34 PM
843	I think the 6-12 scenarios do not support students with their development.There is too much of a development gap between a 6th grader and a 12th grader and it will hurt the students.	3/6/2026 11:27 PM
844	Robert Shaw elementary	3/6/2026 11:26 PM
845	I support maintaining the traditional grade band model of PK–5 for elementary, 6–8 for middle school, and 9–12 for high school. This structure is familiar for families and aligns with students’ developmental stages. Consolidating some elementary schools should address concerns about under-enrollment and prevent resources from being spread too thin. Keeping younger and older students in separate school environments can also help reduce potential bullying concerns that may arise in broader PK–8 or 6–12 configurations.	3/6/2026 11:04 PM
846	The current age banding of k-5, 6-8, and 9-12 is appropriate.	3/6/2026 11:02 PM
847	I do not support altering existing grade bands. Elementary schools should be grades PK through sixth grade, middle schools seventh and eighth grade. High schools ninth through 12th grade. If grades do need to shift in order to accommodate students at existing neighborhood schools, please consider PK – second grade, third through fifth grade, sixth through eighth grade, and ninth through 12th.	3/6/2026 10:52 PM
848	We have a child that is in middle school who rides the bus with high schoolers. The wide bands do not seem ideal. Keeping 6th grade with elementary and 8th maybe a more workable solution.	3/6/2026 10:51 PM

849	I don't feel like stakeholders have been provided enough information regarding this to provide meaningful feedback.	3/6/2026 10:48 PM
850	The current grade band at Oak Grove and Lakeside Highschool is appropriate. I can’t imagine combining as low as 12 year olds with high school students. They are not experiencing the same things as children and young adults. High School should remain 9th-12th. I do not want my 12 year old to be exposed to student dating which commonly happens in high school.	3/6/2026 10:48 PM
851	See consolidated feedback above.	3/6/2026 10:48 PM
852	Evansdale elementary should stay in Henderson middle school and lakeside high school. The french immersion program begins in elementary and is unique and lakeside students tutor the elementary kids. This is an important part of our community.	3/6/2026 10:46 PM
853	im all for it	3/6/2026 10:43 PM
854	I have no comment	3/6/2026 10:38 PM
855	I do not feel that I have enough information to provide a educated opinion on grade bands; however, based on my professional experience, K-8 schools can be problematic.	3/6/2026 10:38 PM
856	I think that Kindergarten through Second Grade should be in schools by themselves. Third through Fifth should be in their own schools.	3/6/2026 9:57 PM
857	I personally like that schools are PreK-5th. I think this helps with local traffic patterns tremendously. If families have students spread out between many schools this lends to a lot of driving at drop off and pickup. I understand that the bus is a great options, but this does not work for many families due to work schedules.	3/6/2026 9:56 PM
858	The band scenarios will have a large impact on children's development and well-being, particularly if poorly implemented. It is not clear what the existing educational research shows of such changes such as combining 6-12 on student safety and performance. DeKalb County may take upon itself unwanted liability if selected practices are not supported by evidence and best practice and adverse outcomes result.	3/6/2026 9:17 PM
859	Grade bands can be adjusted based on demographics to maintain schools.	3/6/2026 9:12 PM
860	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove’s enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/6/2026 9:10 PM
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862	I don't think the grade bands are correct. Do an 8th grade academy or a 6th grade academy. Henderson needs some wiggle room. It's got a terrible reputation, at least partially from procedures that have to be in place to control and contain such a large student body.	3/6/2026 9:02 PM
863	We’re in Evansdale/HendersonMiddle/Lakeside cluster. I’m in favor of the 2-band scenarios due to only one transition & fact that students get to spend more years together. At same time, it could be challenging to have the wide maturity/developmental differences between the oldest & youngest in 2-band scenarios.	3/6/2026 9:01 PM
864	Due to hormones and development, I do not wish to have middle schoolers (6-8) in the same building as elementary school students. I am not in favor of K-8 schools.	3/6/2026 9:00 PM
865	From my understanding, McNair high and Cedar Grove is on the chopping block. What about the kids that live in those areas in all the homes that are being built? Where are they going?	3/6/2026 8:56 PM

866	I believe that k-8 in one school should not move forward.	3/6/2026 8:51 PM
867	First of all, I don't think that we have been provided with enough information on grade band scenarios to make recommendations. It is clear the benefits/drawbacks that these scenarios may provide in terms of child development and family logistics. But, it is not clear enough how these grade band scenarios will affect building utilization and operating costs. I would like more information in that respect before making recommendations. That being said, from a purely developmental standpoint, I would be in favor of the PK-3/4-5 scenario. Particularly if this would allow more people to access their local/walk-able elementary schools, albeit for a shorter period of time. I think it would allow a greater focus on literacy. I also think that this model would potentially allow more access to preK and improve access to early childhood education. Universal access to free preK and early childhood literacy would be a wonderful gain for DeKalb. It also would likely increase enrollment in public schools overall bc if a kid is enrolled in a preK program and has a good experience, parents may stay in the system (vs. leaving for private/charter options). The grade level bands that put 6-12 graders together is very concerning. Putting 6th and 7th graders with high school kids will allow a mixing of kids of different developmental ages that may cause some trouble...increased exposure to drugs, vaping, alcohol, sex, etc. In no way do I want my 11-13 year old daughter in school with 16-18 year old boys. Sorry, nope.	3/6/2026 8:49 PM
868	Keep elementary, middle and high school students separate.	3/6/2026 8:43 PM
869	I strongly dislike the idea of grade banding elementary schools to pk-8th or doing a 6-12 grade band. I think that is much too big of an age span and will put the youngest children at a higher safety risk. It will also withdraw from the personal feeling of a school by creating a much larger student population. If the grade banding happens, I will like try to move or try to put my kids in private school. I do not think grade banding will be beneficial for property values.	3/6/2026 8:42 PM
870	Keep Oak Grove open	3/6/2026 8:40 PM
871	I am not comfortable with having 6-12 graders in the same educational setting, but I am willing to gather a better understanding of the situation as it relates to the need.	3/6/2026 8:35 PM
872	Generally I don't like the idea of really little kids mixing with middle and high or high and middle mixing.	3/6/2026 8:27 PM
873	Current grade school is good. I would not want to be with the high school age kids . I would not want to change school every couple years	3/6/2026 8:23 PM
874	Que la escuelas sean de 5/8 grados	3/6/2026 8:21 PM
875	I believe every effort should be made to keep as many schools as possible open. Schools serve as "capable guardians" with staff and police increasing safety in the community.	3/6/2026 8:20 PM
876	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/6/2026 8:17 PM
877	I care about how grade bands support the students. I worry about kids moving every few years, or giant gaps in kids ages in th same school. I understand the need to maximize the facilities, but not if it isn't positive for the students.	3/6/2026 8:17 PM
878	I would welcome different grade bands in the Dunwoody cluster. I'd love to see our elementary schools go to 6th grade, have middle school be 7th-9th grades and high school 10-12th grades. This would help with the overcrowding in the high school especially.	3/6/2026 8:15 PM
879	Closing Oak Grove elementary Will affect the broader school district. People move into this area for this particular school. People will move out which will and turn housing prices to drop. The entire county relies on the property taxes from this area.	3/6/2026 8:08 PM
880	Middle school is hard enough. Why add in little kids or older teenagers.	3/6/2026 8:05 PM
881	grade distribution should stay as it is, K-5, 6-8 and 9-12	3/6/2026 8:02 PM

882	I prefer the traditional option. I do not like the idea of middle school kids being with high school kids. It does not feel safe for the younger ones.	3/6/2026 7:54 PM
883	I'm not opposed to it. I was a part of Dekalb's final cohort that attended elementary school thru 7th grade and started high school in the 8th grade (Clarkston HS class of 2005). All of the benefits outlined in the proposal makes sense.	3/6/2026 7:50 PM
884	It’s not clear at all where Brockett Elementary school students will go.	3/6/2026 7:49 PM
885	Looking at elementary school plus school quality	3/6/2026 7:40 PM
886	Would like to maximize student numbers in order to offer more courses, enrichments, and sports and clubs.	3/6/2026 7:37 PM
887	I recommend no more than 3 grade bands as larger schools become too challenging and it is harder for younger students to co-exist with Srs in high school.	3/6/2026 7:29 PM
888	Oak Grove Elementary school is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove’s enrollment if consolidation proceeds.	3/6/2026 7:29 PM
889	Evansdale should stay with lakeside cluster .	3/6/2026 7:29 PM
890	1. [School/Cluster Name – e.g., Lincoln Elementary Cluster] – If grades K–2 were consolidated at Lincoln Elementary and grades 3–5 at Roosevelt Elementary, it could allow for more focused resources and specialized instruction at each site. However, careful attention should be given to transportation logistics and maintaining a consistent school culture across campuses. 2. [School/Cluster Name – e.g., Jefferson Middle/High Cluster] – Grouping grades 6–8 at Jefferson Middle and 9–12 at Jefferson High could streamline curriculum alignment and staffing. It may also allow middle school students access to more age-appropriate facilities. Consideration should be given to class size balance and extracurricular opportunities. 3. [Cluster-wide considerations] – Across all clusters, ensuring transitions between grade bands are clearly communicated to families and supported with academic and social guidance will be essential. Additionally, review of enrollment projections, building capacity, and potential impacts on teacher assignments will help identify the most effective configurations.	3/6/2026 7:21 PM
891	DCSD has already had k-6 and 7-12. It did not work. A sixth grader or even 7,8 need not be in school with 10-12 graders.	3/6/2026 7:14 PM
892	Don't like the grade bands scenarios. Keep same structures.	3/6/2026 7:10 PM
893	Being in the City of Tucker, I take pride in our community, our expansion, and our growth through our city council and community service initiatives by many churches and organizations. Tucker as well as other clusters should be examined separately, what are the needs of Tucker and the families here in the Tucker cluster?	3/6/2026 7:09 PM
894	Oak Grove ES is such a special place and a cornerstone of the community. I taught there for 9 years and cannot imagine the impact closing the school would have on the Lakeside cluster.	3/6/2026 7:08 PM
895	Children in Middle school are developmentally different than high schoolers. They need their own schools. People buy their homes to belong to neighborhood schools for many reasons.	3/6/2026 7:04 PM
896	How will this affect the communities at large etc. taxing; home owners insurance. Taking away certain schools...how will that impact property value? Why are more schools on the south side closing than those in the North?	3/6/2026 6:59 PM
897	Oak Grove Elementary	3/6/2026 6:58 PM
898	Agan, I disagree with the entire concept. There are other issues more pressing for DKSchools to address.	3/6/2026 6:57 PM
899	My son is in kindergarten. But if grade band scenarios around us are changed, and he has to attend school with middle-school aged children or older, I would most likely pull him out of public school. I believe it puts the younger students in danger to send them to the same school as much older students.	3/6/2026 6:52 PM
900	Evansdale Elementary School. There are already 28+ kids in Co taught classroo on 4th grade. It’s already crowded, especially for kids who have disabilities. They don’t receive the specialized teaching and small groups they deserve and needed so much for them to learn and grow. I believe consolidating this school will impact not only kids who have disabilities but also	3/6/2026 6:52 PM

	will impact black and brown communities. Parents who are privileged are able to pull their kids and put them in private school using voucher.	
901	The potential grade band - 6 grade through 12 grade is misalignment based on social skills, development, safety, and maturity/behavior. This grade band is a set up for devastation.	3/6/2026 6:50 PM
902	While I am okay with the k-8 band, I think the 6-12 band could be very problematic. I do not believe it is wise or health for 17-18 year olds to be in the same building as 11-12 year olds. Do these younger kids need to be afraid to go to the restroom due to drugs and other activity that occur on a regular basis in dekalb county highschools.	3/6/2026 6:45 PM
903	Don't like the option of PK-3/4-5 configuration. The best scenario would be the tranditional-what we have in place now or PK-8 schools if it needs to change. We do not need 6th graders in the same building as 12th graders. So that scenario is terrible.	3/6/2026 6:45 PM
904	I think we are closing too many elementary schools especially in North Dekalb County	3/6/2026 6:38 PM
905	I definitely think you all should not do a 6-12 grade band, because I do not you should allow the younger children be in the same school as the older children. I think a PK-1, 2-8, and 9-12 will be great grade bands. That allow the younger children to still get recess and burn off some that energy they have run off each day. Students will learn better.	3/6/2026 6:37 PM
906	N/A	3/6/2026 6:34 PM
907	I like the ideas of different grade band scenarios but not sure creating a another band which creates more "changes of school" is financially beneficial. Would be good that longer times of after school care be offer for lower grades PK-1	3/6/2026 6:22 PM
908	Closing or merging it with another school could create problems like overcrowding, transportation issues, and disruption to students’ routines.	3/6/2026 6:05 PM
909	n/a	3/6/2026 6:03 PM
910	The information given on grade bands is unclear. I can not make a determination with the given resources.	3/6/2026 6:03 PM
911	I understand and support the need to address overcrowding at Dunwoody High School. I recognize that Vanderlyn’s proximity to the high school places our campus within a broader facilities planning conversation. The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closures are made. Vanderlyn is a diverse, academically strong, and inclusive community. Preserving stable elementary environments while solving high school challenges aligns with district priorities. I would welcome collaboration between district leaders and both school communities to explore campus-level solutions that address high school capacity while preserving the Vanderlyn community.	3/6/2026 5:48 PM
912	Feedback on Potential Grade Band Scenarios For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove’s enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/6/2026 5:47 PM
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914	I'm not thrilled with the idea of 6th and 12th graders in the same facility. Too wide an age span.	3/6/2026 5:37 PM
915	How can chestnut be expanded? Is there a physical plan for how this will be done?	3/6/2026 5:31 PM

916	Henderson Mill Middle	3/6/2026 5:26 PM
917	There's no point in this because the board doesn't listen and just spends way too much money on consulting fees. There different plans through the years have never been useful or well thought out.	3/6/2026 5:23 PM
918	I prefer the traditional grand band scenarios (pre-k-5, 6-8, 9-12). I would not want my 6th grader in the same building as a 12th grader! Having an upper elementary school of 4-5 would be okay as well and could help better transition to middle school years.	3/6/2026 5:12 PM
919	I believe that we should keep everything traditional and keep it as it was. This community is a community that does not like change in schools.	3/6/2026 5:11 PM
920	Ashford park should be kept or all moved as one to John Lewis elementary with John Lewis joining the chamblee cluster	3/6/2026 5:10 PM
921	The grade bands in current use work for this population and area. Students demand continuously growing last 5 years post Covid. Low numbers for covid years being used by HPM are very negative affecting the actual truth in an effort to feed the narrative HPM wants which is to close small school and build unwanted mega schools	3/6/2026 5:09 PM
922	See above	3/6/2026 5:06 PM
923	Chamblee needs to be the same grade band.	3/6/2026 4:58 PM
924	I vote to continue the current school	3/6/2026 4:57 PM
925	Continue the present grade band.	3/6/2026 4:56 PM
926	I think it should stay how it is it's a great school	3/6/2026 4:56 PM
927	I agree to banding young students, such as (PK-3-4-5/6-8/9-12) together in a school building due to negative exposure at an early age. We need cohesiveness and structure throughout the county.	3/6/2026 4:55 PM
928	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/6/2026 4:54 PM
929	I think that in the chamblee cluster, specifically Ashford Park, we could handle prek-3 at one location, and 4-5 at another. Ashford Park has been losing a large number of students after 3rd grade for a few reasons. Our school is possibly the largest feeder to the Kittridge Magnet Program. Last year I think we sent 25 students. We also lose a large number of students to private schools for a number of reasons such as - easier to apply at expansion years for certain schools, certain pre-requisite testing not required for grades below 5, religous reasons, mistrust with dekalb county on things like boundary lines and school support. Ashford Park is an example that could/should be studied on why this happens. We have 6-7 classes for K-3, and then it drops down to 3-4 classes for the upper grades because our enrollment drops.	3/6/2026 4:51 PM
930	My preference is traditional but also could see prek-8 and 9-12 as a good solution	3/6/2026 4:48 PM
931	Mr. Leopold mentioned making Cross Keys 6th-12th because it would no longer have a middle school. Having 11-12 year-olds in the same building as 19-21 year-olds is terrifying. Sarita Smith stated that Sequoyah would have a 6th-12th model, but those still have two separate buildings. Having 6th grade in the same building as HS does not seem like a good scenario. Not a fan. I am more apt to accept an 8th-12th grade band, like we used to have, and changing MS to 5th-7th, and ES to PK-4; however, I would like to see that across the board. We tend to have high failure rates among 9th grade. I feel that having 8th grade in HS could reduce those failure rates.	3/6/2026 4:45 PM
932	Grade banding does not sound like a poor decision. However, I think there should be a cut off line. The building or areas of a building need to be separated. For example, Area A is for high school students and Area B is for middle school students. There are three high schools and 6 middle schools. Suggestion: Could not we just move the middle schools to high schools?	3/6/2026 4:41 PM

	Question? Are the 6 middle schools accumulatively larger than 3 high? I like the Grade Band idea if existing employees are transferred to the high or middle schools.	
933	I think the band clusters is a problem waiting to happen. That's a huge gap from 6-12. Why should our students be confined to a new neighborhood and with students who are much older than them. I think that will increase bullying, teen pregnancy and other problems which can lead to students dropout.	3/6/2026 4:40 PM
934	It would be ok to consolidate with bands such as k-2, 3-5, etc as long as they stay within a community and aren't bused everywhere.	3/6/2026 4:38 PM
935	My suggestion is to use map visualization to help analyze school capacity and empty seats. For example, the district could create a map that shows school locations, district boundaries, the number of schools in each area, and how many empty seats each school has. With this kind of visualization, it would be easier to see where schools are clustered and where enrollment is lower. This could help the district identify a central school within a district that could serve more students efficiently if consolidation is necessary. Using data visualization and analysis could help decision-makers plan school capacity more effectively and reduce wasted resources. I am a data visualization analyst. Happy to answer questions related to it. My email is weidan.hwd@gmail.com.	3/6/2026 4:35 PM
936	The traditional grade band has been working well for Oak Grove elementary, Henderson Middle and Lakeside High. These schools are well attended.	3/6/2026 4:32 PM
937	Our school (Tapestry Charter) is not on the list, thank goodness, but we live down the street from Evansdale Elementary and I can tell you that school is the reason we moved to this neighborhood. It is a great school that means a lot to this community and has land around it to make expansion easy. It is NOT a school you should close	3/6/2026 4:11 PM
938	It is important for kids in Ashford park to feed into Chamblee middle and Chamblee high. We purchased our home to be in these school zones	3/6/2026 4:09 PM
939	1	3/6/2026 4:03 PM
940	Not sure the value in changing from today. Do not see the pros.	3/6/2026 4:03 PM
941	Ashford Park Elementary should not be closed and should continue to be part of the Chamblee cluster.	3/6/2026 4:02 PM
942	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/6/2026 3:49 PM
943	I like a traditional high school experience and I have concerns around little kids being around much bigger kids.	3/6/2026 3:47 PM
944	It works as is.	3/6/2026 3:46 PM
945	With 10.1 acres, sports fields and multiple parking lots, allowing additions to the back of the school while maintaining ample play and parking space. Grade band scenarios such as combining an enlarged Evansdale with other elementaries or with Henderson middle would maintain the strong neighborhood connections and the long standing Lakeside school district.	3/6/2026 3:46 PM
946	A four year traditional high school should be maintained as-is. If 6th grade wants to be absorbed into ES then they should be adequately separated from the pre-3s and pre-4s and kindergarten students.	3/6/2026 3:45 PM
947	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized.	3/6/2026 3:44 PM
948	We want to keep our cluster of Ashford Park, Chamblee Middle and Chamblee High school in tact.	3/6/2026 3:44 PM
949	I think the PK-5, 6-8, 9-12 is working for the Montgomery/Chamblee Middle/Chamblee High Cluster.	3/6/2026 3:42 PM

950	I understand that the district is exploring different grade band scenarios as part of the cascading use approach, where elementary schools may merge into former middle school buildings and middle schools may move into former high school facilities. From a districtwide perspective, I can see how this could help the district use buildings more efficiently and strengthen academic programs if schools are more appropriately sized. However, my main concern with changes to grade bands is how they affect students' transitions and stability. Frequent school transitions can be challenging for students socially and academically. If grade band changes are considered in specific clusters, I would encourage the district to prioritize models that reduce the number of transitions students experience while still balancing enrollment across schools. For example, if an elementary cluster were to shift from a traditional PK–5 elementary model to something like PK–2 and 3–5, the district should clearly explain how that would benefit instruction and student development. While there could be advantages to grouping younger students together, it could also create additional transitions for families and may affect relationships students build with teachers and peers. I would also like the district to carefully consider the impact on feeder patterns in each cluster. Families often rely on clear and consistent pathways from elementary to middle to high school. Any changes to grade bands should maintain strong feeder patterns so that students continue progressing through their community schools whenever possible. From a long-term perspective, I support exploring grade band options if they help ensure schools are appropriately sized and able to offer stronger programs and resources for students. My priority is that any changes ultimately improve the educational experience while minimizing disruption for students and families across the district.	3/6/2026 3:39 PM
951	I feel grade band is not conducive some kids learn faster, maturity levels are different, etc. Just no.	3/6/2026 3:36 PM
952	No I do not. It's often better for safety, academic focus, and social development if clusters or "pods" in a school are grouped by similar grade bands rather than mixing very wide ranges like 6–12 in the same cluster.	3/6/2026 3:36 PM
953	I think pre-K through fourth, fifth through eighth, and ninth through 10th	3/6/2026 3:36 PM
954	I'm not sure how this scenario helps the issue with the aging buildings that are currently in need of repair and renovation.	3/6/2026 3:31 PM
955	My main concern is age banding. 6-12 graders in one building or one campus is not appropriate. Younger students are vulnerable and older students would be distracted by immature behavior.	3/6/2026 3:30 PM
956	I love grade bands and clusters in general. I graduated from a school district who had clusters. I understand DCSD is too large for the clusters I am familiar with but smaller elementary schools are better. (K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8, 9, 10-12) Those are the clusters where I am from. I know the sixth and ninth graders back home have truly benefited being in their own school for various reasons, but again, I know these scenarios will not work for a district as large as this one.	3/6/2026 3:27 PM
957	Need to be the same	3/6/2026 3:23 PM
958	The traditional model seems to work best.	3/6/2026 3:20 PM
959	no comments at this time	3/6/2026 3:18 PM
960	Grades are great. Traditional and fit for our area. Class size is perfect as is number of students. Big, but not overwhelming	3/6/2026 3:17 PM
961	Don't feel strongly about grade band scenarios. Primary concern is keeping the Ashford Park Elementary community together.	3/6/2026 3:16 PM
962	Think pros and cons should be weighted for scenarios. 6-12 scenarios seem like it would present challenges for younger kids in that program. Seems like it should be weighted more heavily.	3/6/2026 3:08 PM
963	I don't think that changing the current grade bands would be helpful. The grade bands with less grades (example 3-4) would make it hard to connect schools and harder for students and parents to adjust.	3/6/2026 3:07 PM
964	"I am specifically referencing the [Insert Your Cluster, e.g., Lithonia or Lakeside] Cluster. I strongly advocate for the PK–8 model over the traditional middle school conversion scenario. For schools like [Insert School, e.g., Midvale or McLendon], which are currently flagged for	3/6/2026 3:02 PM

	closure due to ~60% utilization, the district should instead pivot to a specialized PK–8 'Boutique' school. By expanding the grade band to include Middle School years in these smaller buildings, the district can: Maintain smaller class sizes (under 20 students) which are impossible in 'Mega-Schools.' Provide targeted needs programs (e.g., Montessori or STEAM) that require the intimate environment these facilities provide. Furthermore, if the district moves forward with the 6–12 model for high schools like Lithonia or Cedar Grove, I request that the 'excess' capacity (currently at ~30%) be used to create specialized Career Academies rather than simply filling seats with general population students. Smaller, targeted cohorts within these large buildings would better serve student success than massive, consolidated environments. One glaring piece of data in the 2026 report is Ashford Park Elementary at 171% capacity. If you are in that cluster: Argument: Point out that while some schools have "empty seats," others are dangerously overcrowded. Grade Band Solution: Suggest a PK–3 / 4–5 split for the Chamblee/Brookhaven area to spread that 171% load across the buildings slated for closure nearby, rather than closing them and making the "Mega-Schools" even larger.	
965	Consolidating middle schools and high schools could be troublesome due to potential behavior issues in the same complex. Middle school students should be separated from high school students for a variety of reasons.	3/6/2026 2:59 PM
966	Grade bands would at least save some of our elementary schools. K through three school and a four through five school. The middle school is not appropriate to become an elementary school.	3/6/2026 2:59 PM
967	Gather community feedbacks,	3/6/2026 2:58 PM
968	For the Robert Shaw cluster, the traditional PK–5 elementary structure works best for students and families. Elementary-aged children benefit from staying in a school environment specifically designed for younger learners, with age-appropriate teaching methods and support services. Changing grade bands or merging schools could disrupt the stability that students need during their early academic years. Maintaining the current structure allows students to build strong foundations before transitioning to middle school.	3/6/2026 2:57 PM
969	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, and Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/6/2026 2:57 PM
970	There was already a 4tha and 5th grade elementary with Dunwoody Elementary was created. Not sure why this was converted to a k - 5 and take students away from other local schools.	3/6/2026 2:54 PM
971	NA	3/6/2026 2:53 PM
972	I feel that grade clusters need to be tradiontal with the addition of 3 and 4 year olds added to elementary school settings.	3/6/2026 2:53 PM
973	I believe the potential grade band scenarios could be a positive step if they are carefully planned around the needs of each school cluster. Organizing schools by grade bands can help create more focused learning environments and allow teachers to better specialize in the developmental needs of students at each stage. For example, grouping elementary schools as Pre-K through 5th grade, middle schools as 6th through 8th grade, and high schools as 9th through 12th grade provides a clear and structured transition for students as they progress through the school system. In clusters where enrollment is high or facilities are newer and better maintained, maintaining these traditional grade bands would likely work well and allow schools to operate efficiently. However, in clusters with older buildings or declining enrollment, it may make sense to adjust the grade bands or consolidate certain grade levels to make better use of the facilities that are in the best condition.	3/6/2026 2:53 PM
974	Whatever you decide.	3/6/2026 2:52 PM
975	Ashford park needs to stay	3/6/2026 2:51 PM
976	at Rainbow elementary organization, curriculum and staffing is excellent and this plays a big rpart in grade band scenarios	3/6/2026 2:51 PM

977	I am referencing Evansdale Elementary school and I have significant concerns about the proposed grade band scenarios. While the intention may be to maximize facility use but separating elementary grades into different schools (such as K-3 and 4-5) creates unnecessary disruption for young children and families. The proposed grade banding will also increase transportation time and traffic for families with multiple children and create larger, less personal learning environments. The district should prioritize keeping neighborhood schools intact with a traditional K-5 structure whenever possible.	3/6/2026 2:48 PM
978	No sure	3/6/2026 2:46 PM
979	In many clusters, a traditional PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 model may continue to work well because it aligns with current curriculum structures and student developmental stages. Elementary students benefit from remaining in a stable environment through 5th grade, while middle school provides a transition period before high school. However, some clusters may benefit from PK–8 models, especially in communities where maintaining strong relationships and continuity for students and families is important. A PK–8 structure can reduce transitions and provide more consistency for students during their early academic years. The district should evaluate each cluster's enrollment numbers, building capacity, and community needs before implementing a single model across all schools.	3/6/2026 2:37 PM
980	I believe that the grade bands should remain the same. K-5 , 6-8 , 9-12	3/6/2026 2:36 PM
981	I would like to see PK3-3 in one building and 4-5, 6-8,9-12 in separate buildings.	3/6/2026 2:36 PM
982	If changing the grade bands keeps all Ashford Park students together and as part of the Chamblee cluster, it's an option (among others) worth considering.	3/6/2026 2:35 PM
983	I was educated in DeKalb Co with K-7. / 8-12 in an era when these schools were ranked very high nationally and went on to Ga Tech and a very successful career. So, I know it can work.	3/6/2026 2:33 PM
984	Whatever is done you must keep the prek - 5 grades away from the rest of the students as these kids are so impressionable and the 6 graders and older are not good role models for the younger kids for the most part (honestly, they don't know how to be good role models and are not taught the proper skills to do so). This is a generalization which is how you have to approach this strategy or else you create to many models that are not sustainable long-term.	3/6/2026 2:32 PM
985	I think the PK-3/4-5/6-8/9-12 bands are a good idea. I think combining older students with very young kids is not a great idea.	3/6/2026 2:30 PM
986	The possible consolidation of both Lithonia and Miller Grove High Schools (grades 9-12) would benefit from this merger, but I know it will face strong resistance. A strong administration, a strong faculty and staff, and a strong community/business partnerships will need to be resilient.	3/6/2026 2:30 PM
987	I do not feel that high school and middle school should be combined. I worry there would be more issues considering the maturity levels of high school aged vs 6-8 grade level kids and having them in one building or campus is not ideal.	3/6/2026 2:29 PM
988	Grouping kids with a large age range within one school is not safe for younger children. There is a lot of that occurs in bathrooms, halls and cafeteria at the high school that a 6th, 7th or 8th grader should not be exposed to. This is the same for k-5 being exposed to middle school behavior. Also the reduction of middle and highschool extracurricular activities to create larger one school grade configurations is not fair to the students. All high schools should have enough older students to form talented football, baseball, softball and volleyball teams. Creating school clusters that are not consistent could affect property values.	3/6/2026 2:26 PM
989	I think it is best to keep K-5 separated from 6-8 UNLESS it's in a smaller school. But the proposals seem to be leaning more towards larger schools. I think these two grade clusters need to be kept separate to minimize bullying behavior between older and younger children and I think with a wider age gap it's harder to monitor.	3/6/2026 2:25 PM
990	The grade band scenarios need more research in my opinion. If implemented, area needs and demographics have to be considered.	3/6/2026 2:23 PM
991	Bob Mathis is a small school , If closing the school and combining us with another school would allow us to have more resources then I think it is a great idea.	3/6/2026 2:23 PM
992	We know enrollment is down, so decisions should be based on that.	3/6/2026 2:22 PM

993	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the potential grade band scenarios. I believe it is important to carefully consider how any changes may impact students, families, and staff within each school cluster. From my perspective, maintaining clear and consistent grade bands that support student development and smooth transitions between schools should remain a priority. For example, keeping elementary schools within a K–5 structure and middle schools within a 6–8 structure often supports age-appropriate programming and allows schools to focus on the specific academic and social needs of those grade levels. If adjustments to grade bands are being considered within specific clusters, it would be helpful to ensure that schools have the resources, staffing, and space needed to support those changes. Additionally, families should be given clear communication and sufficient time to prepare for any transitions that may affect their students. Overall, decisions about grade band configurations should prioritize student stability, instructional quality, and equitable access to resources across all schools in the cluster.	3/6/2026 2:21 PM
994	Grade band scenarios should only be changed in middle and high schools.	3/6/2026 2:21 PM
995	I am only in support of the traditional bands - k-2, 6-8 and 9-12. This makes the most sense age wise and works well.	3/6/2026 2:21 PM
996	I like the idea of PK-2 if that means we could keep younger children from disruption resulting from the testing that takes place starting in 3rd grade. Also, if the buildings available in the cluster are smaller and could be repurposed in this way, a PK-2 scenario would make sense. I could support a PK–8 school scenario if the building was a newly built building (i.e. if Chesnut is rebuilt) that was designed to support and separate the grade levels within the building appropriately. I also like the idea of a PK-6 and 7-12 scenario if the building was built to separate younger kids from older kids. The PK-3, 4-6, 7-12 scenario could also make sense academically since coursework tends to get more rigorous in 4th grade.	3/6/2026 2:20 PM
997	I do not know if 6-8 are socially and mentally ready to be clustered with 9-12.	3/6/2026 2:18 PM
998	The Stephenson band and the Lithonia band scenarios: New construction on 124 (at Lithonia Industrial) and across from the middle school suggest that the demographic data used by DCSD is out of date.	3/6/2026 2:18 PM
999	I like the idea of PK-8/9-12. I think Pk-5 in one building and 6-8 in one building but pk-8 being on the same campus.	3/6/2026 2:17 PM
1000	I think older students model the way for younger students, so splitting into smaller grade bands would limit that element. Plus it would likely put more families with multiple drop offs/school attendance, causing increased traffic and bus routes.	3/6/2026 2:15 PM
1001	Dunwoody Cluster My preference is for the traditional grade bands.	3/6/2026 2:15 PM
1002	the current scenario disproportionately concentrates grade band disruption in the southeast corridor (Lithonia, Stonecrest, Cedar Grove, McNair, Miller Grove areas) while the north of the county sees primarily facility closures without the added complexity of grade restructuring.	3/6/2026 2:14 PM
1003	I believe these should be based on need and population.	3/6/2026 2:13 PM
1004	-	3/6/2026 2:12 PM
1005	While I understand that adjusting grade bands can help balance enrollment and maximize building capacity, it is important to carefully consider how these changes will impact students, families, and school communities. In reviewing the potential scenarios, maintaining stability for elementary-aged students should remain a priority. Elementary schools serve as foundational learning environments where students build strong relationships with teachers, peers, and support staff. Significant grade band changes that move students between multiple schools at early grade levels may disrupt that stability. If grade band changes are considered within specific clusters, it will be important to ensure that schools receiving additional grade levels have the appropriate classroom space, staffing, and support services to accommodate those students effectively. Additionally, transportation, family logistics, and the social-emotional impact on students should be key considerations. For example, if a cluster were to shift to a K–2, 3–5, and 6–8 model, careful planning would be necessary to ensure smooth transitions for students and families and to maintain continuity of academic and behavioral supports. Overall, I encourage the district to prioritize minimizing student transitions, maintaining strong school cultures, and ensuring that schools have the resources necessary to support any grade band changes effectively. Thank you again for providing stakeholders the opportunity to share feedback during this process.	3/6/2026 2:11 PM

1006	I believe offering PreK for the City of Dunwoody would be an incredible and invaluable service to offer our community. This would utilize Vanderlyn's facilities, it's incredible and established staff, and would allow new and upcoming families to join the already high parental involvement.	3/6/2026 2:09 PM
1007	keep the same	3/6/2026 2:06 PM
1008	I feel schools should remain separated. Once before the elementary schools went to 7th grade and it did not work with older students in the building with younger children. The same would apply with younger children mixed in with upper grade high school students.	3/6/2026 2:04 PM
1009	The school has one pk and goes up to 5th grade. I think it works great in this smaller community setting.	3/6/2026 2:03 PM
1010	I don't agree with what is being proposed of the grade bands. It doesn't make much sense, especially in terms of teacher certification being elementary, middle, and high. Just because you have elementary and middle school together (or middle and high together) doesn't mean those teachers are certified to teach outside that grade band. It doesn't make sense from that standpoint along. Much less, from an overcrowding standpoint (which is likely what will happen to the schools where this is being considered).	3/6/2026 2:03 PM
1011	I don't feel strong that current grade separation needs to change unless it presents a financial benefit to the county that would allow for reinvestment in the schools. However, if were to choose based on our current location I believe separating PK to 3 and 4 to 5 into separate bands in order to potentially allow Sagamore to serve as a facility for one bracket and Oak Grove Elementary for the other I can also see a benefit of combining 6-12 if that allows us to have a middle school facility closer to where we live. Kids in our neighbor who attend Henderson spend a significant portion on their day on the bus. I personally attended a school that was 6-12 growing up and did not believe it negatively impacted me academically.	3/6/2026 1:59 PM
1012	Leave as it is due to age gaps	3/6/2026 1:58 PM
1013	I don't have children so I cannot reference specific schools or clusters. However, as a teacher, having grade bands such as K-2 or PK-3 would hopefully allow for more focus on foundational skills of Reading, English Grammar, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies.	3/6/2026 1:57 PM
1014	See answer to number 4	3/6/2026 1:56 PM
1015	I do not believe mixing high school and elementary is a good idea.	3/6/2026 1:54 PM
1016	I think middle grades can be a difficult group, behavior wise. It would be wise to separate the 6th graders from the rest of middle school. This would allow 6th graders time to mature and cause fewer issues in middle school.	3/6/2026 1:54 PM
1017	Given the research on various developmental phases for children, I would not change the grade bands.	3/6/2026 1:51 PM
1018	Lithonia/Stephenson cluster, we need to keep the schools open	3/6/2026 1:50 PM
1019	Tengo un niño en 3 grado y uno en 8vo grado las escuela y las instalaciones me parecen excelentes escenarios de aprendizajes	3/6/2026 1:48 PM
1020	I have always believed that grades pk-5 should be learning to read grades 6-8 should be reading to learn and 9-12 should be application of reading	3/6/2026 1:45 PM
1021	Grade band is good I say send 7 grade back to elementary middle should be 7-9	3/6/2026 1:44 PM
1022	Having the k-3 band and 4-5 band did not work before and I do not see it working again.	3/6/2026 1:44 PM
1023	I prefer the wider elementary grade bands. Pk-5. So that students are switching schools as much and parents of younger kids can have their children at the same school for longer. I'm not sure if having 8th graders and pk students together is great though the schools could be designed so that different aged students don't have a ton of contact. Same idea with having 6th graders with 12th graders. That large of an age difference/development differences in the same building could lead to issues.	3/6/2026 1:44 PM
1024	consider community input	3/6/2026 1:42 PM
1025	N/A	3/6/2026 1:39 PM
1026	—	3/6/2026 1:38 PM

1027	I do not think elementary kids should be grouped with middle school age- so I would recommend breaking up elementary school further - so instead of closing elementary schools, you could group PK-3 in one school and 4-5 in another. We would like a closer middle school. Henderson serves to wide of an area.	3/6/2026 1:37 PM
1028	I am a strong advocate for the traditional grade banding because I feel that developmentally, those ages should be in the same schools. If there was to be a change with grade banding, my second choice would be PK-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12. I DO NOT want any combination of 6th graders being in the same facility as seniors as it opens up a much higher percentage of the younger grades being influenced by highschoolers (drugs, alcohol, sex, bad choices, etc).	3/6/2026 1:35 PM
1029	none	3/6/2026 1:35 PM
1030	McNair High School 8-12	3/6/2026 1:33 PM
1031	N/A	3/6/2026 1:32 PM
1032	Regarding the potential grade band scenarios, I am against any closures at Robert shaw theme school Keeping the current grade levels is important to ensure our children can continue their education in a familiar and accessible environment."	3/6/2026 1:30 PM
1033	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized.	3/6/2026 1:24 PM
1034	I like the idea of consolidation as long as the younger students are separated from the older student.	3/6/2026 1:21 PM
1035	Robert show them school is a high rated school. It is better empowered the school to accept more students than closing it.	3/6/2026 1:21 PM
1036	We would love Evansdale Elementary to remain open as a traditional elementary school. It’s wonderful.	3/6/2026 1:19 PM
1037	I think all county schools should be traditional - 1 K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Sports, credits, social development are best handled in this configuration.	3/6/2026 1:16 PM
1038	I have no opinion on this subject as of yet.	3/6/2026 1:14 PM
1039	The traditional PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 model currently serving Oak Grove Elementary and its cluster works, and it should be preserved. Dismantling it in favor of PK–8 or 6–12 configurations creates more problems than it solves for elementary-age families in this cluster. The district's own materials acknowledge that additional school transitions can cause academic disruption — yet several of the proposed grade band changes would actually increase the number of transitions young children experience, or abruptly combine very different developmental stages in the same building. Middle school is a critical period in a child's development. A dedicated 6–8 environment gives students the focused support, social structure, and age-appropriate programming they need before entering high school. Folding those grades into a PK–8 or 6–12 campus risks diluting that experience, particularly when smaller cohort sizes mean fewer elective offerings, sports teams, and extracurricular opportunities — which the district itself identifies as a challenge of these configurations. For families in the Oak Grove cluster, the priority should be stability and developmentally appropriate school environments — not restructuring grade bands to accommodate facility decisions that haven't even been finalized yet. Grade band changes of this magnitude should not be driven by building logistics. They should be driven by what is educationally best for students. I strongly urge the district to maintain the traditional PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 structure for this cluster and address facility needs through investment, not reorganization.	3/6/2026 1:13 PM
1040	Lakeside cluster	3/6/2026 1:09 PM
1041	I believe you can split Montgomery into two clusters based on age	3/6/2026 1:07 PM
1042	Going k to 8 is a terrible idea	3/6/2026 12:53 PM
1043	Fine as long as Evansdale remains a school	3/6/2026 12:52 PM
1044	None	3/6/2026 12:48 PM
1045	PREK-5th	3/6/2026 12:47 PM
1046	Prek-5th	3/6/2026 12:47 PM
1047	prek-5th	3/6/2026 12:47 PM

1048	pre k-5 grade	3/6/2026 12:47 PM
1049	Prek-5th	3/6/2026 12:47 PM
1050	prek-5th	3/6/2026 12:47 PM
1051	Prek -5th	3/6/2026 12:46 PM
1052	Prek-5th	3/6/2026 12:46 PM
1053	Pre-k through 5th grade	3/6/2026 12:46 PM
1054	Prek-5th	3/6/2026 12:46 PM
1055	pre-k-5th grade	3/6/2026 12:46 PM
1056	I think each school especially high schools need to reverify students addresses people are using other addresses to attend schools out their district	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1057	prek-5th	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1058	Prek-5th	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1059	Pre-k -5th grade	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1060	Prek-5th	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1061	Pre K - 5th	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1062	pre-k-5th	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1063	pre k-3rd	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1064	Pre-k- fifth grade	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1065	PRE-K - 5TH	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1066	Prek-3rd	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
1067	PreK - 3	3/6/2026 12:44 PM
1068	pre k - 5th	3/6/2026 12:44 PM
1069	Prek - 5th	3/6/2026 12:43 PM
1070	pre k - 5th	3/6/2026 12:43 PM
1071	prek - 5th	3/6/2026 12:43 PM
1072	It has taken DeKalb years to change from 1-7/8-12 set up to pK-5/6-8/9-12 set up. Why change it again? How much money will it take to make more divisions? How much time will this take? Then somebody will want to change it again, just when we get settled into a new division.	3/6/2026 12:39 PM
1073	Cluster: PK-8/9-12 Dekalb county has very low middle school scores, combining with elementary school would solve for the small school size change in demographic and possible improve middle school experience. Additionally it is a grade model used by several private schools. Any cluster that creates 6-12 grade in the same building will be horrifying for parents, traumatizing for kids and no amount of resources will make up for this. The cognitive development of these age groups is too desperate and non-congruent for learning.	3/6/2026 12:28 PM
1074	The typical grade bands have worked for years, why uproot these kids simply because the building costs need to be minimized?	3/6/2026 12:26 PM
1075	The traditional format is best. I was in elementary school before the transition to a middle school format and I remember 8th graders being bullied by the older high schoolers. We need to keep children with a closer age-group. Smaller classes are also beneficial to learning as teachers gave give better, more specialized instruction.	3/6/2026 12:24 PM
1076	I don’t think 6-12 is a great idea. I honestly think 6-9 and 10-12 makes more sense developmentally due to the differences in behavior, priorities, and learning at different ages.	3/6/2026 12:22 PM
1077	I think the grade bands need to remain the same.	3/6/2026 12:22 PM

1078	Pk-7 and 8-12. Is the only band that makes sense. It’s a scenario that has worked and was working before it was decided to implement middle schools. This scenario can eliminate multiple buildings and it’s beneficial for students growth and development.	3/6/2026 12:11 PM
1079	I would like to see the current grade bands remain the same and consistent across the district, in addition to the charter schools.	3/6/2026 12:06 PM
1080	Brockett	3/6/2026 12:02 PM
1081	I think Evansdale provides lots of potential for renovation and expansion and much flexibility for grade bands.	3/6/2026 12:01 PM
1082	Dunwoody has already tried adjusting grade bands so I don’t think it makes sense in the northern community for anything other than Pk-5, 6-8 and 9-12.	3/6/2026 11:57 AM
1083	I believe sixth graders could return to the elementary schools.	3/6/2026 11:56 AM
1084	I did not understand this part	3/6/2026 11:56 AM
1085	I think unconventional grade bands could be a great way to keep neighborhood communities together	3/6/2026 11:53 AM
1086	I appreciate hearing about the proposed grade band scenarios for example pre-k3 to 2nd grade 3rd to 4th or 5th a middle school and the idea of potential middle to high school being combined together perhaps the middle campus and upper campus but again I think there should be some separation just because of the developmental needs of students and the rampant Mental Health social emotional needs within our communities that parents don't have the resources to address but plays a pivotal role and show up daily in the classroom and potentially on campus as a whole.	3/6/2026 11:52 AM
1087	Way it is is best so kids are best able to feel comfortable going to School and can deal With others best.	3/6/2026 11:50 AM
1088	Kept as is.	3/6/2026 11:39 AM
1089	Be sure to consider appropriate start and end times and parents needing to shuffle between multiple locations. I don’t want my 11 year old 6th grader on the same campus as an 18 year old 12th grader.	3/6/2026 11:39 AM
1090	I am in favor of the PK-8 grade band scenario. This would allow my children to attend the same school for a longer amount of time, reducing the transportation needs of having two in two different places, as well as strengthening relationships and forming a deep sense of community and belonging. My only concern would be making sure the younger children and older children have limited interactions, as that is quite the developmental age gap.	3/6/2026 11:35 AM
1091	I like the idea of communities in the south of the county combining their HS and MS to allow their community to stay together. Sports facilities need to be taken into account for a 6-12. The traditional band would provide the most access to all of our students in terms of classes, electives, extracurriculars which would be the best for our students.	3/6/2026 11:30 AM
1092	Not sure what grade bands are still	3/6/2026 11:29 AM
1093	Bob Mathis Elementary School is located in the heart of South DeKalb County is known for its sound educational programs and the strong community that supports the school. We have a medical fragile unit and diagnostic area that serves the whole region.	3/6/2026 11:29 AM
1094	I would not put 6-7 with upperclassman, because they are not mentally ready.	3/6/2026 11:27 AM
1095	There should be no grade bands.	3/6/2026 11:24 AM
1096	We want the school to remain pre-k -5 at Ashford Park, grades 6-8 at Chamblee Middle, and grades 9-12 at Chamblee High School.	3/6/2026 11:24 AM
1097	a 5-8 or 5-9 grade band and 9-12 or 10-12 grade band is better than a 6-12 school band. in my opinion Middle school and high school don't really belong in the same building.	3/6/2026 11:20 AM
1098	The problem with grade band scenarios is that it relies on implementation and I don't think that DeKalb county has the resources or knowledge to support this idea. I think a test run of both consolidation and grade banding could come up as results of these surveys. Perhaps you could find an area in which it would work. I do not think that my children's district is appropriate for this. There are also other barriers and complications that could arise unforeseen by those	3/6/2026 11:18 AM

	wishing to implement and I don't believe that they will have strategies to handle those complications.	
1099	Unbelievable	3/6/2026 11:14 AM
1100	Vanderlyn,Austin, DES	3/6/2026 11:13 AM
1101	Around the school is big community so this school is very important for this community please don't closed this school	3/6/2026 11:02 AM
1102	Grade banding concerns me for the sake of exposing younger children to significantly older children. I can imagine a world of splitting middle similar to Kittredge (where 6th stays with elementary) and 7 and 8 go to HS. Thinking back to my childhood, middle school is when I got exposed to other kids doing drugs, having sex, etc., and those exposures should be kept away from elementary-aged children. I strongly do not think elementary and MS should be banded together (with the exception of 6th). Having 4 bands (PK-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12) seems reasonable as long as the long term objects of DCSD are met. Traditional model works well for folks moving in/out of the county, but that's secondary I suppose.	3/6/2026 11:00 AM
1103	I am against the grade band scenarios.	3/6/2026 10:58 AM
1104	I would prefer traditional for Chamblee cluster but am open to other grade bands for other schools.	3/6/2026 10:56 AM
1105	I do not think any changes should be made. This plan is the stupidest plan I have heard.	3/6/2026 10:55 AM
1106	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/6/2026 10:53 AM
1107	I don't support any of the proposed grade bands	3/6/2026 10:53 AM
1108	Can't answer …	3/6/2026 10:52 AM
1109	N/A	3/6/2026 10:47 AM
1110	- One of the suggested schools, Livsey, is on Chamblee Tucker which has only ONE lane of traffic in each direction. Tucker changed CT and traffic is horrible.	3/6/2026 10:44 AM
1111	As mentioned earlier, I moved my family into the area for Evansdale Elementary. Any band school program that would cause Evansdale to close and my children to be reassigned to a school a further distance from our home would negatively impact the wellbeing of our children. Potentially adding on unnecessary travel time would undoubtedly affect my children's schedules prior to and after school. The time we would have planned to nurture them and provide additional at home development would be dismantled.	3/6/2026 10:43 AM
1112	Best to leave things alone	3/6/2026 10:38 AM
1113	I am happy with the current situation.	3/6/2026 10:38 AM
1114	No consolidation no band	3/6/2026 10:36 AM
1115	I don't agree with combining schools to make a 6-12 school. That is too much of a gap to be mixing together. We would be affected through Henderson middle and lakeside high school.	3/6/2026 10:32 AM
1116	I think k-6 should be elementary 7-9 middle and 10, 11, and 12 for high school	3/6/2026 10:30 AM
1117	We do not have strong opinions on the grade band scenarios. I think there are many creative possibilities. Once again, the main priority is middle and high school academic opportunities - to ensure that they are not diminished for us (Ashford Park zoned and magnet family). You could potentially make Kittredge a 4-8 and I think that would be fine, as long as it then fed into a high school magnet program that is in a high school with the academic opportunities (such as Chamblee High).	3/6/2026 10:29 AM
1118	I don't like changing grade bands. As a parent of multiple kids, my life is a lot simpler when kids spend more years at the same campus and with the same schedule. Plus, a relatively	3/6/2026 10:27 AM

	smaller student body at the same grade level is better for the kids' social lives, as they end up having more repeated classmates each year.	
1119	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/6/2026 10:08 AM
1120	Smaller classrooms give better 1:1 engagement with learning and developing healthy relationships, less bullying, and are safer due to smaller population.	3/6/2026 10:07 AM
1121	Evansdale is not simply a neighborhood elementary school. It is home to a district-wide French dual-language immersion program, strong STEM programming, and a highly engaged community supported by the Evansdale Foundation and an active PTA. Schools that combine unique academic offerings, strong performance, and deep community investment should be carefully considered before being included in consolidation scenarios. When evaluating potential grade band scenarios, it is important to consider the impact on schools with specialized academic programs and established feeder patterns. Within the Lakeside cluster, Evansdale Elementary currently operates successfully as a K–5 school, and maintaining that structure is important for both program continuity and student development. Dual-language immersion programs depend on long-term instructional continuity from kindergarten through upper elementary grades. Disrupting that structure risks dismantling a program that has taken years to build and that offers a unique academic opportunity within the district. Evansdale's French dual-language immersion program is designed as a multi-year progression beginning in kindergarten and continuing through fifth grade. Students then continue their language learning at Henderson Middle School, a program Evansdale parents and teachers helped build, and later into advanced French coursework at Lakeside High School, where the community again helped advocate for the continuation of the pathway. Students build language proficiency year after year through consistent exposure and curriculum alignment. Breaking that progression into multiple schools or different grade bands (for example K–2 and 3–5 models) could significantly disrupt the immersion model, which relies on long-term continuity of instruction and teacher collaboration. In addition, Evansdale has developed a strong STEM-focused learning environment, and its teachers and leadership have built a cohesive academic culture around the K–5 model. Splitting grade levels across multiple campuses could weaken that program continuity and create unnecessary transitions for students. From a community standpoint, Evansdale is deeply connected to the Lakeside cluster pathway, which many families rely on when making long-term educational decisions. Frequent structural changes or grade band shifts could create uncertainty for families who have chosen to live in this area specifically because of the established school progression. If grade band adjustments are considered across the district, I encourage the district to prioritize stability for schools with specialized programs and strong academic performance. In the case of Evansdale and the Lakeside cluster, maintaining the current K–5 structure would best support program continuity, student success, and community stability.	3/6/2026 10:05 AM
1122	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/6/2026 10:03 AM
1123	Pk-8	3/6/2026 10:02 AM
1124	No feedback.	3/6/2026 9:59 AM
1125	McLendon was definitely a great asset to my child's education. The staff was amazing.	3/6/2026 9:58 AM
1126	Na	3/6/2026 9:53 AM
1127	No comment	3/6/2026 9:52 AM

1128	As to grade bands, it is important for IB to remain consistent. If it became a fernbank/AES cluster with an IB high/ middle, that could be an amazing program, however the alternation of the high school to a middle/ high or moving it to a different building makes it need to be re-evauated. That would lose what we have on place and children would lose the chances for an IB Diploma.	3/6/2026 9:52 AM
1129	Would love to see the end of Middle School. Grew up in this system. Elementary was 1-7 and High School was 8-12. Way better than having middle school	3/6/2026 9:51 AM
1130	Although standardization would be good operationally, certain clusters could benefit from a more customized grade band. DeKalb county is very diverse, and school clusters should cater to the students, not the other way around	3/6/2026 9:51 AM
1131	Fine.	3/6/2026 9:48 AM
1132	I am not ok with the mixture of elementary students with middle school and especially highschool students.	3/6/2026 9:47 AM
1133	In reference to the Evansdale, Henderson Middle, Lakeside grade bands, this model has worked for many years.	3/6/2026 9:47 AM
1134	The sixth grade can and should be returned from Henderson Middle School. Projections are for an increase of ~600 elementary students in the next four years.	3/6/2026 9:47 AM
1135	I would not want my child to be going to school where they have middle school and high school combined or even elementary and middle.	3/6/2026 9:45 AM
1136	No opinion, as long as Evansdale remains	3/6/2026 9:44 AM
1137	I have not looked into it enough to understand the grade bands.	3/6/2026 9:41 AM
1138	The current grade band scenario needs to stay the same. The current grade band was put in place for a reason! I am in the Evansdale/Henderson/Lakeside district.	3/6/2026 9:41 AM
1139	Close all the schools and the district	3/6/2026 9:37 AM
1140	Whatever works best	3/6/2026 9:36 AM
1141	N/a	3/6/2026 9:34 AM
1142	I do not agree with closing of the schools in the South side of the region. However, how do you merge the non-performing students and the students with behavior problems with those schools that are performing well with minimum behavior issues. Specifically speaking of fighting, bullying, and just plain bad behavior. Parents go out of their way to make sure that their kids are in safe performing environments and for a decision be made to uproot and dismantle those environments for kids that are doing well and in safe environments is diabolical. It only takes 1 bad apple to spoil a bunch and you are planning to put a bunch of bad apples into a bunch of decent apples. I don't like it.	3/6/2026 9:32 AM
1143	Grade bands wouldn't work since the students are way different and need unique attention to develop.	3/6/2026 9:29 AM
1144	Dependent upon the grade level division.	3/6/2026 9:27 AM
1145	If this were to change. I think grade bands would be more appropriate at elementary level, rather than middle and high school. IE pk-2 in one school and 3-5 in another.	3/6/2026 9:24 AM
1146	I think for areas that are struggling with enrollment numbers where it makes sense to have Middle Schools convert to Elementary Schools, and High Schools remaining as High Schools, going to either the PK-5/6-12 or PK-8/9-12 grade band scenarios makes sense and would help with some of what was outlined in the proposal. In the Dunwoody area cluster, I think it makes more sense to keep us either as a Traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12. The majority of our elementary schools have good enrollment, and due to the current sizing of both the middle and Dunwoody High Schools, it would make sense from an enrollment/sizing standpoint.	3/6/2026 9:18 AM
1147	I don't understand the potential grade band scenarios that Dekalb is considering. All I see if the explanations for what those different scenarios could look like.	3/6/2026 9:16 AM
1148	I think that if the grade bands are being considered for change based on maximizing use of the facilities that are available, then it is being looked at wrong. The changes that kids go through as they grow and learn, both social/emotional and educational, is huge in their school years. I	3/6/2026 9:16 AM

	cannot imagine having 11/12 year olds (6th grade) in the same facility as 17/18 year olds (12th grade), especially when it comes to school-wide functions, and interactions between students on a regular basis. They have completely different needs at those ages and stages of life, and I don't believe the school would be providing an appropriate environment for these students in that scenario. The same goes for a PK-8 scenario - 3/4 year olds, who sometimes are hardly potty-trained at that age, should not be in the same facility as 13 year olds. The 6-8 grade years are already hard, and are a transition between elementary and high school. I still think these are the appropriate transition years between grades. If anything, I think you could expand to do PK-4, 5-8, 9-12.	
1149	Oak grove elementary	3/6/2026 9:14 AM
1150	I’m less concerned with grade bands. I think children benefit from diverse, multi age environments so long as there is adequate guidance and supervision.	3/6/2026 9:13 AM
1151	I have significant concerns about how the proposed grade band scenarios would affect Montgomery Elementary and the broader Chamblee cluster. These concerns include but are not limited to: • Montgomery functions well as a K–5 school with strong academic performance, high family engagement, and a cohesive school culture. Any shift to a different grade band (such as K–6) would require major changes to staffing, space allocation, and programming. It is not clear that Montgomery’s building can support these changes without compromising instructional quality or student experience. • Grade band changes could worsen capacity challenges in the Chamblee cluster. Schools like Chamblee Middle and Chamblee High already face enrollment pressure. Moving grade levels between schools—whether shifting 5th graders up or adding 6th graders to elementary schools—could create overcrowding unless the district provides clear, school level capacity modeling. • Families need transparent data to understand the impact of each scenario. The district has not yet provided enough detail on how grade band changes would affect class sizes, staffing, transportation, access to electives, or special education services at Montgomery or within the cluster. Before moving forward with any grade band changes, the district should provide detailed, school specific modeling and explore alternatives that minimize disruption—such as targeted boundary adjustments or program expansions. Families need more clarity and more time to evaluate the long term implications for Montgomery and the Chamblee cluster.	3/6/2026 9:13 AM
1152	As someone who works regularly with children across the PK-12 age spectrum in a religious context, I strongly do NOT support banding 6-8 and 9-12 together. The needs and developmental realities of those age groups vary greatly and it is important that 6th graders have a place that meets their developmental stage rather than being thrust into a high-school like setting before they are ready. As a parent with kids a couple of years apart, I prefer a setting where elementary school stays together PK-5 for our family's wholeness, but I am open to a PK-3/4-5 split.	3/6/2026 9:13 AM
1153	I like the traditional grade bands (PK-5, 6-8, 9-12). I do not want my grands (lower elementary in school with 7th and 8th graders) or 6th graders in school with high schoolers. Children are already exposed to too much at an early age. I think these additional scenarios bring about additional safety concerns. We are fully aware of problems within many of the middle and high schools (behavioral, fights, drugs, sex, etc.). Will the elementary students be completely separated with no contact with the middle school students on the same campus, and same for middle and high school students?	3/6/2026 9:12 AM
1154	Please keep grade band consistent between schools, unless they are specialized programs. It's critical for sports, academic competitions, teacher training, and avoiding "school envy".	3/6/2026 9:10 AM
1155	birth rates r low at this time. Start 0-3 daycare to fill seats.	3/6/2026 9:09 AM
1156	Toney elementary my son is first grade doing well and it where my girlfriend went love the teacher and staff.	3/6/2026 9:06 AM
1157	I do not believe that grade bands have been explored for the Ashford Park community, but if that is an option, that is something I am open to considering.	3/6/2026 9:03 AM
1158	The grade band structure has worked superbly and we understand it is a model program	3/6/2026 9:03 AM
1159	Oak Grove’s traditional, PK-5th grade bands are appropriate and highly productive for the education of the children.	3/6/2026 9:02 AM
1160	We like the traditional way of grouping grades that is already in existence and do not want that changed.	3/6/2026 8:58 AM

1161	The existing bands seem to be working fine for the Druid Hills cluster.	3/6/2026 8:58 AM
1162	You are combining clusters that may not be feasible to combine. you are closing schools that havehistoricallygreat sports programs that help our students get good scholarship opportunities for college	3/6/2026 8:57 AM
1163	I feel the grade band should be consistent in all clusters.	3/6/2026 8:53 AM
1164	Grade Band changes should focus on students stability. Moving students will cause families disruptions, longer commutes, and less family involvement. Young kinds benefit from consistency and community support near with schools.	3/6/2026 8:51 AM
1165	I'm in favor of isolating, the high school students away from the younger kids. Otherwise, I think grades PK through eight could be combined, but only if necessary.	3/6/2026 8:50 AM
1166	I would like to see more research and statistics on the grade bands.	3/6/2026 8:45 AM
1167	Oak Grove. Grades PK-5	3/6/2026 8:44 AM
1168	Our lakeside cluster is not experiencing structural decline. We are als adjacent to a large healthcare and research expansion with continued growth. Traditional pk-5 is most appropriate.	3/6/2026 8:38 AM
1169	Cedar Grove High. Where will these students be placed..	3/6/2026 8:37 AM
1170	I think grade band scenario is a good idea. Grades Prek-5th and 6th-12th eliminates the need for a "middle school" keeps children within the same environment would better help them! I grew up with this grade band scenario and uniform	3/6/2026 8:35 AM
1171	Only consider middle and high school shifts. Keep elementary schools the same.	3/6/2026 8:33 AM
1172	Fine, if you are not taking away opportunities to learn and grow. Most policies seem to make things easier for the educator, often stifling the learner. The kids graduating from DeKalb schools need to be able to compete with others from around the country. Do not inhibit your students.	3/6/2026 8:32 AM
1173	In regards to schools in the Columbia middle school area again one of my main concerns is decreasing class size.	3/6/2026 8:31 AM
1174	Grades band is fine. Wish academics were a bit more…	3/6/2026 8:31 AM
1175	Chamblee and Champion Theme should not be merged. You need these school offerings on both sides of the county.	3/6/2026 8:30 AM
1176	We do not want Midvale elementary to be grouped into any other school. It is a phenomenal school on its own and has a lot of support from our community.	3/6/2026 8:28 AM
1177	With declining attendance, consolidation makes sense. However, given the significant overcrowding in North DeKalb schools, it would be more practical to direct Dunwoody High School's overflow to Vanderlyn Elementary rather than closing the school. Vanderlyn could serve grades 8–9, while Dunwoody High School could focus on grades 10–12, allowing capacity to be better balanced across the cluster.	3/6/2026 8:27 AM
1178	A little unsure of schools with ranges like 6-12. Think kids would need to he separated well but it could work	3/6/2026 8:24 AM
1179	Grade bands can be helpful but schools should be able to decide what serves the needs of their students best.	3/6/2026 8:20 AM
1180	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/6/2026 8:16 AM
1181	La escuelas de Dresden y Henderson podrían tener más alto nivel de enseñanza.	3/6/2026 8:16 AM
1182	I don't feel comfortable with 6th graders being with 12th graders.	3/6/2026 8:09 AM

1183	Laurel ridge expansion- I want to ensure that the school doesn't become too large and overwhelming for young students who are just starting their educational careers.	3/6/2026 8:02 AM
1184	The band of the clusters is not feasible in DeKalb, as it is a part of the Atlanta Metro area. While this scenario is accessible in a small city, this is a metropolitan area.	3/6/2026 8:02 AM
1185	Elementary students benefit by being in K-5 bands. The older students learn leadership skills. The younger students have role models in the upper grades. Both are important for learning and development.	3/6/2026 8:01 AM
1186	Keep the same	3/6/2026 7:58 AM
1187	Arabia mountain high school, 9-12 edward l Bouie-k-5th leadership preparation academyk-8th grade champion theme middle school.. 6-8th	3/6/2026 7:58 AM
1188	With my children being close in age, I feel expanding the high school cluster to 6-12 would reduce the amount of travel time between schools not just for my family but for others.	3/6/2026 7:58 AM
1189	Depending on facility capacity scenarios I could see moving from traditional to non traditional bands.	3/6/2026 7:56 AM
1190	I prefer traditional grade bands. If consolidation is needed, K-8 is good. I'm in the Midvale ES district	3/6/2026 7:54 AM
1191	Good	3/6/2026 7:44 AM
1192	Children should be around children of the age and stage in puberty	3/6/2026 7:42 AM
1193	Leave it as is.	3/6/2026 7:41 AM
1194	I'm not sure what grade bands are. If it is k-3, 4-5, and middle school, I think it is a good idea. It will provide more support and opportunities for growth and learning	3/6/2026 7:39 AM
1195	The k-8 scenario is not ideal for student growth. There is risk of teachers and administrators pigging holing students based on their early childhood behavior. Students need to be able to grow and change and having a few staff to assess them helps support that growth.	3/6/2026 7:38 AM
1196	I did not see grade band changes proposed for the Tucker Cluster.	3/6/2026 7:29 AM
1197	Not so sure putting 6th graders in a building with 12th graders is a good idea. The age range is too great.	3/6/2026 7:28 AM
1198	none	3/6/2026 7:24 AM
1199	I think banding grades beyond the current setup is a bad idea. Not just from the standpoint of differing intellectual levels but also maturity. Changes to traditional grade banding creates more potential issues than benefits.	3/6/2026 7:20 AM
1200	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/6/2026 7:16 AM
1201	I don't have a strong opinion on the grade bands.	3/6/2026 7:05 AM
1202	I believe the PK–3, 4–5, 6–8, and 9–12 grade band model could be beneficial for clusters because it groups students by developmental stage and allows schools to focus on more targeted instruction. A PK–3 model supports early literacy and foundational skills, while a 4–5 school can serve as a transition into upper elementary expectations before middle school. Keeping 6–8 together maintains a traditional middle school structure, and 9–12 allows high schools to remain focused on preparing students for graduation and postsecondary opportunities. When considering this model, the district should also review enrollment and building capacity within each cluster to ensure that student redistribution does not lead to overcrowding or increased class sizes at schools that are already operating near capacity.	3/6/2026 6:56 AM
1203	I think base off maturity I think middle and high school should be separated. Having 7 grades in one school seens like the schools will be over populated!	3/6/2026 6:56 AM

1204	I have no opinions on this	3/6/2026 6:52 AM
1205	Is your plan to merge the littles with the big kids?	3/6/2026 6:51 AM
1206	As long as schools are fully staffed from custodial to administrators with great detail on security and behavioral health counseling, special needs and reading tutorials for students who need extra help, I am all for it. Just want to make sure students are able to adjust and thrive in these scenarios. Perhaps they can go back to textbooks.	3/6/2026 6:46 AM
1207	I do not think that grades 6-12th should be in a building together. I feel that the traditional way of grade bands should stay. It seems that the schools will get over crowded faster and there will still be a need for new construction of buildings.	3/6/2026 6:45 AM
1208	Theme schools/specialty schools are ok for grade band scenarios. ES should be reimagined… PK-2 and 3-5. Too many principals put their strong teachers with 3-5th. The foundational years of Pk-2 are what build solid 3-5th students. Let's ramp up student learning supports for our ES. Next, 6-8 should stay or go back to 7-8 (making 3-6th). Lastly, leave traditional high schools alone with 9-12th. It's hard enough to monitor the inappropriate and illegal behaviors/relationships. We don't want to have 13 yo in the building with 18/19 yo. We would be setting ourselves up for serious consequences.	3/6/2026 6:43 AM
1209	I belive that grade-band reconfiguration will strengthen programs and improve building use.	3/6/2026 6:41 AM
1210	I think 6-12 grade is way too many grades together that will not be able to provide for the the educational and emotional developmental needs of the students. It will impact teacher morale further as well. In addition the larger grades will impact extracurricular activities, especially in areas like Oak Grove and its feeder schools where students are involved in a lot of sports.	3/6/2026 6:36 AM
1211	I understand the traders of all situations and open to any combination.	3/6/2026 6:28 AM
1212	Please continue to research ages, developmental stages of students, and maturity levels. Also, research patterns of behavior and academic progress if we make these major shifts in grade bands.	3/6/2026 6:19 AM
1213	Maintaining a K–5 grade band at schools like Robert Shaw Theme School helps provide stability, stronger relationships with teachers, and a consistent school culture.	3/6/2026 6:12 AM
1214	I'm open to different grade band scenarios based on the rationale behind them and the needs of students. Although I'm not usually a fan of a one size fits all approach, if grade bands look different across clusters we need to look at what happens when students move around within the district and the impact different structures will have on the students.	3/6/2026 6:01 AM
1215	The idea of having 6th through 12th in the same facility might work in a rural setting, but not in an urban setting. We need to keep age groups together to protect our youth maturity development & mental health	3/6/2026 5:41 AM
1216	fairrington elementary school. grade 3.	3/6/2026 5:32 AM
1217	The grade bands look fine to me.	3/6/2026 4:52 AM
1218	Based on my current understanding, I do not have strong feelings on adjusting grade bands.	3/6/2026 3:19 AM
1219	As is	3/6/2026 2:32 AM
1220	or the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/6/2026 1:06 AM
1221	Oak Grove has higher utilization than the 2 nearest schools that are not on the proposed closure list (Sagamore and Briarlake), and so the arguments about underutilization are disingenuous. Further, the area is expected to experience significant growth from new hospitals, research centers, and large housing developments. Different age bands might make sense in a community in which school are underutilized, but that is not the case for OGE.	3/6/2026 12:21 AM

1222	That would be nice	3/6/2026 12:11 AM
1223	The great bands might be difficult to get used to and how is it going to affect the student's mentally and emotionally uprooting them	3/6/2026 12:10 AM
1224	The children in our neighborhood can walk to Oak Grove Elementary School. Across from the school is Oak Grove United Methodist with a neighborhood-centric preschool. Lakeside High School is at the end of Oak Grove Road. Children can grow up here with a sense of belonging to a whole-life community. They grow up with an anchor that gives them confidence to explore the world.	3/6/2026 12:05 AM
1225	Oak Grove does not align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. The district's goal is to increase elementary utilization to approximately 88%. Oak Grove is already at 89% utilization (447 students / 504 capacity, October 2025) and projected at 487 students in 2026–27 (96%). Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years. The trend is sustained and upward. At the current pace, Oak Grove is likely to reach or exceed full capacity within 2–3 years. If Oak Grove closes, students would need to be absorbed primarily by Sagamore Hills and Briarlake: • Sagamore Hills: 413 / 456 (91% utilization) • Briarlake: 350 / 480 (73% utilization) Sagamore Hills has only 43 available seats. Briarlake has approximately 130 available seats. Together, they cannot absorb 447 Oak Grove students without significant boundary shifts, overcrowding, or facility expansion. While Briarlake's current utilization is 73%, the surrounding corridor is experiencing measurable residential growth that is likely to increase Briarlake's enrollment organically. Documented residential pipeline within 2–4 miles includes: • Lulah Hills (North DeKalb Mall redevelopment): Up to 1,800 residential units; $850M+ investment. Phase 1 includes 303 multifamily units delivering beginning late 2027. • Corporate Square / Northbend redevelopment: Approximately 2,000 planned units; $605M investment. Phase 1 includes 390 apartments and 142 townhomes. Phase 1 activity alone (approximately 835 units) could conservatively generate 55–145 additional elementary students over several years. If Briarlake gains: • +50 students → ~83% utilization • +100 students → ~90% utilization • Continued buildout → potentially 90–95% utilization This does not include additional LCI corridor infill or ongoing housing demand driven by CHOA and Emory employment expansion. In addition, the Druid Hills / Clifton corridor has experienced more than $2.5 billion in institutional investment, including: • $1.5B Arthur M. Blank Hospital campus • ~4,500 employees (including ~1,000 new jobs) • $87.7M Emory Heart & Vascular expansion • Ongoing Emory hospital expansion • $1.1B in FY24 research awards • $270M in salary increases This area is not experiencing structural decline. It is experiencing concentrated growth. If enrollment regression models rely heavily on pandemic-era data (2020–2022), those data points distort current trends. Projections should be recalibrated to reflect 2024–2026 recovery and documented housing pipeline activity. Oak Grove is also one of the highest-performing schools in the review group: • Content Mastery: 94.2 (4th highest among 26 reviewed schools; Top 10 countywide) • Readiness: 95.3 (2nd highest) Closing a school that exceeds utilization targets, demonstrates sustained growth, and ranks in the top tier academically does not directly address the district-wide utilization gap.	3/5/2026 11:50 PM
1226	It mentions the benefits of K-8 and 6-12 schools for allowing advanced students to move ahead. Perhaps consider having K-8 and 7-12 schools to increase flexibility in the middle school years when some students are still benefiting from the nurturing elementary atmosphere while others are ready for more intense, structured academics.	3/5/2026 11:40 PM
1227	I do not have any specific feedback for grade band scenarios. My child is currentl in 2nd grade.	3/5/2026 11:32 PM
1228	We had a very positive experience with DAA's K-7 (then K-8) grade bands and see that as a viable option for consolidations.	3/5/2026 11:24 PM
1229	Normal grand bands make sense but depending on capacity can be adjusted	3/5/2026 11:20 PM
1230	K-8 is not a good option. The needs of that spectrum of children is far too broad. It's unfair for the teachers, administrators and facilities. In some cases, we can't just sacrifice quality education for pure efficiency. That said, if it comes down to the choice of a community school with a different band structure vs closing (thinking of south dekalb especially) community is more important.	3/5/2026 11:14 PM
1231	A 6–12 configuration at Cedar Grove could be a strong way to better utilize the facility while maintaining the identity of the Cedar Grove cluster. If this model is considered, the district should also explore bringing a theme or specialty school model to the newly revised Cedar Grove community to attract and retain students. A strong academic theme such as STEM,	3/5/2026 11:13 PM

	health sciences, or career pathways could help increase enrollment while providing meaningful opportunities for students within their own community. The district should also consider how the nearby elementary school campus could support expanded programs or shared resources. Additionally, both older buildings will require necessary repairs and long-term investment. The community needs assurance that the district will commit to maintaining these facilities and not move forward with a plan only to later determine it is too costly to preserve them and close them altogether.	
1232	Maintaining developmentally appropriate grade groupings is important for both students and school operations. The traditional PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 structure works well in many communities because it allows elementary schools to focus on younger students while middle schools are designed to support the academic and social needs of adolescents. In the Druid Hills cluster specifically, where some elementary schools are already relatively large, any grade band changes should be carefully evaluated to ensure they do not unintentionally increase elementary enrollment levels beyond what shared infrastructure can reasonably support. Schools that are already near capacity should not be expected to absorb additional enrollment without corresponding expansion of shared instructional spaces and arrival/dismissal infrastructure. If grade band changes are considered, it would be helpful for the district to analyze impacts on building usage, shared learning spaces, transportation patterns, and student transitions within specific clusters.	3/5/2026 11:12 PM
1233	Assuming building capacity is adequate with current facilities, I believe the PK-8 and the 9-12 grade bands are most beneficial. Current test scores suggest that our children are falling behind in literacy and are underprepared for high school coursework. I'd like to see more resources offered to students prior to high school with intent of preventing current trends in our high schools - poor graduation rates, poor enrollment in advanced classes, and poor college acceptance. Developmentally, students in grades 9-12 are distinct from students in lower grades. By grade 9, students are more self-sufficient, are beginning to consider future plans, and have more responsibilities outside of school than their younger siblings. Different resourcing is needed for this age group, though resourcing is equally important for both grade bands.	3/5/2026 10:53 PM
1234	I would like to consider pre-K centers that take pre-K out of our schools, making elementary K-5. At Oak Grove Elementary, we have a waiting list of over 100 students for Kindergarten. Removing the pre-K classroom might be a way to add and fill an additional class of Kindergarten students. To me, this would give us more classroom space for growth	3/5/2026 10:43 PM
1235	Schools around Brockett Elementary should remain as they are.	3/5/2026 10:35 PM
1236	Evansdale Elementary works Best whith the tradicional PK -5 structure Elementary students benefit from being in school designed for younger learners and from hacing stable relationships whith teachers and starpt. The tradicional pk-5/6-8/9-12 model schould remain for the evansdale clouater.	3/5/2026 10:34 PM
1237	I am less concerned about the bands as I am the condition of current schools and the opportunity for students who have been identified as gifted to be better clustered to foster their growth.	3/5/2026 10:32 PM
1238	Stability should be prioritized. There is no structural decline in the OGE area; in fact, it is in an area experiencing tremendous growth. Traditional PK-5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization growth-oriented corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term significant underutilization.	3/5/2026 10:31 PM
1239	Debería de tener más salones para pre kinder	3/5/2026 10:30 PM
1240	Traditional grade bands work well foremost kids. Combining sixth grade with 12th grade and one school is probably not a good idea. Special program schools for gifted students are a great idea and the county should offer additional spots in these schools.	3/5/2026 10:28 PM
1241	Again, the current system works. What should be done is the overcrowded schools should be re-mapped, the under attended schools potentially closed or re-districted. Issue solved.	3/5/2026 10:27 PM
1242	Middle school students do not need to be housed with high school students. And middle school students also do not need to be housed with younger elementary students.	3/5/2026 10:26 PM
1243	I like the option to include the PK-3, but still separate it from K-5/ 6-8/ and 9-12.	3/5/2026 10:26 PM
1244	I do. Not like the border grade band scenarios that differ from Norms as it makes it more	3/5/2026 10:15 PM

	challenging for many students to adjust and the learning environment is affected when students move between schools. It also breaks up families with multiple children creating transportation and coordination issues for parents. Kids younger than 8th grade should never be placed with high schoolers due to liability and differing maturity levels.	
1245	Combined Elementary and Middle schools would offer families a solution that keeps schools as local to the community as possible.	3/5/2026 10:14 PM
1246	My oldest son attended this school from 1st grade until 5th grade and I am very satisfied. Now my youngest daughter is in first grade and she is doing very well!	3/5/2026 10:07 PM
1247	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/5/2026 10:02 PM
1248	Potential bands would be more harmful than helpful. It's took much going on in this community to allow k-5 students to be in the same building as 6-8 students. Also if it was to be upper and lower elementary how would that help the students that depend on their 4th and 5th grade siblings. How will teachers ensure that the younger students stay safe? What type of certification would teachers need if schools are k-8? How would this community honestly benefit this?	3/5/2026 9:56 PM
1249	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/5/2026 9:54 PM
1250	We have lived in DeKalb for many years and remember when elementary schools were k-7. I have never liked the middle school concept and would rather see high schools 8-12. This gives students a year to experience high school before their grades are used to apply to college.	3/5/2026 9:52 PM
1251	I don't have specific feedback about this.	3/5/2026 9:49 PM
1252	Due to developmental differences, I feel strongly that 6-8 grade students should not be in the same school as 9-12th grades.	3/5/2026 9:48 PM
1253	Mega schools harm communities. Smaller schools benefit children, and grade band scenarios should reflect that.	3/5/2026 9:48 PM
1254	Cedar Grove cluster closure is necessary.	3/5/2026 9:45 PM
1255	I strongly support the K–8 scenario for the Dunwoody Cluster (specifically referencing Vanderlyn Elementary and Peachtree Middle). In a high-pressure, hyper-competitive academic environment like Dunwoody, the K–8 model offers a necessary 'nurturing' buffer. It allows our students to 'stay kids' longer, fostering higher self-esteem and providing unique leadership/mentorship opportunities (e.g., 8th graders mentoring Vanderlyn K-2 students) that are lost in the traditional 6-8 setting. Key Considerations for our Cluster: • Decompressing Peachtree Middle: Transitioning to K–8 would alleviate the extreme overcrowding at Peachtree Middle by allowing students to remain in their smaller, community-based elementary buildings like Vanderlyn. • Transportation & Safety: To address the age-gap concerns, I recommend staggered start/end times to ensure K-2 students and 6-8 students aren't sharing the same buses. • Extracurricular Access: While I value the 'participation-over-competition' feel of K–8, the District must ensure that passion-based activities (like the Dunwoody High feeder band or competitive sports) remain accessible. I suggest a 'Cluster-Wide' approach where K–8 students can still participate in centralized Dunwoody-area programs to maintain the high standard of specialization our community expects. Ultimately, I prefer a model that prioritizes the social-emotional well-being and safety of the student over the 'pre-high school' intensity of a traditional middle school.	3/5/2026 9:44 PM

1256	Ashford park elementary students need to remain within the Chamblee MS and HS cluster	3/5/2026 9:35 PM
1257	I personally will pull my children from DCSD public school if you move forward with a 6-12 grade band. Middle school years are already tough Developmentally to lump them in with High Schoolers feels reckless and not in the best interest of the children	3/5/2026 9:34 PM
1258	Again, no evidence cited for the potential band scenarios stated.	3/5/2026 9:34 PM
1259	What new investments are required for 6-12 grade bands to work within one campus?	3/5/2026 9:33 PM
1260	I think we have to group similar ages as much as possible. Protect innocent minds (6th graders should not be near 12 graders)	3/5/2026 9:30 PM
1261	For safety and developmental concerns, please keep the grade bands as they currently are.	3/5/2026 9:29 PM
1262	I don't really know that I care about the grade bands so much as I do the size of the schools	3/5/2026 9:28 PM
1263	Middle School has always been my biggest concern of the DCSD public school system. We are zoned for Peachtree MS and it seems to receive adequate but not great remarks. I would be in favor of expanding the Dunwoody HS to 6-12, however i know that school is already facing capacity issues with the amount of trailers and land locked parcel. I would strongly advocate for expanding the Dunwoody HS campus.	3/5/2026 9:26 PM
1264	I think Montgomery could be successful with an upper and lower school, possibly building a new building on the current property for 4th and 5th grade or by utilizing the old Nancy Creek Elementary school building and having a 3-5th grade upper school and a pre-k through 2nd lower school.	3/5/2026 9:24 PM
1265	School referencing - Rock Chapel Elementary. Not enough information presented to support the potential grade band of PK3 and 4/5 . However this might not be as important if the average age difference between children in families in DeKalb county is following the national trend of 4 years. In the presentation the clusters are not clearly defined.	3/5/2026 9:24 PM
1266	I believe the current structure works best for students and families. Frequent changes to grade bands can be disruptive for children and create unnecessary transitions. Keeping schools stable helps students build relationships with teachers, staff, and their community. Decisions about grade bands should prioritize what is best for students' learning, safety, and consistency.	3/5/2026 9:21 PM
1267	I think it is important for students to be placed in a traditional cluster with other students who are closer in age, rather than such a wide range of ages and grades.	3/5/2026 9:17 PM
1268	For chamblee cluster: please keep high school and middle school separate. For elementary, one potential suggestion that seemed good was to send grades 4-5 for all chamblee cluster elementary schools to the Nancy creek elementary facility. Please keep Montgomery open	3/5/2026 9:16 PM
1269	I wondered if you had considered a PK-6 scenario with a split at 7-12? This is more developmentally appropriate to children's neurological and social emotional growth. It could lessen stress on students and increase mental health. I agree that less transitions and reduced commute time is also of supreme importance to student & family health. Speaking as a teacher in a school choice program, a PK-8 model for our choice program would be ideal to guaranteeing effectiveness of the educational alternative. This may be true for other school choice programs as well. I'm sure that will be addressed in future discussions in later phases/scenarios. But grade band organization does have an impact. For instance, a PK-2/3-5 organization would absolutely NOT work for our choice program & educational model.	3/5/2026 9:15 PM
1270	not evaluated	3/5/2026 9:14 PM
1271	I think it is terrible. Why would you completely blow up the system? 6th graders have no business in a school with 12 graders. Kids need to be with kids similar in age. They are already exposed to way too much in the internet era. This will only make it worse. The recommendations for changing grade band clusters are nothing more than a distraction and a company who you paid money to for recommendations justifying the money you wasted paying them.	3/5/2026 9:13 PM
1272	My children are currently in 2nd grade and Pre-K at Midvale Elementary. I would not send them to a larger school that would have them in the same school as an 8th grader. From a mental health and a safety perspective, I do not think elementary students should be with middle school students, nor middle school students with high school students. There are complete developmental differences in those ages. I understand that some students could take higher	3/5/2026 9:12 PM

	level classes if those grades are combined, yet it seems like that need could be met in other ways.	
1273	No school should have a band of 6-12 since the younger kids do not need to be around kids that old.	3/5/2026 9:10 PM
1274	At this stage, I think in need more information about the pros of moving to a K-5 and 6-12 band. I think from a social-emotional perspective there could be more risks with having two groupings vs the elementary, middle and highschool	3/5/2026 9:09 PM
1275	I believe the most promising grade band model is PK-3 / 4-6 / 7-9 / 10-12. This structure better reflects how students actually develop socially and academically, and avoids the abrupt transitions that can be disruptive, particularly for students in under-resourced communities who may have less support at home during periods of change. That said, the district needs to be transparent about whether this model is logistically and financially feasible at scale. If it cannot be implemented equitably across all clusters, we risk creating a two-tiered system where some communities benefit from thoughtful grade banding while others are left with whatever is most convenient.	3/5/2026 9:09 PM
1276	Keep thing the same	3/5/2026 9:08 PM
1277	I really just don’t understand how this is supposed to work. And logistically. Some of you are experiencing your first day on earth or have never had kids in school or maybe have never attended school (which would explain the math not mathing) or is it the Texas education? (Yes I know about the shady Texas firm)	3/5/2026 9:06 PM
1278	The band teachers are a really good and profesional, they encourage the children to be involved in the activities.	3/5/2026 9:04 PM
1279	Stability should be prioritized in my current Oak Grove, Briarlake, Sagamore cluster. They’re all close to capacity, and studies show the traditional bands work best.	3/5/2026 9:01 PM
1280	PK-5 grade and 6-8 grades appear to be the best way to continue in the OGE and Henderson section. My children have thrived at OGE and my middle schooler has transitioned to Henderson's STEM program well with an excellent academic base from OGE.	3/5/2026 9:00 PM
1281	I feel this would create an environment that would force the younger children to try to be more "grown" to try and hit in with older kids.	3/5/2026 8:59 PM
1282	I do not have any prior knowledge of the band scenarios.	3/5/2026 8:57 PM
1283	I do not think they are needed in our cluster as most of the schools are near the upper end of utilization.	3/5/2026 8:57 PM
1284	The PreK-5 and 6-12 grade bands make more sense to me. I would prefer that my middle school aged children have access to advanced classes more than elementary age. It also seems like it would better facilitate sports and other extracurricular programs that have more similarities between MS and HS than ES. I would like to be presented with more data on the longer term educational and social impacts of the different scenarios before making a firm decision	3/5/2026 8:54 PM
1285	Regarding the grid bands, that could work as long as the younger grades are adequately, separated from the upper grades.	3/5/2026 8:51 PM
1286	I prefer the current clusters	3/5/2026 8:49 PM
1287	I would not feel comfortable with 6th grade students in the same building as 12grade students 6-12. That development span is too wide at a critical times.	3/5/2026 8:45 PM
1288	Some consolidation makes sense. There needs to be a buffer in attendance in areas or more density or growth to plan for future. Neigh orthodox elementary schools are more ideal than massive more centralized options. Please leverage vanderlyn property for highschool to get rid of trailers and maybe for a freshman center.	3/5/2026 8:42 PM
1289	This should be based on the students ability to learn. One style doesn’t represent all.	3/5/2026 8:42 PM
1290	I don’t think this is the best option.	3/5/2026 8:39 PM
1291	Grade bands should remain the same. Changing the grade bands in PK-5 disrupts the social-emotional well-being of students who are already established in their school. There is comfort	3/5/2026 8:38 PM

	in anticipating how the next academic year will proceed because the teachers/building/procedures remain the same or very similar year to year. Students attend school with others who live in their neighborhood. If the grade bands change, bus routes may change to accommodate a larger attendance zone. This would mean the bus rides will be longer. I would not want my child riding on a bus for more than 20-30 minutes one way. Pick-up times already start around 6:30 AM. It is a foolish expectation to make young children wait for a school bus any earlier than what is already established. In the winter months, it is still dark outside at 6:30 AM. I am also opposed to splitting elementary into PK-3 and 4-5 grade bands. Again, having PK-5 in the same building allows students to have continuity in their academic journey. Siblings could be in different grade bands more often compared to PK-5, and this adds stress to parents/guardians to juggle two different schools and the schools' policies, expectations, etc. There is also increased logistics of school drop-off and school pickup and after-school care when siblings are in different locations. Two of my children are in after-school together, and I get a discount on the 2nd child's fee. If they were in different buildings, I doubt a discount would exist, and that is an extra expense for me as a parent. I am vehemently opposed to having a grade band of 6-12. I do not want 18-year-old students attending school with 11- and 12-year-old students. I do not want my 6th/7th/or 8th-grade student exposed to the academic, social, and behavioral challenges of older adolescents. The challenges that would arise from having children in different developmental stages cannot be monitored appropriately when a facility has hundreds of students present.	
1292	There is a reason why the standard grade bands have been in place for a long as they are. In large settings children need to be grouped with terror suicidal peers and away from older student who may negatively influence younger students because they don't have the social construct to understand what they are witnessing.	3/5/2026 8:36 PM
1293	I’m ok with Lakeside High School having a 6-12 grade band	3/5/2026 8:36 PM
1294	I think Ashford Park (PK-3) and John Lewis (4-5) would be a great idea. It would help with redistricting and drawing the lines more fairly in the community.	3/5/2026 8:33 PM
1295	I oppose any change	3/5/2026 8:30 PM
1296	Please maintain the current grade band structure. It is working fine. Let's not change it.	3/5/2026 8:30 PM
1297	I prefer the transitional grade band but if it has to change then the band K-8 that has the minimal amount of transition for kids. I do believe the traditional band is most appropriate whenever considering all factors	3/5/2026 8:29 PM
1298	No comment	3/5/2026 8:27 PM
1299	A K-8 model and 9-12 is better for student success however with overcrowding of elementary schools in this plan I do not think many elementary school buildings could support it. So taking into account buildings I think a one transition model of k-6 and 7-12 would be more developmentally appropriate.	3/5/2026 8:23 PM
1300	You suggesting closing schools but did not provide any suggestions to say where the students affected will attend schools. Presenting part of the picture does not portray a clear picture.	3/5/2026 8:23 PM
1301	I think separating PK-3 from 4-5 makes sense and would give better option for kids to be staying close to home for early primary education. Grouping middle schoolers with high schoolers is too much of a age disparity to be safe and effective.	3/5/2026 8:18 PM
1302	Montgomery is over crowded but I don’t think changing the grade bands would be great. A big draw to my family is keeping siblings together in the same building. My kids are 2 years apart so if they split grades more then they could easily be in different schools for years.	3/5/2026 8:17 PM
1303	Regarding the Tucker cluster, I believe (PK-5/6-8/9-12) grade bands are developmentally, socially, emotionally, and behaviorally appropriate . I have personal experience with a "Mega school," coming from one of the largest high schools in my state. Regardless of class size and student to staff ratios, many children fell through the cracks and were "lost" in the system. Suicide rates skyrocketed due to lack of social-emotional support and the "no tolerance" approach to bullying failed our students. There were simply too many children in the building to safely and acutely monitor the interactions between students. Developmental stages are just that - bands of children similarly aged with similar developmental needs. Having elementary school children in the same building as middle school or even highschool students is inappropriate.	3/5/2026 8:16 PM

1304	No opinion	3/5/2026 8:14 PM
1305	All of this is not grounded in truly quantitative approaches and methodology. Please see my comment above.	3/5/2026 8:11 PM
1306	Allgood Elementary should be rebuilt or closed	3/5/2026 8:02 PM
1307	The 6-12 age/maturity/peer influence is too wide and would cause more stress on the admin when it comes to conflicts.	3/5/2026 7:59 PM
1308	Redan Elementary does not need to close. Our Community has produced lots of scholarships over the years. Stop trying to destroy legacy. Our children are not dollar signs they are human beings that need care, attention, structure, and love. I refuse to let this happen	3/5/2026 7:59 PM
1309	N/A	3/5/2026 7:57 PM
1310	It too long ago, Evansdale began teaching French. This would no doubt be seriously affected.	3/5/2026 7:55 PM
1311	I don't know what this means but generally smaller grade bands the better.	3/5/2026 7:55 PM
1312	I am fine with any of these as long as middle schoolers (6-8) are not mixed in with high schoolers (9-12)	3/5/2026 7:54 PM
1313	Grade band scenarios can be a positive. But it is impossible to provide specific feedback for Chamblee without a more concrete plan as to how that would play out in practice. I (and many other parents at Kittredge) would oppose a band scenario that destroys the fabric of the school by breaking it apart. For Chamblee as a whole, banding can be a positive if used in a thoughtful matter.	3/5/2026 7:54 PM
1314	Na	3/5/2026 7:42 PM
1315	The grade bands should reflect the community, but being in a urban area grade bands should be small	3/5/2026 7:42 PM
1316	I HATE this idea. DES did the 4th/5th when it first opened and again when we returned from COVID and they sent them to Nancy Creek (my son was in that group). It was a nightmare logistically (required more specials teachers, an entire extra lunchroom staff, etc. and it meant I had two drop off places for carpool). Also, it broke up our neighborhood school community. I also dislike grouping 6th-12th. The MS vs HS kids need totally different environments and my rising 6th grader would be terrified going to a school with much older high school students. It opens up potential for the younger students to be exposed and affected by too many bad HS issues.	3/5/2026 7:42 PM
1317	The present grade band scenarios is fine. I see no reason to change them.	3/5/2026 7:40 PM
1318	We support if this helps keep the school and open to more applicants	3/5/2026 7:38 PM
1319	I am not sure the grade bands matter too much to me. I do think that we know DCSD is transient and kids should be able to easily adapt to any school environment.	3/5/2026 7:37 PM
1320	Less important than the organizational plan. Pre-K	3/5/2026 7:36 PM
1321	Any scenario that expands the grade, age, and developmental level in one facility has to be carefully considered and managed. Transition will likely be difficult for all involved.	3/5/2026 7:36 PM
1322	I prefer a PK–8 grade band model where possible because it allows students to remain in the same school community with their neighborhood peers for a longer period of time. Maintaining continuity from elementary through middle school can help strengthen relationships among students, families, and teachers, and can support a stronger sense of community within neighborhoods. A PK–8 structure also reduces the number of school transitions students experience, which can be beneficial during important developmental years. Fewer transitions may help students maintain stability in friendships, routines, and academic support systems. If PK–8 models are considered, I encourage the district to prioritize keeping existing neighborhood clusters together so that students can remain with peers from their local communities while still providing strong academic and extracurricular opportunities.	3/5/2026 7:34 PM
1323	I don’t like it.	3/5/2026 7:27 PM
1324	I agree more with a k-2 and 3-5 grade band over a 6-12. Or something like city of Decatur with a 4/5 academy. However, I think this overlooks the need for more preschool special education classrooms for all levels from regional to cotaught that are desperately needed.	3/5/2026 7:25 PM

1325	Traditional grade school clusters seem to be appropriate.	3/5/2026 7:24 PM
1326	The 6-12 clustering is concerning to me. I worry about putting two developmentally different adolescent groups together in 1 large school.	3/5/2026 7:22 PM
1327	Please include maps with proposed changes. I think grace bands could vary based on each zone and available facilities vs enrollment.	3/5/2026 7:21 PM
1328	or the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/5/2026 7:20 PM
1329	Good ideas	3/5/2026 7:12 PM
1330	I think it's important to keep middle school separate from high school for many reasons. There is no reason a student should leave middle school at 11/12 years old and enter a school with 16/17/18 year olds. The middle school years allow children to develop and grow in many ways before entering high school.	3/5/2026 7:12 PM
1331	The grade band idea is a big no for me. I can't put in words of how many safety concerns I can think of when thinking of the thought of 6-8 graders attending the same school with 9-12 graders.	3/5/2026 7:12 PM
1332	Elementary definitely does not need to be with older students. They have alot of different things in every level going on. The safety of younger kids would be better. They have alot of gangs in dekalb county schools let keep these kids isolated from the older crowd as long as we can. They mind is on different things they are on different levels.	3/5/2026 7:10 PM
1333	I only support a k-2 and 3-5. Even that option is hard for parents with kids in both levels. Middle school is designed for hormones and high school is designed for growth. Too many grades in a school with older kids means more opportunities to mimic age-inappropriate behaviors.	3/5/2026 7:08 PM
1334	Schools work better with age differences, elem middle and high schools. However if schools should be eliminated we should return to the 80s/90s of elem and high school instead of overloading schools	3/5/2026 7:06 PM
1335	Don't change the grade bands. Not as safe for the children to have 6-12 together for example	3/5/2026 7:05 PM
1336	No comment.	3/5/2026 6:57 PM
1337	The grade band clusters need to stay the same or get smaller. A sixth grader and a 12th grader are very different and should not be placed in the same school for developmental as well as safety concerns. I believe the same thing for a pre-K child going to school with an 8th grader. That is much too big a gap.	3/5/2026 6:56 PM
1338	Grade band is fine as long as proper segregation is in place	3/5/2026 6:55 PM
1339	It may be best for discipline purposes to go with the grade band scenarios.	3/5/2026 6:54 PM
1340	It's unfortunate, the little kids do NOT need to be with the olders, for this reason most middle school shield the 6th graders on there own halls and everything to allow them to calmly settle in.	3/5/2026 6:54 PM
1341	Not sure.	3/5/2026 6:54 PM
1342	Uncertain.	3/5/2026 6:53 PM
1343	More separation of kids by age makes sense because older kids, even older elementary kids, have cell phones and are watching inappropriate content and using harsh language that little kids shouldn't be exposed to.	3/5/2026 6:53 PM
1344	For the Montgomery / Chamblee cluster, I believe stability and simplicity in grade bands should be a key priority. Frequent transitions (for example PK–3, 4–5, 6–8) can create social and academic disruptions and increase transportation complexity without a clear academic benefit	3/5/2026 6:52 PM

	for students. Given that Montgomery currently serves PK–5 and is functioning well with that configuration, I favor maintaining a traditional elementary structure (PK–5) for our school and cluster rather than splitting elementary grades across multiple campuses. If the district considers PK–3 / 4–5 in other parts of the county, I would strongly recommend that Montgomery's cluster remain PK–5, 6–8, 9–12 so that students can build long-term relationships with staff and peers in one elementary building. Any grade band changes should be justified with clear academic evidence and not driven solely by facility or capacity convenience. Because my child will attend Kittredge Magnet, I am especially concerned that any grade band changes preserve a clear, predictable pathway between home elementary schools and the 4–6 magnet program. Proposals should explain exactly how magnet entry grades (4–6 at Kittredge) align with new grade bands, so that students do not experience unnecessary extra transitions or lose access due to shifting configurations. Maintaining stability for a countywide program like Kittredge is essential to academic continuity and family planning.	
1345	The grade band scenarios are complex. I think it is important to keep children of appropriate maturity in environments that allow them to have access to age appropriate support. Having a school house grades K-8 would be challenging.	3/5/2026 6:48 PM
1346	How will you ensure that students can succeed if they are not reading it 3rd grade and moved to to a new school with a grade band of 4th-5th? I think that having a grade band of 4th-5th grade will help prepare students for the GMAS and Middle School, but how will that help if students being sent to these schools can't read at a 3rd grade level? What can you ensure will help those students when the current strategies are not working (and you know it is not)?	3/5/2026 6:45 PM
1347	There should be no grade band	3/5/2026 6:44 PM
1348	I think it should stay the same. Putting older kids with the younger can issues such as bullying. I also don't want to expose my kid to older kids behavior.	3/5/2026 6:41 PM
1349	The grade band should remain as it currently is.	3/5/2026 6:38 PM
1350	no feedback, open to different solutions.	3/5/2026 6:38 PM
1351	When o grew up here I went from OGE straight to LHS. Worked great for me! I feel that reallocating resources based on those needs are better suited than closing schools in the heart of neighborhoods. I am referring to OGE and LHS.	3/5/2026 6:37 PM
1352	The maturity of age levels and placing older student with small children is not a good thing to do.	3/5/2026 6:37 PM
1353	While I like the idea of PK to 8 due to high achievers given higher grade instruction, I do not think we should combine middle school kids with younger elementary kids without being worried about their safety.	3/5/2026 6:32 PM
1354	I feel that it would benefit and depends on the needs of the area in which it could impact the most.	3/5/2026 6:31 PM
1355	The classrooms are already crowded. The gifted students will no longer be poured into therefore falling more behind with the rest. Why is it best for a 6th grader to be in the same school as a 12th grader? Talk about a rise in drug usage, teenage sex and pregnancy.	3/5/2026 6:31 PM
1356	I'm ok with adjusting the grade bands	3/5/2026 6:28 PM
1357	Grade bands for Chamblee HS and MS should not be as wide as proposed. 6th graders should not go to school with high school kids. This doesn't take a lot of insight to understand that in a public school environment kids need to be with others their age.	3/5/2026 6:28 PM
1358	PK-3/4-5/6-8/9-12 scenario may help spread the students throughout the schools, which ideally addresses overpopulation and avoids closures.	3/5/2026 6:28 PM
1359	Studies have shown that putting middle school children alongside high school students is not advantageous to either group. They are in two different worlds and it is very difficult for the middle school child.	3/5/2026 6:26 PM
1360	Redan Elementary 3rd Grade & PreK	3/5/2026 6:25 PM
1361	I think the bands should stay the same	3/5/2026 6:25 PM
1362	I am specifically discussing the Dunwoody cluster elementary schools.	3/5/2026 6:22 PM

1363	I’m open to reimagining the way students are best served, while efficiently meeting those needs.	3/5/2026 6:22 PM
1364	I don't know	3/5/2026 6:19 PM
1365	No opinion	3/5/2026 6:16 PM
1366	K-8 together	3/5/2026 6:11 PM
1367	Cedar Grove HS needs to remain a high school Cedar Grove Elementary is a great school.	3/5/2026 6:11 PM
1368	I do not agree with 6th graders being combined with high schoolers	3/5/2026 6:05 PM
1369	I'm fine if Brockett becomes a K-7 or K-8 grade band school. I welcome it.	3/5/2026 6:05 PM
1370	Sixth graders should not be with senior highschoolers. That age gap is entirely too broad.	3/5/2026 6:01 PM
1371	None	3/5/2026 5:56 PM
1372	Montgomery Elementary School would be well served by moving to PK-3 and housing 4-5 at another nearby school (it already loses a lot of 4-5 to Kitteridge, which I don’t prefer as a parent - having to decide whether our children will be separated from their friends for 2 grades, in the interest of potentially are more challenging curriculum, is not a fair choice to make parents engage in). This would allow current MES and the new 4-5 MES to absorb some of the Ashford Park kids potentially, and retain Sexton Woods kids.	3/5/2026 5:55 PM
1373	I do not think the grade band consolidations will work. The students in middle and high schools are vastly different socially and developmentally and need to stay separate to ensure appropriateness and the best environment for students to grow.	3/5/2026 5:55 PM
1374	I only support the traditional grade ban models. Mixing multiple age groups has some negative consequences: Developmental differences: Elementary students and middle school students have very different developmental, social, and academic needs. Combining these age groups can make it difficult to design environments and expectations that appropriately support both stages. Loss of the middle school model: Grades 6–8 are typically structured to support early adolescent development through increased independence, electives, and team-based instruction. Embedding these grades in a K–8 setting may dilute practices designed specifically for middle school learners. School climate and supervision: Housing very young children alongside adolescents can create challenges related to school culture, supervision, and maintaining age-appropriate spaces and expectations for all students.	3/5/2026 5:51 PM
1375	I do not support grade band configurations that would require Evansdale students to attend large consolidated “mega-schools” outside their neighborhood or outside the existing Evansdale–Henderson cluster pathway. Maintaining the current K–5 structure at Evansdale Elementary best supports both community stability and program continuity. Evansdale’s French immersion program connects directly to the program at Henderson Middle School, and preserving that pathway is important for both academic continuity and maintaining enrollment. In addition, creating larger consolidated grade-band schools risks driving families away from the public system altogether. Many families chose this neighborhood specifically because of the presence of a strong, local elementary school. If Evansdale is closed or replaced with a large, more distant school, it is very likely that some families will pursue private schools or alternative options, which could ultimately reduce enrollment rather than stabilize it. For these reasons, I strongly encourage the district to maintain neighborhood elementary schools like Evansdale within their current clusters, preserve existing program pathways such as the French program feeding into Henderson Middle School, and avoid grade band scenarios that rely on large consolidated schools.	3/5/2026 5:50 PM
1376	Brockett elementary has been around since 1961. Well established and part of a great community	3/5/2026 5:50 PM
1377	For safety, these schools need to stay separate. The size of buildings snd capacity should not dictate the expansion of school grade bands.	3/5/2026 5:49 PM
1378	Vanderlyn	3/5/2026 5:48 PM
1379	Brockett would serve best as a Pre-K -5th or 3rd. We have recently received numerous upgrades with E-Splost funds and brand new fixtures.	3/5/2026 5:45 PM
1380	The proposal is a pure racist targeting of white (north county and high performing, high parent	3/5/2026 5:43 PM

	involvement, high school foundation donation) schools. Close lowest performing schools and bus kids into the higher performing schools via a voluntary school choice program. This is not rocket science.	
1381	I don't have any issue	3/5/2026 5:43 PM
1382	It makes sense to have K-2 elementary to focus on foundational literacy skills, 3-5 or 3-6 upper grade elem schools, and the. Middle and high schools.	3/5/2026 5:38 PM
1383	I think the idea of 6-12 would be more useful as transition during grade 6 would be a better one without any other transition until completion of high school	3/5/2026 5:38 PM
1384	Bands gives community an option for their district base on their population, culture and needs.	3/5/2026 5:37 PM
1385	If grade bands alleviate over and under enrollment I think it’s viable.	3/5/2026 5:36 PM
1386	Honestly coming from California middle school was 7th and 8th grade. Elementary was from k-6	3/5/2026 5:36 PM
1387	It’s hard to be an engaged parent if your children is split across different bands. The less bands is ideal to allow parents to consolidate their engagement to a central location.	3/5/2026 5:36 PM
1388	I think we should keep 3 tier clusters. I dont I dont think students will thrive with so many grades mixed in.	3/5/2026 5:33 PM
1389	Current grade band seem appropriate with K through five then six through eight and nine through 12	3/5/2026 5:31 PM
1390	Don’t sacrifice education and student safety for saving a few dollars. This school system has wasted money for years. Look in the mirror and cut your salary in half.	3/5/2026 5:31 PM
1391	Main preference is to keep Ashford Park community in tact and keep the current trajectory for Ashford Park students to funnel into Chamblee Middle and then Chamblee High.	3/5/2026 5:28 PM
1392	The "non-traditional" grade bands are all concerning to me. It is not appropriate for kindergartners to be riding the same bus as eight graders, nor is it appropriate for 6th graders to be riding the same bus as 12th graders.	3/5/2026 5:27 PM
1393	I am very concerned about these scenarios impact the City of Tucker and the Tucker Cluster. The draw of DeKalb county and Tucker are small elementary schools, with walkability to the schools. There is no information about re-drawing boundaries and other information on how this will impact the city. Converting a small elementary school that houses 300 students into a mega-school with 1000 students will have huge impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods, traffic, etc. Plus having empty buildings in the middle of neighborhoods is not wanted and has impacts on housing and other factors.	3/5/2026 5:26 PM
1394	Grade bands should stay as they are.	3/5/2026 5:24 PM
1395	grade band adjustments should be considered carefully to ensure they align with student developmental needs and instructional effectiveness. Certain grade configurations, such as keeping elementary students together through 5th grade and maintaining a strong middle school transition period, can support social and academic development. The district should also consider transportation impacts, program availability, and how changes would affect existing school communities within each cluster. Input from families, teachers, and staff in the specific clusters being affected will be important before final decisions are made.	3/5/2026 5:23 PM
1396	Cedar Grove Cluster	3/5/2026 5:21 PM
1397	Same	3/5/2026 5:21 PM
1398	I like the current grade band scenario of pk-5, 6-8, and 9-12. But having a pk-3 and 4-5 could be modified to be a 4-6, and then having a junior high school grade ban of 7-8 or possibly 7-9 which could prepare students specifically for their high school academic path.	3/5/2026 5:19 PM
1399	I think a change in grade band may be beneficial, we have to ensure curriculum aligns with said changes.	3/5/2026 5:12 PM
1400	I support grade band expansion. T think that PK - 6 / 7-9 / 10-12 grade bands would work to help restructure and balance the district.	3/5/2026 5:12 PM
1401	K-6 7-12	3/5/2026 5:05 PM

1402	Dont close oak grove thats my only concern	3/5/2026 5:03 PM
1403	Coming from Massachusetts, we already come from a background of PK-3/4-5/6-8/9-12 scenario so that seems perfectly fine. (Also my kids are past ES)	3/5/2026 5:01 PM
1404	I support a PK–5, 6–8, and 9–12 grade band structure. This model keeps elementary, middle, and high school students in developmentally appropriate learning environments. A PK–5 elementary structure allows younger students to learn in a setting designed specifically for early childhood and elementary development. A 6–8 middle school model helps support the unique academic and social needs of early adolescents, while 9–12 high schools allow older students to focus on college, career, and extracurricular preparation. Maintaining these grade bands also helps preserve the strong community connections that neighborhood elementary schools provide for families.	3/5/2026 4:59 PM
1405	K-8 is generally accepted as a best practice for positive student outcomes. High Schools that are set in neighborhoods should not be more than 1500 students. Get back to neighborhood schools. Although numbers have gone down, they are now similar to numbers in the 1980s when neighborhood schools were the model. There should not be a problem fitting students in buildings if this scenario is embraced.	3/5/2026 4:59 PM
1406	School grade clusters should be consistent across the system, bases on maturity of students.	3/5/2026 4:57 PM
1407	Impact of Grade Band Changes on the Miller Grove Cluster Any shift in grade bands such as moving from a 6–8 middle school model to a 5–8, 7–8, or K–8 configuration directly affects program quality, staffing, and student experience. For the Miller Grove cluster, the consequences are particularly significant because of the school's established programs and the needs of its rising students. 1. Maintaining the 6–8 Model at Miller Grove Middle School Keeping Miller Grove Middle School as a 6–8 campus preserves the academic and developmental structure that best supports early adolescents. This model is especially important for this cluster because: • The school has a strong Connections Department (FCS, drama, band) that is designed for middle grade learners and would be difficult to replicate in an elementary or K–8 setting. • Rising sixth graders in this cluster are highly inquisitive and ready for expanded electives, which are not typically available in elementary schools. • The 6–8 model allows students to transition into a setting with age appropriate expectations, leadership opportunities, and social emotional supports.	3/5/2026 4:54 PM
1408	What do educational data say is best for the kids? For example, our adolescents best grouped together, or kept with primary grades??	3/5/2026 4:46 PM
1409	I don't know what a "grade band scenario". If you are talking about keeping the K-6 elementary, 7-8 middle, and 9-12 high school, that is current to all school systems today. The other variation adding Charter and Magnet schools is dependent on the area. Access to those, to my understanding, is based on qualification of the student and the desire of the parent. It is very important for those students who are more advanced in their ability to learn and progress.	3/5/2026 4:43 PM
1410	Regarding the potential grade band scenarios, I would recommend maintaining the traditional elementary, middle, and high school structure. Keeping students grouped by traditional grade bands allows for age-appropriate academic instruction and social development.	3/5/2026 4:42 PM
1411	The cluster of children if I understand correctly is 6 grade to 12 grade. I am apprehensive of the level of understanding a younger child would have, being placed around those that are much older.	3/5/2026 4:30 PM
1412	While 6-12 grade bands may offer some facilities efficiencies, there is evidence that the arrangement is bad for kids (especially the younger ones). Many private schools go to great lengths to keep middle school separate from high school - give those 6-8th graders a few more years to act like kids. We should afford our public students the same benefits.	3/5/2026 4:24 PM
1413	I have heard adjusting grade bands in the past for Smoke Rise which was part of a previous consultant's recommendation. Instead that seems to have gone away and the idea is being proposed for other locations.	3/5/2026 4:18 PM
1414	I think the traditional grade bands are most effective. It allows students to grow with peers they know, while interacting with a bit older or a bit younger students throughout the band and moving up to the next band. It provides stability and continuity for students as they build on their educational skills.	3/5/2026 4:16 PM
1415	Bands are good.	3/5/2026 4:12 PM

1416	I like the idea.	3/5/2026 4:11 PM
1417	There should be a plan to renovate the middle schools to accommodate elementary students, first grade and Kinder need restrooms adjacent to their classrooms, They go to the bathroom all day long and should not have to walk down the hallway a long way to get to the restroom. At a minimum, They need to be only a certain amount of feet to the restroom.	3/5/2026 4:01 PM
1418	The utilization at Oak Grove is projected at 96%. Sagamore utilization projected 91%. Briarlake at 73% would have to absorb a large number of students.	3/5/2026 3:58 PM
1419	I believe the age gap is too great to have 6-12 grades in one location.	3/5/2026 3:57 PM
1420	I don't see the need for a change in this regard.	3/5/2026 3:54 PM
1421	Evansdale should be expanded not closed. We have a lot of land that could be utilized to expand if other schools need to feed in. I definitely would keep it prek-5 but maybe have prek-2nd on the upper level and 3rd-5th on the lower campus that could possibly be built on our lower field.	3/5/2026 3:52 PM
1422	I believe that the K-8 school choice option would be a viable option for the Lithonia area based upon the decreasing number of elementary aged children in my area.	3/5/2026 3:51 PM
1423	I think the current model of PK-5, 6-8, and 9-12 works fine, however I can see how the PK-8 or 6-12 models could be beneficial. Students would be able to stay in the same building for longer, which means siblings are less likely to be spread between multiple schools, and students and staff would be able to cultivate longer term relationships.	3/5/2026 3:50 PM
1424	The best scenario is to keep elementary (grade 1-6) separate from middle school (grade 7-9) and high school should be (grade 10-12)	3/5/2026 3:44 PM
1425	Na	3/5/2026 3:41 PM
1426	Keep the bands as they are. Absolutely opposed to a PK-8 model. Middle school is a critical developmental period and those students need targeted resources. This argument is mostly articulated by affluent residents who don't want their kids mixing with the diversity that our middle schools bring.	3/5/2026 3:40 PM
1427	This is a better scenario. Students are way more advanced due to technology and this is effecting the teaching learning process. I believe the grade bands will assist in keeping the younger students less influenced by the older peers.	3/5/2026 3:38 PM
1428	Not comfortable with 6th graders in same building with upper grades....yes, you can physically arrange halls/classroom...but kids will find ways to be where they are not supposed to be.	3/5/2026 3:35 PM
1429	I think multi grade buildings helps children learn to interact appropriately with students of other ages.	3/5/2026 3:35 PM
1430	I don’t like the idea of having pre-K/Kdg kids and 8th graders in the same building. The age gap is too large. Having 4 year olds and 14 year olds together could create safety issues. Also, transportation logistics need to be considered when determining different grade band configurations. What time will students begin and end school? Will buses be able to transport students in a timely fashion? This question says to be specific about which cluster we are referencing but this is hard to determine from the potential scenarios map.	3/5/2026 3:23 PM
1431	A 6-12 scenario doesn't seem as good to me. Maybe having 6-9 together might be better.	3/5/2026 3:20 PM
1432	I believe high schoolers should have their own space 9-12. If 6-8 must be with younger grades there needs to be a better community within the system to make it harmonic.	3/5/2026 3:20 PM
1433	I am open to this option but grouping will need to be well though out	3/5/2026 3:01 PM
1434	I think differing grade band scenarios should require having two principals to work with the specific grade levels, especially as you think about principals attending meetings for different grade levels. If the band levels are different there should be a different set up for alignment with the district that is fair and equitable for each grade band.	3/5/2026 3:01 PM
1435	Traditional bands are best for social lurposes	3/5/2026 2:56 PM
1436	Who consolidations will increase classroom size and limits one one and small group opportunities.	3/5/2026 2:55 PM

1437	Prefer current model of PreK-5, 6-8, and 9-12	3/5/2026 2:50 PM
1438	When I went to school in Dekalb, it was 1-7, 8-12. Looking back and seeing what exists today, that could possibly work.	3/5/2026 2:45 PM
1439	I think 6th graders should not be with high schoolers. Maybe starting at 7th could work for that, though. Pre-k-3 seems fine as well, assuming that works, logistically, for the cluster.	3/5/2026 2:45 PM
1440	This question needs to explain the potential grade band scenarios right here. Please remove the jargon for families who do not understand this question.	3/5/2026 2:45 PM
1441	N/A	3/5/2026 2:41 PM
1442	I Do not agree with consolidating middle and high schools. Would the facilities be divide in such a way that the 6-8 grader are not interacting with the older students?	3/5/2026 2:37 PM
1443	Ashford park elementary community is open to the options that allow it to remain open. Elementary school makes sense given community footprint. For example a lot of parents walk or drive their kids to school in golf carts.	3/5/2026 2:30 PM
1444	I strongly urge that Vanderlyn Elementary remain open and that the current K through 5 grade band structure within the Dunwoody cluster be maintained. Vanderlyn is part of the Dunwoody cluster, which includes Austin Elementary, Chesnut Elementary, Dunwoody Elementary, Hightower Elementary, and Kingsley Elementary, all of which feed into Peachtree Middle School and Dunwoody High School. Vanderlyn provides a close-knit, supportive environment where students, parents, and teachers know and care for each other. The smaller size allows for individualized attention, strong relationships, and a sense of belonging that is hard to replicate in larger or consolidated settings. Our students are seen, valued, and encouraged every day, which contributes to their academic and social success. Vanderlyn consistently ranks among the top schools in DeKalb County and is in the top five percent of elementary schools in Georgia. Any scenario that changes the K through 5 grade band or merges students with another school would disrupt the strong community connections and the nurturing environment that are essential to students thriving in the Dunwoody cluster. Preserving Vanderlyn ensures students continue to grow in a safe, supportive, and engaging school where they are known and cared for.	3/5/2026 2:29 PM
1445	I think removing standalone middle schools are in interesting idea especially it is possible to improve the quality of education in those schools (which appears to be low).	3/5/2026 2:27 PM
1446	The traditional cluster work best for my children PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12	3/5/2026 2:26 PM
1447	PK-8 school is a good idea. Of course there would be separate areas of the facility by grades. I do not agree with 6-12 schools, I would not want my 6 grader going to school with 16, 17, 18 year old students.	3/5/2026 2:25 PM
1448	It turns for the worst starting in 3rd grade	3/5/2026 2:25 PM
1449	I would not want my 6th grader in the same school as an 18 year old senior.	3/5/2026 2:21 PM
1450	Separate elementary from middle and high school. Development differences too challenging to mix those grades into one campus.	3/5/2026 2:21 PM
1451	Overall, if elementary schools will be larger, it may make sense to organize them into lower and upper elementary levels. One possible structure to consider would be PK–2 (learning to read) and 3–5 (reading to learn), which aligns with key stages of literacy development. At the same time, I believe the concerns that have been raised about creating PK–8 and 6–12 schools may outweigh the potential benefits of those models.	3/5/2026 2:20 PM
1452	A streamlined and data-informed approach will be essential when determining appropriate grade bands across the district. Careful consideration should be given to the number of students in each grade level to ensure that grouping decisions are based on accurate enrollment trends and long-term sustainability. In addition, it will be important to evaluate the operational needs of each building, including the staffing required to effectively support students—such as administrators, counselors, and instructional staff. Conducting a cost analysis that compares the operational expenses of running each building with the cost of maintaining a fully staffed school will help guide responsible decision-making. Finally, reviewing the capacity of each facility will ensure that student populations are distributed in a way that maximizes available space while maintaining safe, supportive learning environments. A thoughtful review of these	3/5/2026 2:19 PM

	factors will help the district make well-informed decisions that support both operational efficiency and strong student outcomes.	
1453	I think consolidating into different bands to save funds and facility space is a great idea	3/5/2026 2:15 PM
1454	No feed back	3/5/2026 2:12 PM
1455	I don't like the combo of 6th-12th. I do enjoy pk-8 as that is working well at TMS - with the exception that those kids may want to play sports at other programs at schools that are more robust.	3/5/2026 2:11 PM
1456	I prefer the traditional model although the middle school years are taxing.	3/5/2026 2:10 PM
1457	I cannot imagine 6th graders going to school with 12th graders. This should not happen. There needs to be an effort to keep the communities small. Children get lost in the shuffle in the bigger schools. A class of 24 children is already too big for teachers to be able to provide the best learning environment. Mixing older kids with younger kids is not the best learning environment. Innocence lost, growing too soon.	3/5/2026 2:06 PM
1458	I feel that there is space under utilized with the brookhaven/ chamblee cluster --- to incude the current school, John Lewis, and land along Clairmont that does not see to be high interest for other developers.	3/5/2026 2:03 PM
1459	As to the situation presented in #4, we are not in a place where 6-12 is appropriate; we're not a rural district in Alaska.	3/5/2026 1:59 PM
1460	Combining 5 year old students in a building with 12, 13, or possible 14 year old student is not appropriate or safe. Limited middle school identity. Socialization concerns. Behavior management.	3/5/2026 1:57 PM
1461	I think keeping high schools as high schools w 9-12 is important and helps the middle school children be in a better developmental environment to keep them with middle schools or combined with elementary. I think our traditional model is best for families with multiple children, continuity in the same program/ facility while balancing the trade offs of programing. However, i also think a PK-8 would be acceptable if the traditional model is no longer viable. more transitions and more schools (in the Pk-3, 4-5,6-8, 9-12 version) is incredibly challenging for kids to continually make transitions and doesn't support community building with in the schools.	3/5/2026 1:57 PM
1462	The grade bands don't make sense. If you're banding students, it should be PK-2, 3-5, 6-9, 9-12. 3rd grade is where students switch from learning to read to reading to learn; it doesn't make sense to put them with babies when we're trying to move them forward. This would also allow DCSD to RETAIN CHILDREN IN 2ND GRADE who are not reading instead of asking 5th grade teachers to complete 26 RTI interventions a week in an effort to remedy a problem that we created by promoting non-readers. Or, keep it as PK-5, 6-8 and 9-12.	3/5/2026 1:54 PM
1463	Not in favor of the PreK -5 and 6-12 grade ban. More in favor of keeping age groups as they are with elementary PreK -5; 6-8 and 9-12 graders.	3/5/2026 1:53 PM
1464	I am against changing the grade bands particularly for high school and middle school. These ages should be separate for both socialization and safety.	3/5/2026 1:52 PM
1465	I currently do not have a problem with the way our current grade bands work (K-5, 6-8, 9-12). Unless DCSD can show specific data that reveals significant problems with the current structure I think we should keep it as-is.	3/5/2026 1:49 PM
1466	I am not in favor of changing the grade bands to make them larger, particularly not for middle and high school. I would be in favor of smaller grade bands for instance K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12. But Middle and high schools need to be separate.	3/5/2026 1:45 PM
1467	Changing the grade bands is a better solution than closing schools, especially elementary schools. Young kids need a smaller environment to learn better and consolidation would deter from optimal learning for young kids.	3/5/2026 1:44 PM
1468	I believe the traditional grade band model of PK–5, 6–8, and 9–12 remains the most appropriate structure for the Evansdale cluster. This model is familiar to families and supports the developmental stages of students by keeping elementary-aged children in an environment designed specifically for younger learners. For schools like Evansdale Elementary, maintaining a PK–5 structure allows students to build strong relationships with teachers and staff during	3/5/2026 1:43 PM

	their early academic years. It also provides stability for families and helps maintain a strong neighborhood school community. Introducing additional transitions, such as splitting elementary grades into multiple buildings (for example PK–3 / 4–5) or combining wide grade ranges in a single facility, could create unnecessary disruption for young students and families. Elementary students benefit from consistency, safe environments, and school communities that understand their developmental needs. For the Evansdale cluster, I encourage the district to maintain the PK–5 elementary model and prioritize stability for students and families while evaluating future changes.	
1469	I think grade bands make a lot of sense, especially pre-K through eight in areas with under utilized schools. Where schools are completely over capacity, like in the Dunwoody cluster, breaking up the elementary schools to early elementary, and late elementary makes a lot of sense. None of this solves the extreme overcrowding at Dunwoody high school however.	3/5/2026 1:42 PM
1470	When I grew up Middle school was Grade 4 to Grade 8 High school should remain 9th to 12th	3/5/2026 1:36 PM
1471	6-12 not a good idea. Even at church youth group this rarely works.	3/5/2026 1:32 PM
1472	They seem okay	3/5/2026 1:25 PM
1473	NA	3/5/2026 1:25 PM
1474	Not sure need more information	3/5/2026 1:23 PM
1475	I do not like the idea of changing the grade bands. I have three future students and making more drop offs for parents feels impossible. I do not want middle schoolers (6-8 grade) with high schoolers (9-12 grade). I do not think changing any grade bands is a good idea.	3/5/2026 1:21 PM
1476	I would not like to see 6-12 grade schools. 6th graders should not be with 12th graders on the same campus. I could see 6th grade remaining in the elementary school and having a junior high model of 7-9 and 10-12 schools.	3/5/2026 1:19 PM
1477	I'm concerned PK through 8th grade is too large for a single school and could be overwhelming to young students.	3/5/2026 1:19 PM
1478	3 grade and prek	3/5/2026 1:15 PM
1479	Pre-k-3 of through 5, even 6 could work. The differences in kids' interests, maturity, and developmental stages is of concern putting 6-12 together. Concern that the HS tail will wag the dog in terms of financial expenditures, curriculum, and extra-curricular offerings whether sports teams, music/art/band programs. Of course all these proposed bands have done in other systems or in the past. So it's not a question of is it possible. It's a question of whether it's a win win for students first and then system .	3/5/2026 1:15 PM
1480	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%, Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of OGE's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in GA, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK-5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus on clusters with long term, significant underutilization.	3/5/2026 1:15 PM
1481	For the Lakeside cluster, a high utilization cluster experiencing measurable growth next to one of the largest health care expansions in the state, stability should be prioritized and traditional grade bands remain appropriate.	3/5/2026 1:14 PM
1482	Grades bands should be separated for safety of students. It would be huge mistake to mix elementary school grades with any other upper grades.	3/5/2026 1:11 PM
1483	I like the scenario of having schools with PK-2, 3-5, 6-8 and high school.	3/5/2026 1:04 PM
1484	I'm concerned about 6-12. I think having middle schoolers in the same building will be challenging with their different developmental stages. I went to a K-12 private school, but we were able to separate grade bands with PreK - K in their own space, 1-6 in their own space, 7-8 in Junior High and then 9-12 High School.	3/5/2026 1:02 PM
1485	I do not like the idea of having 6th graders share the same halls as upper classmen.	3/5/2026 12:59 PM
1486	just like possible K-8 scenarios, would like to see discussions on possible early childhood	3/5/2026 12:56 PM

	learning.	
1487	Consultants suck. Every 5 years we get to watch a rerun of Office Space. Dumb ideas refreshed with fresh spices.	3/5/2026 12:55 PM
1488	The Lithonia cluster would benefit from a grade-band approach that intentionally incorporates Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) courses before students reach high school. Currently, SEL appears to be addressed only occasionally at the lower grade levels. As a result, many students enter high school without strong conflict resolution skills or strategies for managing their emotions and personal challenges.	3/5/2026 12:55 PM
1489	As far as grade band scenarios that seems a bit more challenging. We might want to keep the grades the way they are for the time being.	3/5/2026 12:50 PM
1490	I think the PK–3 / 4–5 configuration (and others it may work with) would be beneficial for the Clarkston cluster and other high ESOL population clusters if the configuration does allow for more focus on early literacy and foundational skills. Schools in the area are close together, so this may help make the configuration more plausible since so many students walk to school and there are fewer bus routes.	3/5/2026 12:49 PM
1491	I don’t believe a k-12 is beneficial for the youth. These young kids are exposed to too much and we need to preserve their innocence as long as we can	3/5/2026 12:47 PM
1492	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove’s enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/5/2026 12:47 PM
1493	I think traditional grade bands work	3/5/2026 12:46 PM
1494	Seem good	3/5/2026 12:45 PM
1495	For me it’s was fantastic I like that the schools is Rockbridge Elementary School.	3/5/2026 12:44 PM
1496	I don't have major feelings about this.	3/5/2026 12:44 PM
1497	If I am reading correctly we would be putting 6 -12 together? That could potentially have some issues with the age gaps.	3/5/2026 12:42 PM
1498	Neighbor community plays a vital role in the already established French immersion program. Moving this program would significantly cripple what is currently an exemplary program.	3/5/2026 12:41 PM
1499	More transparency around modeling assumptions would be helpful in the next round. Specifically, showing projected enrollment, building utilization, and student distribution across the full cluster for each scenario would help families understand tradeoffs and long-term impacts.	3/5/2026 12:41 PM
1500	I personally feel that 6-12 is too wide of an age range to have in school together	3/5/2026 12:37 PM
1501	Traditional	3/5/2026 12:34 PM
1502	I am not an educator. But I am concerned by merging down to two “chunks.” The developmental offenses between a PreK and 5 or 8th grader are significant. The differences between a 6th and 12th grader are significant and likely more problematic.	3/5/2026 12:33 PM
1503	Grade banding is a detail that should not warrant its own stand-alone box on this survey. Where is the research supporting mega-elementary schools as the clear choice for optimal student achievement and development? What other options besides consolidation were considered and what was the methodology for ruling them out? Where are the traffic studies? How will longevity of programs like DLI be achieved/ensured? You can not ask parents to rubber-stamp a plan made by non-stakeholders with a dubious record and ties to prior leadership that worsened DCSD's reputation. Asking the community for feedback without an overall vision is unbelievable.	3/5/2026 12:22 PM
1504	I think it is a good idea.	3/5/2026 12:20 PM

1505	miller grove middle becoming an elementary school	3/5/2026 12:18 PM
1506	See above for more detail but I very much want to stay in the Chamblee middle and high cluster. We had a poll at our school and the majority of parents agree that we should remain in the same cluster and keep our community together. That is our main priority.	3/5/2026 12:17 PM
1507	OK, with change to banding, but think that the lowest grade for high school should be no lower than 8th grade	3/5/2026 12:15 PM
1508	Bad	3/5/2026 12:14 PM
1509	if Brockett School were to close where would the children of our neighborhood go? Most of the houses in our area are being bought by young families with children as we older folks move out. One of the attractive things about this side of Tucker is that we have a good neighborhood school.	3/5/2026 12:13 PM
1510	If the district's objective is to right-size elementary schools toward the 600-student efficiency benchmark, Vanderlyn should be evaluated as a candidate for expansion rather than closure. The school is already operating efficiently and, given its shared campus, presents an opportunity to explore coordinated facility solutions that support Dunwoody High School's needs while preserving elementary access. We respectfully request comparative modeling that evaluates closure versus expansion scenarios within the Dunwoody cluster, including cost, utilization, and long-term flexibility, before final determinations are made.	3/5/2026 12:12 PM
1511	Ashford Park is a community gem and should be improved.	3/5/2026 12:09 PM
1512	For sake of the children, I believe a new option should be considered. PK.K,1,2 3,4,5 6,7,8 9,10,11,12 This grade banding has an average of three years together. Pre K has only one class with a lottery to get in while high school students have more maturity for younger students to deal with older students.	3/5/2026 12:07 PM
1513	Toda la escuela es perfecta con grupos maravillosos	3/5/2026 12:05 PM
1514	I think that for the main part the traditional format is going to be the best option, but in some cases I think that the 6-12 model may work best if grades should be consolidated to avoid closures that would cause significant hurdles to access.	3/5/2026 12:03 PM
1515	Keep it traditional, works great.	3/5/2026 12:03 PM
1516	I support maintaining the traditional PK-5, 6-8, and 9-12 grade configuration. This structure is familiar to families, aligns with clear developmental stages, and is currently working well for our community. Before considering a shift to alternative grade band models, I would want to see compelling academic, operational, or financial data demonstrating clear benefits that outweigh the disruption to students and families. Stability and continuity are especially important during broader consolidation discussions. If schools like Oak Grove are performing well, maintaining a consistent grade structure supports that success.	3/5/2026 12:02 PM
1517	I'm not sure which schools those are being applied to, and what the impact would be on overcrowding of existing schools or better utilization of existing under-enrolled schools.	3/5/2026 11:59 AM
1518	It could work. However, there are some big changes as a child grows and some age groups don't need to be together. If at the same school, then there needs to be separation by buildings or floors.	3/5/2026 11:58 AM
1519	No me agrada, no se tiene la misma atención, distracción tanto de mayor y menor grado porque los problemas son diferentes. Y la atención no se enfoca en un solo grado. Al decir de sobra que en los grados intermedios se encuentra mucho bullyng.	3/5/2026 11:55 AM
1520	No change to grade clusters	3/5/2026 11:54 AM
1521	While the reconfigured schools will provide a more efficient housing system, the developmental needs of the students should be the driving force in this new plan. The physical and emotional needs of the pre=teen adolescent should be considered before the needs of facilities. Elementary age children should not be exposed to these behaviors. Conversely, middle schoolers should not be exposed to teenage students' behaviors. Based on research, a PreK to 6 configuration functions best when considering a child's emotional development.	3/5/2026 11:53 AM
1522	Traditional models are good, PK-5/ 6-8/ 9-12 , because kids are being in the same building with close age group. It's easier for teachers to deal and approach students with the same age groups.	3/5/2026 11:51 AM

1523	Prek - 6/ 7&8/9-12	3/5/2026 11:51 AM
1524	I do not think younger students should be on campus with 9th-12th graders. I like the way it is now across all bands but if it had to change, I could see pre-k-8 as many private schools do because is very hard for families with multiple kids to manage multiple schools. I currently have 1 kid in each school and it's not easy but developmentally I think it's better this way. If it wouldn't be a stress on families, splittig into 4 schools could be good but it's a lot to manage and a lot of transitions for the kids.	3/5/2026 11:44 AM
1525	I am supportive of the traditional, great bands, because I think that children who are at the elementary school level thrive by attending institution with children of all ages. I do think that once a child reaches sixth grade, that that is an inappropriate time for them to go to school and be surrounded with older children. It gives these children the experience of what high school could be like however they are still around children who are at their same intellectual level and relative maturity level.	3/5/2026 11:43 AM
1526	I believe it depends on the needs and preferences.	3/5/2026 11:40 AM
1527	I have serious concerns about including young children with teenagers. I do not see a problem with having (PreK)/K-2 grades and 3-5 grades together. I also have concerns with 6th graders being with 12 graders. There is a big difference in maturity and younger students are likely to be taken advantage of or bullied by older students.	3/5/2026 11:30 AM
1528	None	3/5/2026 11:30 AM
1529	I am open to grade bands in Chamblee or Cross Keys cluster. My child is at Kittredge and if he stays would continue to Chamblee MS and HS. Our home is in the Cross Keys cluster.	3/5/2026 11:26 AM
1530	My main concern is having high school include 6-8th. The amount of things an 11-12 year old can be exposed to with 16-17 year olds is concerning. I believe a better set up would be to go back to having elementary pre-k- 6th and have HS 7-12th.	3/5/2026 11:21 AM
1531	I think our cluster would benefit from having a PK-3 / 4-5 / 6-8 / 9-12. However, the middle grades band attendence lines should be expanded to include multiple elementary school students within the Chamblee Cluster. For example, students in the 4-5 band school should be comprised of students from Montgomery ES, Ashford Park ES, and Huntley Hills ES.	3/5/2026 11:21 AM
1532	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove’s enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/5/2026 11:20 AM
1533	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove’s enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/5/2026 11:15 AM
1534	Traditional grade bands are great, however banding 4th and 5th graders is also an option as these grade levels aid in preparedness for middle school.	3/5/2026 11:13 AM
1535	I live in the Dunwoody area. I have seen what happened with Dunwoody Elementary when it was packed with students in trailers. It wasn’t safe during fire drill, tornado drill, and lockdowns. Kids were outside in the trailers. My handicap child didn’t have a bathroom when the lesson was in the trailer. My child had to walk outside in the rain to get to class. At the same time, Austin Elementary had a brand new building inside beautiful Dunwoody Nature Center. Throughout all these years we’ve been living here Austin Elementary is always significantly less crowded compare to Dunwoody Elementary school. If I thought that students will be equally distributed, I may agree with rearranging the schools. But with my experience in the last 20 years in Dunwoody certain schools become overcrowded while other schools benefit from staying the same size. The elementary schools students in Dunwoody need to be	3/5/2026 11:13 AM

	equally divided. Peachtree middle school STEM program was the only best thing in that school and that was taken away. Peachtree Middle school had many principles changes and inconsistency. Peachtree Middle School in Dunwoody needs help. Dunwoody High School is a wonderful high school.	
1536	I'm very undecided on this topic. I need more clarification. It seems most of them have more challenges than benefits.	3/5/2026 11:12 AM
1537	n-a	3/5/2026 11:09 AM
1538	Struggle with the idea of having younger students in the same space as older students. Should be avoided when possible.	3/5/2026 11:08 AM
1539	I think switching grade bands are fine.	3/5/2026 11:08 AM
1540	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/5/2026 11:07 AM
1541	I think the grade bands would depend on that community or cluster and capacity. I don't think they need to be the same but having different models throughout the district could be problematic from a systematic standpoint.	3/5/2026 11:06 AM
1542	It's fine as is	3/5/2026 11:03 AM
1543	Across the board this is a bad idea. Traditional grade bands have been effective for a long time and for good reason. In my opinion 6th grade students should not be around high school aged kids while at school.	3/5/2026 11:03 AM
1544	Great	3/5/2026 11:01 AM
1545	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/5/2026 10:56 AM
1546	I have concerns with the K-8 Grade band and 6-12 Grade Bands due to the wide age range of students. It is not safe to have 5 year old students in the same building as 13 year old students. Same with 11 year old students in the same building as 17/18 year old students.	3/5/2026 10:55 AM
1547	If you all decide on a grand brand go back to what worked from the beginning K-8 9- 12	3/5/2026 10:54 AM
1548	When considering grade band scenarios within the cluster that includes Evansdale Elementary, it is important to protect specialized programs such as the Dual Language French program currently offered at Evansdale. These programs require continuity from year to year and should not be disrupted by consolidation or grade band changes that could negatively impact enrollment or program stability. I encourage the district to consider solutions that allow Evansdale to remain open and continue serving students in grades that support the success and growth of the Dual Language program and the surrounding community.	3/5/2026 10:49 AM
1549	Based on the nature and needs of the middle school learner, I believe there should be a separate middle school-either 6-8, or 4-8.	3/5/2026 10:48 AM
1550	PK-8 then 9-12 is not a scenario I would agree with. My children recently started Middle school and are involved in extra curriculars and sports. I would not want them to be more limited. Especially going into HS where these can be important for their college transcripts. I do like the PK-3/4-5 configuration. Both of my children are in the magnet program and I saw a benefit from them being in a facility with just 4-6 grade. They were able to be more challenged with lower teacher/student ratio. I believe teachers, from what they have told me, feel it works better as well for transitioning from one grade to another. I can also see the benefit of 6-12	3/5/2026 10:39 AM

	campuses. Especially with sports and extra-circulars. Also the vertical access to curriculum I believe is more beneficial at this age. Socially many kids make those connections that last in middle school/high school. So that is a benefit as well if they can stay in the same school.	
1551	I do not want these changes. Focus on fixing the instruction!!!	3/5/2026 10:36 AM
1552	I understand the potential benefits of a 6–12 model, but I do have some concerns about the impact on younger students. Sixth graders are still adjusting to middle school expectations, and sharing a building with high school students could present challenges related to maturity levels, social interactions, and overall readiness. I think it's important that we carefully consider how to protect the learning environment and safety of our younger students.	3/5/2026 10:35 AM
1553	See above comment.	3/5/2026 10:34 AM
1554	They should stay how they are. Adding 6th to elementary seems hard. Those kids are significantly older then the pre-K babies that will be in the building. Everyone in the county should be on the same grade bands!	3/5/2026 10:31 AM
1555	Dunwoody cluster. I support the traditional or a grade band that would allow for more children to be able to participate in the PK lottery.	3/5/2026 10:31 AM
1556	The Redan ES cluster has seen growth. Redan ES has continued to meet students where they are and push them academically to where they need to be.	3/5/2026 10:28 AM
1557	If we are considering the grade band scenario we would need more security and law enforcement in the schools. Make sure the lower grade level kids stay separate for high grade older kids. Some other counties and schools here in DeKalb have done this and seems to work maybe consulting with them on how to tackle grade level students emerging as it will all be new students, parents, and staff	3/5/2026 10:27 AM
1558	When I go into Evansdale there are so many empty seats year round.	3/5/2026 10:24 AM
1559	Attention is being placed on wrong thing, improve schools in every area & most of all academics.	3/5/2026 10:21 AM
1560	No consolidation, no little kids in huge buildings. Even elementary school as it is, has too many grades, in my opinion. $ year olds are practically babies, they should not be in the same spaces as 10 year olds. I would like to see Prek-2nd and 3rd-5th being separated.	3/5/2026 10:20 AM
1561	Grade banding is a detail that should not warrant its own stand-alone box on this survey. Where is the research supporting mega-elementary schools as the clear choice for optimal student achievement and development? What other options besides consolidation were considered and what was the methodology for ruling them out? Where are the traffic studies? How will longevity of programs like DLI be achieved/ensured? You can not ask parents to rubber-stamp a plan made by non-stakeholders with a dubious track record and ties to prior leadership that worsened DCSD's reputation. Asking the community for feedback without an overall vision is unbelievable.	3/5/2026 10:20 AM
1562	No strong opinion.	3/5/2026 10:18 AM
1563	The grade bands are effective if the students are appropriately placed. For example, the elementary schools should be PK3, PK4-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6-8, 9-12.	3/5/2026 10:15 AM
1564	I am not interested in my middle schooler 6th grader being in the same building with high school students	3/5/2026 10:14 AM
1565	k-5	3/5/2026 10:07 AM
1566	none	3/5/2026 10:06 AM
1567	In y area, Oak Grove, Midvale, Evansdale, & Henderson Mill are schools in my area that, unfortunately, a lot of families choose alternatives to these schools. Closing them will force more kids out of the system. (My children went to Livsey, and I am happy it is remaining, it is a big reason why we moved to our home).	3/5/2026 10:05 AM
1568	I'm not really clear on this initiative just yet.	3/5/2026 10:00 AM
1569	Grade bands shouldn't be leveraged if it requires schools to leverage trailers. If there are bands that have high school and middle school together, there should be separtion of facilities.	3/5/2026 9:59 AM
1570	The traditional grade band scenario is the best.	3/5/2026 9:59 AM

1571	Though this would not impact my local elementary or middle school, I am not opposed to grand band scenarios.	3/5/2026 9:54 AM
1572	Not excited about combining sixth through twelve grades. I have seen this scenario before and it is very difficult to sustain.	3/5/2026 9:53 AM
1573	Fantastic education	3/5/2026 9:53 AM
1574	OG Elementary/Lakeside High	3/5/2026 9:53 AM
1575	The traditional grade bands are fine.	3/5/2026 9:52 AM
1576	I support maintaining the traditional grade band structure of PK-5, 6-8, and 9-12 whenever possible. This structure aligns with developmental stages and allows schools to focus on the specific needs of elementary, middle, and high school students. Keeping a consistent structure across clusters also helps families plan long term and reduces confusion during transitions.	3/5/2026 9:50 AM
1577	Grade bands should be: PreK (or PreK3 in some cases) - 5th grade 6th - 8th grade 9th - 12th grade This should be consistent across the whole county.	3/5/2026 9:49 AM
1578	I don’t have enough knowledge to speak on grade bands. Without looking into it, I’m not opposed to widening the grade bands and combining 7th or 8th grade with high school levels.	3/5/2026 9:45 AM
1579	The Evansdale Elementary community has thrived for 50 years. It has scores that are near the top.	3/5/2026 9:43 AM
1580	I'm opposed to having big grade bands like 6-12 since it will expose younger students to older student issues. IE, combining schools Chamblee MS and HS would be a mistake. Smaller bands are fine if it helps reduce overcrowding. IE, splitting Ashford Park + John Lewis Elem into PK-3, 4-5 bands is ok.	3/5/2026 9:42 AM
1581	6th-12th grade is NOT SAFE for the younger students. PK-8th is NOT SAFE for younger students. You have to consider the maturity of the older students in these grade band scenarios and how that could affect the younger students. Children of similar ages and maturity levels should be kept together and separated from others.	3/5/2026 9:42 AM
1582	Not a problem I really don't care for 6th going to 12th.	3/5/2026 9:41 AM
1583	The traditional model of grade band scenarios protects vulnerable middle schoolers from high schoolers. It also allows a transition period for middle schools while they are changing. Lastly, separating 4-5 would make it difficult more difficult on families with multiple children (drop-off/pick-up), separate school activities, etc.	3/5/2026 9:40 AM
1584	Don’t close the schools	3/5/2026 9:35 AM
1585	Bob Mathis should not be closed. Students in that neighborhood should have that school remain open because it is centrally located.	3/5/2026 9:33 AM
1586	For our cluster, I think that the k-8 model makes the most sense. Many families pull there kids out for 6-8 and return for 9-12. I think a k-8 model encourage more of these families to remain in the district. Also, my understanding is that Lakeside and nearby Tucker are already at high capacity so it’s hard to see how a 6-12 approach is feasible or helpful.	3/5/2026 9:32 AM
1587	I'm not against grade bands.	3/5/2026 9:31 AM
1588	I think the current grade bands are best. Younger than 9-12 should not be in a high school. When I came through it was 1-7 & 8-12 and high school was rough on 8th graders with older kids intimidating them.	3/5/2026 9:30 AM
1589	I’m open to grade bands changing to fit developmental needs and student achievement.	3/5/2026 9:30 AM
1590	Any K-8 school would have to be at a school that is currently a middle school because elementary schools don't have enough land for middle school sports.	3/5/2026 9:28 AM
1591	N/A	3/5/2026 9:24 AM
1592	I do not think it’s a good idea to band 6th grade kids with 12th grade kids. The maturity of a 18yr old is vastly different than one of a 12yr old	3/5/2026 9:24 AM
1593	N/A	3/5/2026 9:20 AM

1594	As a parent of a student at Brockett Elementary School in the Tucker Cluster within the DeKalb County School District, I believe it is important that any potential grade band changes be carefully considered for how they will impact students in IB programs. Brockett Elementary currently serves students in the K–5 grade band and implements the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, which is designed to support a continuous elementary learning experience. If grade band scenarios were to move fifth grade to a middle school setting (for example, a 6–8 or 5–8 configuration), it could disrupt the continuity of the IB Primary Years Programme that many families chose when enrolling in Brockett. Maintaining the K–5 grade band at Brockett Elementary would help preserve program stability, support younger learners developmentally, and maintain alignment with the IB instructional model. Additionally, within the Tucker Cluster, maintaining consistent grade band structures across elementary schools helps reduce confusion for families and ensures smoother transitions for students moving from elementary to middle school. Any proposed grade band changes should consider program continuity, student developmental needs, and the unique academic programs already in place within schools such as Brockett Elementary.	3/5/2026 9:20 AM
1595	I think the grade bands should stay as is at the present time. However you all should research the grade bands at City Schools of Decatur and see if that has had a positive or negative effect on the learning of students.	3/5/2026 9:16 AM
1596	I prefer to keep the traditional grade bands OR PK-8 schools. As a parent, it is a major logistical challenge to have different children in different schools and so the pk3/4-5 configuration sounds undesirable. If you were to split the grades up more then I believe you would end up with less parental involvement because working parents like me would find it difficult to go back and forth between buildings around holiday time of year and for special events. I don't love the idea of 6-12 campuses because middle schools kids are at such a different place developmentally from high schools students that I wouldn't want to see them in the same classes together.	3/5/2026 9:15 AM
1597	We pulled our children from middle school in Dekalb County in favor of a private K-8 school. This banding is the right way to go as middle school kids are DIFFICULT and letting them have connections to younger children helps them feel caring and confident. Banding as 6-12 would do the opposite and gear those difficult middle school years to growing up faster (too fast) and trading a time to focus on being a caring and confident community member to a time to focus on moving fast, feeling small and learning bad habits quickly.	3/5/2026 9:13 AM
1598	I believe too many schools are on the list to be closed given DCSD owns these buildings and land.	3/5/2026 9:11 AM
1599	Good for stability	3/5/2026 9:09 AM
1600	6-12 don't prefer that because you will have 11 years old with 17 year olds. 6-8 are still mentally developing and being exposed to HS mentality before they are ready raises real concerns.	3/5/2026 9:05 AM
1601	I don’t want k-8th or high school. Older kids of this age should not be around the younger kids for fear of bullying/accidents etc. I don’t love this idea. K-6th seems fine.	3/5/2026 9:05 AM
1602	Don't close OGE! That school has a waitlist?!!!! Why would you close it? ALso very worried about how this whole project is going down. Seems like another grift...why would we be trying to institute something created by a known grifter????? . Financial irresponsibility: HPM touts this as a $1.5B investment project for them, likely closer to $2B based on Dresden ES expansion costs ($72M project). Legislation moving through state will also impact tax revenue to DCSD, estimate $100M annual reduction. https://hpmleadership.com/hpm-dekalb-county-schools/ 4. Questionable history of HPM and Horton. Jefferson Co KY district (where Horton was deputy superintendent) now at 188M deficit. HPM's work in Evanston, Horton’s former district, was "completely fruitless". Have they ever had a successful outcome for a district? 5. Questionable history of SAP: started by Horton. Led by Sarita Smith, who led SAP in Evanston, IL district now insolvent https://foiagras.com/…/the-curious-case-of-the-missing... 6. Data errors. Decision-making is based on flawed data. Enrollment projections are wrong for OGE. The school will be at 96% capacity in 2026-7 and has a 100 student K waitlist. Other closure schools are fighting the same inaccurate projections. HPM models are wildly flawed; use a one-size-fits-all methodology focused on maximizing facility cost savings excluding student success, school achievement, already approved/completed improvements, and nearby developments (CHOA, Emory Healthcare, Lulah Hills) 7. Oversight issues: list of closures was created alone by HPM. criteria to select schools for closure were not vetted by the board,	3/5/2026 9:03 AM

	acting superintendent, or DCSD SAP staff (revealed in 2/24 board meeting). HPM is a developer tasked with proposing what the capital investments should be. Major COI flags.	
1603	I would not like for middle and high schools to be combined. There is such an age discrepancy among middle and high school students that I do not believe they should be housed together.	3/5/2026 8:58 AM
1604	I believe we should keep the grade bands the same.	3/5/2026 8:52 AM
1605	I believe the traditional grade bands make sense, but feel there can be flexibility to suit different child needs. Kids at each stage have specific needs and that should be the most important deciding factor.	3/5/2026 8:52 AM
1606	Oak Grove is a wonderful community school and shutting it down would be a crime.	3/5/2026 8:49 AM
1607	I do not think it is a good idea to combine grades 6-12.	3/5/2026 8:49 AM
1608	Middle school should be separated from elementary and consistent throughout the district.	3/5/2026 8:48 AM
1609	Not in favor	3/5/2026 8:47 AM
1610	You all have the capacity and resources to figure it out. Do it!!	3/5/2026 8:47 AM
1611	Dunwoody cluster. Traditional model. PK-8 - middle school students will have a difficult time with sports and other enrichment (like language classes for HS credit, etc) 6-12 campuses - I don't want any 6th graders on the bus with 12th graders. No thank you. 4-5 schools - we already tried that in Dunwoody. It was too much driving around in Dunwoody with kids at multiple schools.	3/5/2026 8:45 AM
1612	My preference is traditional, but would be open to PK-3 / 4-5 / 6-8 / 9-12	3/5/2026 8:36 AM
1613	Middle school and high school should definitely not be combined into 6-12. While fiscally convenient, this option fails to consider the wide range of child developmental milestones going on at these ages.	3/5/2026 8:34 AM
1614	It is ok to play with the bands in different ways. However, children from one initial cluster should be kept together as they filter into middle school and high school, for they form lifetime friendships which affect their wellbeing.	3/5/2026 8:32 AM
1615	I think that increasing school bands would cause too many issues. While it doesn't sound like it, 6th graders are insanely different from 12th graders and they should not be on the same campus together. Unless the high school and middle school are ran on completely different schedules and do not overlap, this would cause too many problems with bullying. For example, about 15 years ago, my hometown moved 6th grade back into elementary school because there was so much bullying and difference between even 6th and 8th graders. The results were very positive.	3/5/2026 8:32 AM
1616	N/A	3/5/2026 8:31 AM
1617	Keep the existing grade bands	3/5/2026 8:29 AM
1618	I would prefer that every school has the same grade band, but if different grade bands is necessary to ensure an even distribution of students, I would approve.	3/5/2026 8:26 AM
1619	Traditional grade bands, or K-8 / 9-12 are the least disruptive. 6-12 is a pretty transformational time, I doubt that would be supportive for younger students.	3/5/2026 8:25 AM
1620	I am a supporter of grade banding, especially using buildings for 6-12. I grew up in an area outside GA that used this and it seemed to make sense. Half of building was used for MS and the other side was HS. Since both of these grade bands seem to focus more on classroom switching for specific subjects vs a home room philosophy, the commingling makes sense. Seeing that GA and the county have a number of Magnet, Charter and other Specialized schools I do not see any reason why this shouldn't be explored further to maximize building usage and minimize student) family travel while trying not to disassemble existing school geographies further.	3/5/2026 8:24 AM
1621	I would support a K-3 band and 4-5 or even 4-6 band. There's a huge difference between what a 5-year old and 11-year old need from their school. However, I would be concerned about a 6-12 school for the same reason. I don't think having 6th graders and 12th graders on the same school bus is a good idea, just for example.	3/5/2026 8:24 AM
1622	The AP, Chamblee cluster has great full capacity why fix something not broken	3/5/2026 8:23 AM

1623	I think each cluster should have at least 2 elementary, 1 Middle & 1 High school.	3/5/2026 8:20 AM
1624	None	3/5/2026 8:11 AM
1625	I live in the Dunwoody district. As far as I can tell, there are no rpopsed band shifts for our community. Briefly, a band of 6-12th grade seems like too big of a social/physical gap to have in 1 building. I don't think most 6th graders would be mature enough to transition well to a school with juniors and seniors. As for elementary years, I think PK-3 and 4-5 bans seems reasonable.	3/5/2026 8:09 AM
1626	Prefer to keep the traditional PK-5/6-8/9-12 in the Chamblee cluster	3/5/2026 8:06 AM
1627	I think it’s not safe at all. I just feel like this day and time this will cause so many problems among the different grade levels. I feel if the elementary and middle school is joined togather it’s not a good look on the elementary kids.	3/5/2026 8:05 AM
1628	Don’t cluster 6-12. That sounds terrible. Even pk-8 sounds terrible. Middle schoolers should be isolated until whatever is happening to them subsides. Quarantine the pre-teens.	3/5/2026 8:03 AM
1629	dunwoody	3/5/2026 7:59 AM
1630	Do not agree with putting 6-12 in the same building. Too intimidating for 6th graders who are already facing a huge transition	3/5/2026 7:58 AM
1631	Kids need transition periods, elementary, middle, high. Lets not overcomplicate things.	3/5/2026 7:54 AM
1632	Keep as is	3/5/2026 7:53 AM
1633	I do not believe grade bands will change our situation.	3/5/2026 7:49 AM
1634	For families that have children in K-5, having them split into bands makes it very chaotic for drop-off and pick-up.	3/5/2026 7:48 AM
1635	I'm old school. Believe in keeping younger grades the same. Possibly having grades 4,5,6 and, 7-12 together	3/5/2026 7:48 AM
1636	If it means Evansdale can stay open, we could have grades 3-5 on the lower field and lower grades in the existing building. We have plenty of room to expand.	3/5/2026 7:45 AM
1637	We need to improve the quality rather than manage real estate. This doesn’t address the education provided but instead focuses on cost.	3/5/2026 7:42 AM
1638	The grave bad cluster specifically for Cedar Grove clusters would add middle aged students in 6 grade with mature and older students. Bullying and impressions are at an all time high at this age. Why should they have to transition from their home based school and then placed into a grade band that’s higher than there’s. I see more dropouts and absenteeism happening.	3/5/2026 7:40 AM
1639	Our cluster is so large and the schools are overcrowded, I think the traditional grade band should be in place as we don’t need to add any grades to current schools.	3/5/2026 7:34 AM
1640	I think grade band scenarios could be a viable option.	3/5/2026 7:33 AM
1641	Dekalb needs to invest in improving schools, teacher equity in pay, and providing adequate and equitable schools for all students.	3/5/2026 7:33 AM
1642	Na	3/5/2026 7:28 AM
1643	My kids attend Dekalb Arts Academy and Robert Shaw. Both amazing schools. To me the model for the Arts Academy should be school wide. K-8 is very productive and only makes children change schools once. I don’t feel that a completely different middle school is beneficial at all. The K-8 model also give teachers, students and parents more flexibility transportation and teaching wise.	3/5/2026 7:28 AM
1644	I do not believe every school should have the same grade band configuration. Grade bands should be determined based on the specific needs, enrollment numbers, and capacity of each school and cluster. Each community and school has different circumstances, so a one-size-fits-all approach may not be the most effective. The district should prioritize flexibility so grade configurations can adapt over time as enrollment and community needs change.	3/5/2026 7:15 AM
1645	I understand why this needs to happen and the cost saving with the decline in enrollment. My hope is it happens gradually starting with older high school kids. The elementary kids have	3/5/2026 7:11 AM

	formed their relationship and learning the basic fundamentals to life/learning/friendship. I believe it will disrupt their learning/trust and they will have to start over. Such as in kindergarten. Most of the elementary kids have been in the same school since 4 years old and that's all they know. They're already nervous about middle school. I just believe elementary schools should be off the table. Start with Middle/High School kids are more adaptable by this age.	
1646	Evansdale ES-Henderson Middle-Lakeside High Cluster grade bands should remain the same: Traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12	3/5/2026 7:07 AM
1647	Great	3/5/2026 7:03 AM
1648	I have kids in elementary and high school and I don’t think middle school kids should be in class with high schoolers and the same for elementary kids	3/5/2026 7:02 AM
1649	7-8 grade band is my preferred allocations. Moving 6th back to elementary can help with the population issues you seek and make more closures at the middle school level where they have even less time in those schools. Keep the younger students together as long as possible.	3/5/2026 6:52 AM
1650	I think combining old schools with new schools is a good idea if the population is down.	3/5/2026 6:45 AM
1651	If any changes to grade bands are considered, it should be combining elementary and middle school and leaving high school separate, so Pre-K through 8th. This was lessen the stigma of middle school.	3/5/2026 6:40 AM
1652	Having 6-12 will be chaotic for the kids you need more teachers, and having that many students from that grade level will not work. You will need a much bigger space.	3/5/2026 6:31 AM
1653	I prefer schools stay PK-5, 6-8, 9-12	3/5/2026 6:21 AM
1654	You should not place 6th grad students with higher level students.	3/5/2026 6:19 AM
1655	doing this cluster to the kids is a terrible idea and to take away middle with all the crazy things going on with the kids why expose them to more than they are ready for gangs gun violence sexual predators over worked teachers and staff for less to no pay extra at all attitudes more fights less learning lower graduation rate will occur that was the purpose in the middle school any way then to come back years later when times are terrible is a terrible idea invest the money to the schools teachers and staff and more encouragement instead of trying to cramp all of them in one school I can't believe Dekalb I have been a product of my whole life.	3/5/2026 6:19 AM
1656	None	3/5/2026 6:16 AM
1657	I do not like mixing age levels on one campus. I believe focusing on core academics is more important than offering a wide range of course offerings gs and after school programs. Has anyone tracked test scores and performance in larger schools vs. smaller schools?	3/5/2026 5:27 AM
1658	I am a product of the Dekalb school system. When I attended, there were no middle schools. Elementary was 1st through 7th, High School was 8th through 12th. It worked beautifully. I believe it should be a consideration in order to utilize facilities already in place, and is a smart choice to maintain school communities.	3/5/2026 5:20 AM
1659	Grade band scenario is ok.	3/5/2026 5:09 AM
1660	No comment	3/5/2026 4:39 AM
1661	No comment	3/5/2026 4:25 AM
1662	I absolutely disagree with closing neighborhood schools. Monies should be found to continue such. This is the strength of DeKalb. Also, certified teachers are essential.	3/5/2026 4:08 AM
1663	I would recommend keeping the same structure but if the structure has to change then keeping the babies together as long as possible by expanding elementary to 6 or 7 grade and high school 8-12	3/5/2026 2:22 AM
1664	I don’t feel like grade bands should change because kids should attend school with kids on their same level. It will make it hard on the teachers with curriculum planning, testing and instructional grouping.	3/5/2026 1:57 AM
1665	Ages should remain spaced out as children should be around other children their ages.	3/5/2026 1:47 AM

1666	Canby Lane Elementary, Mary Bethune Middle School, and Towers High School, should remain open to serve our communities! Children shouldn't have to ride for a longer period of time to get to school(s)!	3/5/2026 12:52 AM
1667	Grade banding raises serious concerns for families in the Evansdale and Henderson cluster. Grouping wider age ranges together creates unnecessary safety, social, and developmental challenges for younger students while also complicating extracurricular participation and school culture. Elementary and middle school years are critical stages of development, and smaller, neighborhood-based schools provide safer environments, stronger relationships with teachers, and more parental engagement. Moving toward larger grade-banded schools risks eroding those benefits while making students feel less connected and supported. Instead of restructuring grades to fit buildings, the district should prioritize age-appropriate learning environments, maintain community-centered schools, and ensure that any changes clearly improve—not compromise—student safety, learning, and well-being.	3/5/2026 12:36 AM
1668	I fully support keeping middle school aged kids with younger kids. This is a difficult age for kids as they experience hormone changes and their brains mature. It would be beneficial for them to remain at a school where the teachers and admin already know them. This provides an opportunity for students to be supported and nurtured.	3/5/2026 12:32 AM
1669	Traditional grade band for Dunwoody cluster.	3/5/2026 12:09 AM
1670	I'm in support of expanding the grade bands. I'm not a fan of middle schools. We attend Fernbank but zoned for Brownsmill.	3/4/2026 11:55 PM
1671	Elementary schools should be left alone, they already have prek, k-5 going on. The middle and high school can be clustered in some scenarios, but not all.	3/4/2026 11:49 PM
1672	If elementary in middle school will combine into one building it would be more cost-effective	3/4/2026 11:41 PM
1673	I want to see more clean demarcation of clusters etc. Stephenson is zoned such that I live four minutes from Stephenson but my home is zoned to Lithonia which is 10 minutes away.	3/4/2026 11:39 PM
1674	I think having 6th, 7th, and 8th graders with senior high school students has the potential to be problematic, given the vast difference in maturity.	3/4/2026 11:33 PM
1675	I have no idea what a grade band is, and shouldn't have to. Additionally, the fact that this survey is not translated to Spanish (at the very least) says everything I need to know about your intent to survey the community and take our concerns and feedback seriously.	3/4/2026 11:25 PM
1676	I would like to see K-6th or K-8th to promote student retention. Many families unenroll 3rd into 4th to secure seats in middle school with area private schools or they get pulled to kitteridge or Tapestry etc.	3/4/2026 11:18 PM
1677	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/4/2026 11:07 PM
1678	A teacher retaliated on my child and I was told that they would do something about it but the teacher still came back two more times and did something what else and she's still there same position same job still able to do these things to kids it's not telling how many times you have did this red flag fired	3/4/2026 11:04 PM
1679	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/4/2026 11:04 PM
1680	my preference is for solutions that maintain stability for students and preserve developmentally appropriate learning environments while addressing capacity needs across clusters.	3/4/2026 10:44 PM

1681	We are not affected by these proposals but I can vouch for benefits of PK-8 and also 6-12. Having only 2 transitions was great, and keeping middle schoolers in a context where they were known was also great.	3/4/2026 10:43 PM
1682	I like elementary going to 6th and then having a jr high 7-8 then traditional high school. This is not an option below.	3/4/2026 10:38 PM
1683	N/a	3/4/2026 10:37 PM
1684	Indifferent. If the grade band is implemented, middle school and HS should be separated within the building.	3/4/2026 10:37 PM
1685	I think looking at different grade band scenarios could help in some situations. It is smart to be looking at all options. For schools that are doing well....and have large waiting lists...find ways to expand. For example - making KMS a 4-8th program.	3/4/2026 10:21 PM
1686	no preference	3/4/2026 10:20 PM
1687	I'm not a fan of the cluster idea at all, simply put, High School kids should not be in the same school as kids that just got out of Elementary schools. There is a reason middle schools exist. I think if it were absolutely necessary, I would think 7th grade down and 8th grade up.	3/4/2026 10:20 PM
1688	Pre K 3 for 3 yo should be offered at all schools.	3/4/2026 10:18 PM
1689	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization. Grade band decisions should reflect local enrollment and utilization trends.	3/4/2026 10:14 PM
1690	Traditional or PK-3/4-5/6-8/9-12 would be best.	3/4/2026 10:10 PM
1691	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/4/2026 10:10 PM
1692	Middle school should not be apart of highschool, if anything middle school should be longer 6-9.	3/4/2026 10:08 PM
1693	I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the potential grade band restructuring within the DeKalb County School District. As a stakeholder connected to the Robertshaw Elementary School cluster, I would like to share the following thoughts: 1. K–5 Model (Traditional Elementary Structure) Maintaining a K–5 grade band at Robertshaw Elementary provides stability and continuity for students during their foundational academic years. This model supports: • Strong long-term relationships between families, staff, and administration • Social-emotional consistency for younger learners • Easier transitions into middle school (6–8) For early learners especially, keeping kindergarten through 5th grade together allows schools to build a cohesive academic and behavioral culture. 2. K–2 and 3–5 Split Model If the district considers separating early elementary (K–2) from upper elementary (3–5), careful attention must be given to: • Transition planning between buildings • Transportation impact on families • Maintaining academic continuity While this model can allow schools to specialize in early literacy (K–2) and upper elementary rigor (3–5), it may increase adjustment challenges for students who must transition earlier. 3. K–8 Model A K–8 model within the Robertshaw cluster could offer: • Reduced school transitions • Stronger long-term peer relationships • Opportunities for mentorship between older and younger students However, this structure would require thoughtful facility upgrades to accommodate middle-grade programming, including science labs, extracurricular spaces, and athletic facilities. ——— Key Considerations for Any Grade Band Scenario Regardless of the model selected, I encourage the district to prioritize: • Minimizing the number of school transitions for students • Maintaining	3/4/2026 10:08 PM

	equitable access to resources across clusters • Ensuring transportation routes are practical for families • Preserving community identity within the Robertshaw cluster • Providing clear academic alignment across grade spans Stability, safety, and academic continuity should remain central in any grade band decision. Thank you for considering community feedback during this important planning process.	
1694	In my cluster, grade bands should stay the same.	3/4/2026 10:04 PM
1695	There is no world where I am ok with 6th graders being in the same school as 12th, in this day and time. Kids already know too much.	3/4/2026 9:59 PM
1696	Providing large age group ranges such as k-8 i creases safety and security concerns especially in the area of busing	3/4/2026 9:56 PM
1697	Na	3/4/2026 9:50 PM
1698	We are interested in keeping Oak Grove open for the foreseeable future	3/4/2026 9:50 PM
1699	I would be OK with K-6, but not so sure I like K-8. I don't have specific feedback in terms of which sxchools I would consider consolidating for the grade bands.	3/4/2026 9:49 PM
1700	Oak give 5th grade	3/4/2026 9:43 PM
1701	Add 5 grade to elementary schools. 11 year olds are too different than 5 year olds in the same school. Band 5&6 and 7&8.	3/4/2026 9:39 PM
1702	See response to question 4	3/4/2026 9:39 PM
1703	I think it should be stay the same	3/4/2026 9:37 PM
1704	There is no scenario where there should be 6th graders in the same building as high schoolers.	3/4/2026 9:37 PM
1705	I don't think traditional grade bands are necessarily right, but I also think it is good to separate high school students from younger kids. High school is a fresh start for kids and there's the inevitable teenage shenanigans that would be nice to separate younger kids from	3/4/2026 9:29 PM
1706	I prefer the traditional grade-band.	3/4/2026 9:26 PM
1707	I definitely don’t think 6-12 should be banded together. I also think pk-5 should be kept as is. If you break it into smaller grade clusters at different places, this creates issues for parents	3/4/2026 9:21 PM
1708	If the cedar grove cluster have two school, they need upgrades,more staff,etc	3/4/2026 9:20 PM
1709	As a teacher who teaches in the Chamblee Cluster, having the linear movement from elementary to the middle school to the high school helps to build retention in arts and athletic programs as well helping students keep the same social circles. I would prefer again minimizing transitions between campuses. Why can’t we provide a PK-3, 4-8, 9-12 grade bands? Having the Magnet school throws a monkey wrench in everything because it’s 4-6 grade and then it’s middle school and then high school. It’s too many transitions.	3/4/2026 9:18 PM
1710	Horrible idea	3/4/2026 9:17 PM
1711	My student school is not on the list	3/4/2026 9:16 PM
1712	12th graders do not need to be with 6th graders.	3/4/2026 9:16 PM
1713	N/A	3/4/2026 9:16 PM
1714	I do not think it’s a good idea to expand high school grade bands beyond 9-12. Children younger than 9th grade have distinct social and educational needs from high schoolers and I fear that expanding to include 6-8, for example, would be harmful to the younger students’ development and safety.	3/4/2026 9:14 PM
1715	Grade band consolidation can make sense but would need to be addressed by region IF you are going to have consolidations in the south end of the county. A K -6 grade band might be feasible but once you get to 7th grade and beyond, they do not need to be housed with younger children. I could support a K-3 grade band and then a 4-6 then a 7-12 grade band to optimize building use.	3/4/2026 9:12 PM
1716	N/A	3/4/2026 9:09 PM
1717	Middle school and high school should not be together at one location. Not good situation to	3/4/2026 9:08 PM

	combine	
1718	The reality of providing different grade band options across the county may backfire into unanticipated consequences if not handled carefully. Data may expose that one configuration is much more successful than another and without clinical data support to identify the “real” reason for this success or failure (which costs money), communities may feel the variables are more politically rather than academically motivated.	3/4/2026 9:04 PM
1719	I do not support any of the proposed grade band scenarios that would alter the current K–5 structure of our elementary schools. Specifically, I oppose scenarios that: Convert our K–5 elementary school into a K–2 or 3–5 configuration. Split elementary students across multiple campuses within the cluster. Reassign portions of our attendance zone to underperforming neighboring clusters. Our current K–5 model provides stability, strong vertical alignment, and community continuity. Breaking this into separate grade bands (for example, K–2 at one campus and 3–5 at another) would create unnecessary transitions during critical academic development years. Research consistently shows that additional school transitions can negatively impact academic performance, social development, and family engagement. Within the Ashford Park, our elementary school is high-performing and in high demand. I do not support any of the proposed grade band scenarios that would alter the current K–5 structure of our elementary school within the [INSERT SCHOOL NAME] cluster. Specifically, I oppose scenarios that: Convert our K–5 elementary school into a K–2 or 3–5 configuration. Split elementary students across multiple campuses within the cluster. Reassign portions of our attendance zone to underperforming neighboring clusters. Our current K–5 model provides stability, strong vertical alignment, and community continuity. Breaking this into separate grade bands (for example, K–2 at one campus and 3–5 at another) would create unnecessary transitions during critical academic development years. Research consistently shows that additional school transitions can negatively impact academic performance, social development, and family engagement. Within the [INSERT CLUSTER NAME] cluster, our elementary school is high-performing and in high demand. Overcrowding indicates community investment and desirability — not failure. Changing grade bands to redistribute students does not address the root issue, which is facility capacity and maintenance needs. Additionally: • The proposed grade band shifts appear to be a mechanism to manage utilization rates rather than improve academic outcomes. • Moving students from a high-performing K–5 environment into lower-performing schools within adjacent clusters risks lowering achievement rather than elevating it. • Families purchased homes and invested in this community based on the existing cluster pathway. Significant grade band restructuring undermines that stability and trust. If grade band adjustments are being considered within the [INSERT CLUSTER NAME] cluster, I would instead support: Maintaining the K–5 structure at our current elementary school. Investing in expansion or modernization to address overcrowding. Targeted academic and leadership interventions in underperforming schools rather than redistributing students. Any change to grade configuration should clearly demonstrate how it improves academic performance — not simply balances enrollment numbers. I strongly urge the district to preserve the K–5 model within high-performing clusters and focus on facility investment rather than structural reconfiguration. Overcrowding indicates community investment and desirability — not failure. Changing grade bands to redistribute students does not address the root issue, which is facility capacity and maintenance needs. Additionally: The proposed grade band shifts appear to be a mechanism to manage utilization rates rather than improve academic outcomes. Moving students from a high-performing K–5 environment into lower-performing schools within adjacent clusters risks lowering achievement rather than elevating it. Families purchased homes and invested in this community based on the existing cluster pathway. Significant grade band restructuring undermines that stability and trust. If grade band adjustments are being considered within the Ashford Park cluster, I would instead support: Maintaining the K–5 structure at our current elementary school. Investing in expansion or modernization to address overcrowding. Targeted academic and leadership interventions in underperforming schools rather than redistributing students. Any change to grade configuration should clearly demonstrate how it improves academic performance — not simply balances enrollment numbers. I strongly urge the district to preserve the K–5 model within high-performing clusters and focus on facility investment rather than structural reconfiguration.	3/4/2026 9:03 PM
1720	We should be very careful with grade band adjustments- developmentally appropriate environments are critical and 6th graders are not ready to deal with the same issues as late high schoolers, making administrators jobs harder.	3/4/2026 8:57 PM
1721	Having smaller grade band scenarios does not make sense in our cluster.	3/4/2026 8:53 PM
1722	Band teachers very dedicated and appear to enjoy teaching	3/4/2026 8:48 PM

1723	Please leave everything as it is and do not change anything	3/4/2026 8:47 PM
1724	I don't believe that the traditional middle school student should be in the same school as elementary kindergarten through fifth. I've seen this with my child who went to a private school where they had those grades. And I don't think it was beneficial for either group elementary through fifth grade should be separate from six through eight.	3/4/2026 8:47 PM
1725	I don't believe that the 6-12 grade band should happend do to the various ages of students. 11- and 12-year-olds shouldn't be in the same school as 18-year-olds. The age gap is too drastic.	3/4/2026 8:44 PM
1726	I worry that older kids will pick on the younger kids.	3/4/2026 8:43 PM
1727	Mi. ijo vale Kinder	3/4/2026 8:42 PM
1728	I think the traditional grade bands would be better for our students	3/4/2026 8:41 PM
1729	I'm in the Chamblee cluster. I do not care so much if they have to combine middle and high schools together although I prefer they do not. Elementary schools need to remain P-K-5 grade as I would not want to see small kids with high school age kids together. And I'm pretty sure high school kids do t want small kids around either.	3/4/2026 8:41 PM
1730	DHS could use the space that Vanderlyn has. HAve you also considered purchasing the Georgia State campus nearby and movign the HS there?	3/4/2026 8:35 PM
1731	All clusters should have the same grade bands to keep it consistent.	3/4/2026 8:34 PM
1732	Having a 6th grader with a 12th grader is a terrible idea. Ditto with an 8th grader and a 6yo. As a parent, that would not make me comfortable.	3/4/2026 8:34 PM
1733	I believe the best grade band is PK-8/9-12. This grade band has been proven effective in charter schools and private schools.	3/4/2026 8:29 PM
1734	Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year.Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Brielle is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. Traditional Pre K -5 grade band remain appropriate in high utilization, growth corridor.Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long term,significant underutilization.	3/4/2026 8:29 PM
1735	Love pk-3, 4-5, 7-8 and 9-12. You can house these schools on the same lot, like middle and high school. Keeps schools small. Also I'm aware that big schools can have small class sizes, but I prefer small schools so it's more of a community. This format does not address high school size. Maybe build more high schools and keep under 1200 students per school. Look at Dekalb graduation rates for proof.	3/4/2026 8:28 PM
1736	Any clustering needs to take into consideration the grouping of developmentally different age groups. 6th graders should not be with 12th graders. The best plana are the ones that maintain traditional high school grades 9-12 and middle school grades 6-8, with banding of elementary school age kids (similar to city of Decatur). Plus that can improve resources for like aged younger children.	3/4/2026 8:26 PM
1737	I want my kids at the same school together for as long as possible. It will be impossible to have drop offs and pick ups at multiple schools for most families. There is only so much time in the day an we don't ant to spend it driving from school to school when they can easily be in the same school. No one wants to sit in traffic (even if it is on a bus).	3/4/2026 8:26 PM
1738	No issue with band consolidation.	3/4/2026 8:22 PM
1739	My biggest concern is making sure my 7-year-old continues to be in an environment that feels age-appropriate and supportive for her development. I worry that clustering more grade levels together could unintentionally expose younger children to situations or influences they may not be ready for just yet. I truly value diversity and understand the importance of thoughtful resource planning. At the same time, I hope that if clusters are approved, there will also be strong structures, guidance, and supports in place to ensure it benefits students in meaningful ways, not just financially, but academically and socially as well.	3/4/2026 8:14 PM
1740	French immersion classes is an important learning and cultural advantage to students. Continuity between Evansdale,Henderson middle and Lakeside schools offers success in that program.	3/4/2026 8:13 PM
1741	Again, a mistake.	3/4/2026 8:12 PM

1742	Data-driven	3/4/2026 8:11 PM
1743	N/A	3/4/2026 8:09 PM
1744	I’m not sure	3/4/2026 8:08 PM
1745	Every school in Dekalb county should have a music class. Every school in Dekalb county middle school or high school should have the opportunity have a band. It doesn’t need to be done by grade. Music is central to all schools and shouldn’t be available to some and not woods	3/4/2026 8:04 PM
1746	This is my last senior and she goes to CHS via the magnet program. But our school was Midvale, Tucker Middle to Tucker High School. I would hate to see Midvale Elementary sit empty. I am all for a different model as I no longer have a child in the district after May.	3/4/2026 8:02 PM
1747	Na	3/4/2026 8:01 PM
1748	ALL-How will this work out? How many classes would be housed in school?	3/4/2026 8:00 PM
1749	No clue	3/4/2026 7:59 PM
1750	N/a	3/4/2026 7:58 PM
1751	I am referencing only the Dunwoody cluster	3/4/2026 7:57 PM
1752	Grade bands are less of an issue to me and agree with educators	3/4/2026 7:55 PM
1753	For the Lakeside cluster(Oak Grove, Sagamor Hills, Briarlake) stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected 96% utilization next year.Sagamore is already at 91% . Briarlake is at 73% , but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. Oak Groce is not experiencing structural decline. Traditional Pre K -5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor.. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long term,significant underutilization.	3/4/2026 7:55 PM
1754	I do not like having a school of 6 through 12, I think this could influence younger children with inappropriate activities and grades would be difficult to separate. Bus riding would also be a large concern with those ages.	3/4/2026 7:49 PM
1755	It seems more beneficial to keep elementary as PK-5 and having 6-12 schools. The greatest change in the development of child happens during 6-12 grades.	3/4/2026 7:48 PM
1756	I don’t know enough about the implications of K-8 vs the current structure to comment.	3/4/2026 7:44 PM
1757	The grad bands are conducive to what the needs are now and future projections.	3/4/2026 7:41 PM
1758	N/a	3/4/2026 7:39 PM
1759	I feel that all clusters should maintain the traditional school bands that in place for the Area I schools now. I do believe how ever that some schools could be combined, but politics still keeps the school racially/economically divided in DCSD...	3/4/2026 7:39 PM
1760	Our community of Ashford Park to	3/4/2026 7:39 PM
1761	I am fine with a 6-12 school size, concerned about all of the closures in South Dekalb	3/4/2026 7:37 PM
1762	Please don't close Ashford Park. I have a rising 1st and rising 5th grader.	3/4/2026 7:34 PM
1763	dividing schools into smaller bands is the current model in city of decatur schools. it sends kids to too many different schools and causes parents to have too many schools within their family.	3/4/2026 7:33 PM
1764	Towers HS is one of the schools slated to be transitioned. As a DCSD alum, when I was in school, DCSD emphasized the importance of middle schools thus ending the transition from elementary school straight to high school. I feel like middle schools are still needed as a transitional period to HS.	3/4/2026 7:31 PM
1765	Brockett should remain pre k through 5. Parents trust the school and look forward to grade level events.	3/4/2026 7:29 PM
1766	Don’t like the pk-8 model unless campuses were big enough for multiple areas. Don’t think it is appropriate to have kindergartens with 8th graders. Adds to risk to younger student.”s including	3/4/2026 7:25 PM

	weapons and drugs in schools. Also little kids should not be bussed with middle schoolers.	
1767	I'm not sure how the Dunwoody high school cluster can effectively implement grade band scenarios. I don't see any details specific to that cluster where it makes sense.	3/4/2026 7:25 PM
1768	I don't think having schools with one or two grade level offers enough opportunities to students who either want to take AP or accelerated classes. Also , this may not provide for students that need a less rigorous curriculum.	3/4/2026 7:24 PM
1769	Elementary	3/4/2026 7:23 PM
1770	broader divisions. PK-5/6-8/9-12	3/4/2026 7:21 PM
1771	I do not agree with DCSD schools included grade bands. Local schools such as Flat Rock Elementary should not be altered.	3/4/2026 7:19 PM
1772	Kittredge 4to 6th then chamblee middle and chamblee high magnet program	3/4/2026 7:18 PM
1773	I agree with combining middle and high school in one building Pk-5 and 6-12	3/4/2026 7:15 PM
1774	I'm pleased to see that we're considering going back to K-8 and 9-12 grade bands with NO middle schools. That was a mistake from the beginning.	3/4/2026 7:14 PM
1775	Please keep Oak Grove ES an elementary school!	3/4/2026 7:13 PM
1776	Continue with current grade band in OGES.	3/4/2026 7:12 PM
1777	I would prefer a pk-5 experience for continuity and especially consistency and comfort for those with 504, IEP, or paraprofessionals. Laurel ridge cluster.	3/4/2026 7:11 PM
1778	I would not want my 6-7-8 graders mixing with the high school senior (12).	3/4/2026 7:08 PM
1779	Keep them the same as they are presently. Pk-5, 6-8, 9-12	3/4/2026 7:06 PM
1780	Where do exceptional education students fall?	3/4/2026 7:06 PM
1781	I do not have a negative response.	3/4/2026 7:04 PM
1782	6-12 together is absolutely not a great idea. We have enough with children and social media mixing together grades like that is NOT what's in the best interest for the children.	3/4/2026 7:03 PM
1783	Oak Grove Elementary	3/4/2026 7:02 PM
1784	I believe that the elementary schools are the correct size, and the middle schools should be smaller. Henderson was awful. Too big for the teachers to know the children. The large setting just warehouses them, and the goal did not seem to be education. I took my son out (gifted program) and sent him to private middle and high school to reach his full potential. Coming out of Henderson with As he did not do well on SSAT. With private school, he got a 34 on the ACT and got into Tech. He graduated from Ga Tech in engineering and now has a Masters degree from Tech. I just couldn't leave him at Henderson.	3/4/2026 6:59 PM
1785	I think K-8 would make sense for the Dunwoody cluster. KMS would also make sense to be a 4-8.	3/4/2026 6:58 PM
1786	It is important for elementary schools to remain in at least the k to 6 grade,	3/4/2026 6:58 PM
1787	N/a	3/4/2026 6:58 PM
1788	McNair Middle should be K-8.	3/4/2026 6:51 PM
1789	As mentioned in the previous comments, changing grade bands seems to be a method to compensate problems caused by the cascading process.	3/4/2026 6:47 PM
1790	Oak Grove Elementary and its associated middle school and high school (I.e., cluster) should remain in the traditional format. That setup best prepares students in this area.	3/4/2026 6:45 PM
1791	The McNair Cluster NEEDS its own elementary schools on this side of town. Taking these small children away from their neighborhood isn't fair	3/4/2026 6:43 PM
1792	The current grade bands are fine. The other options seem to add much value compared to the disruption.	3/4/2026 6:43 PM
1793	Stability needs to be prioritized until trust in DeKalb schools is restored. Community schools	3/4/2026 6:43 PM

	are of high value to parents, teachers, and other stakeholders and provide a reason to stay in DeKalb schools.	
1794	I think the existing K-5/6-8/9-12 split is ideal.	3/4/2026 6:41 PM
1795	Public messaging around SAP has emphasized whole-school transitions, yet discussions indicate Vanderlyn students would likely be split between neighboring schools, if closed. This is not comparable to combining two half-capacity schools and would create significant feeder disruption and transportation impact.	3/4/2026 6:40 PM
1796	I am more open to this for areas to have different options but prefer Traditional	3/4/2026 6:40 PM
1797	We still hope to stay in the Chamblee High School cluster.	3/4/2026 6:37 PM
1798	Undecided	3/4/2026 6:36 PM
1799	I agree with the lower grades but I don't think 6th grade students should be with older students.	3/4/2026 6:36 PM
1800	I have never believed in middle schools. When I was in 6 to 8 grade I was part of a high school. Middle School feels like a students are on an island. Just going through puberty, and have no older roles models around. When I was in 6-8 grade we looked up to the 9-12 graders and they helped the teachers in several ways. We learned how to be leaders from them. I recommend the PK-5/6-12 grade band.	3/4/2026 6:34 PM
1801	I would favor a PK-6 or a PK-7 plan, with upper grades in HS. PK-8 grade is 10 years worth of physical and emotional growth, it's too much and I would be worried about the younger children's socialization with children so vastly older.	3/4/2026 6:31 PM
1802	I prefer to keep k-5 together, 6-8 together and 9-12 together	3/4/2026 6:27 PM
1803	I think 6-12 probably makes more sense than K-8 and I'm unsure about the extra transitions for k-3 and 4-5 but I'm sure studies of outcomes in other school districts would show better data than my gut instincts	3/4/2026 6:23 PM
1804	N/a	3/4/2026 6:22 PM
1805	Oak Grove Elementary should not be closed or consolidated.	3/4/2026 6:20 PM
1806	Robert Shaw is a very prominent school and it is very important to keep it up and alive. This school has raised, taught and educated families, children and communities. In doing so, they have created leaders, doctors, nurses and more that I know personally and now my child is attending Robert Shaw Theme School. This school is immensely important and valuable to parents, teachers and students. This would break the hearts of the community and students as well as parents who have attended Robert Shaw and now having their own children attending this school.	3/4/2026 6:17 PM
1807	I understand the grade band scenarios but would be more in favor of the models for pk-8 vs 6-12. Our experience at Kittredge with 4-6 has felt, in a good way, like an extra year of elementary school.	3/4/2026 6:15 PM
1808	I think remerging middle and high schools would be a good thing. Middle school is one of the worst inventions on human history	3/4/2026 6:13 PM
1809	I do not believe that middle and high school students should be grouped together in any scenario. Those are 2 vastly different developmental times in children's lives and should remain separate. Grade banding k-8 also often leaves middle schoolers at a deficit, as more attention is placed on elementary.	3/4/2026 6:13 PM
1810	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/4/2026 6:12 PM
1811	I am concerned about potential grade band changes because they may disrupt students' learning continuity and community connections. I believe any grade band scenario should carefully consider the impact on the specific schools and clusters involved, especially schools	3/4/2026 6:12 PM

	that serve large populations of African American students. I would prefer that the district avoid changes that could create instability and instead focus on maintaining consistent, equitable access to quality education across all grade levels.	
1812	The Pre-k to 3rd Grade and 4-5	3/4/2026 6:11 PM
1813	Peachtree Middle School it's overcrowded how the reorganization will help move the current trailers out????	3/4/2026 6:11 PM
1814	None all schools need to stay open smaller class sizes is what dekalb always needed, so the kids can really learn, this is actually good enrollment is low so those who are there can grow academically! Stop being cheap and greedy Dekalb County Schools!!	3/4/2026 6:10 PM
1815	I agree with the proposals	3/4/2026 6:09 PM
1816	Again, more information is needed to make an informed decision here. Sounds good in theory, but how would the actual grade bands look across the boundaries. We don't know the boundaries so how can we comment	3/4/2026 6:08 PM
1817	Please don't shut down Vanderlyn	3/4/2026 6:07 PM
1818	Why do we need grade bands? The whole purpose of our children getting an education is so they can make a difference in this life. Putting way to many children in a class room leaves more children to fall through the cracks.	3/4/2026 6:05 PM
1819	I can see how determining cluster grades could be optimal in some ways. However, I worry about younger children and students being exposed to things that they do not need to be exposed to. Sixth through 8 is too young for high school	3/4/2026 6:03 PM
1820	I am open to different grade band scenarios.	3/4/2026 6:03 PM
1821	I have two children, one in pre-K and the other in 7th grade at different schools, and I think I would like them to be in the same building.	3/4/2026 6:03 PM
1822	Justin find it weird that transition Lithonia HS will be a middles school with all the schools around it has a smaller enrollment.	3/4/2026 6:01 PM
1823	N/a	3/4/2026 5:56 PM
1824	I do not have a strong opinion here	3/4/2026 5:56 PM
1825	I am fine with all options that work for a specific cluster	3/4/2026 5:49 PM
1826	Should separate middle school from high school to prevent bullying	3/4/2026 5:49 PM
1827	The smaller school building built in the 60s which work well with neighborhood infrastructure were designed for k-7. 6th grade seems to young yo being high school.	3/4/2026 5:46 PM
1828	I do not think 6-8 should share space with 9-12. I have major concerns about safety.	3/4/2026 5:43 PM
1829	If the district were to change the grade bands for instance Prek-5/6-12 or Prek-8/9-12…I think a hybrid approach by creatin a 6–8 academy wing, Separate entrances/bell schedules, Dedicated middle school admin, Physical separation within the building.	3/4/2026 5:43 PM
1830	I have often thought that including K-5 in a single school didn't make sense as children in grades 4-5 are already reaching puberty. From a social perspective I agree with changing grade bands.	3/4/2026 5:41 PM
1831	Grade bands can be very beneficial to the students, with age appropriate curriculum and social engagements being the focus.	3/4/2026 5:40 PM
1832	Grade bands are very tricky. Kids develop at different rates and to put older kits with younger kids can be quite dangerous. They will be riding buses with each other with very little supervision and I fear that a lot of bullying and abuse will happen.	3/4/2026 5:39 PM
1833	6-12 grade students should not be in same school setting.	3/4/2026 5:39 PM
1834	For the lakeside cluster dekalb should prioritize stabilization.	3/4/2026 5:39 PM
1835	I am happy with the K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 grade bands.	3/4/2026 5:38 PM
1836	I guess if grade bands had to change, I'd be open to that so long as the approximate cluster	3/4/2026 5:38 PM

	stayed together. Moving Ashford Park out of the Chamblee cluster could shift even more students out of the DeKalb educational system. Many would opt to go private and home values could plummet. The schools in this area are the reason many move here, including ourselves.	
1837	No concerns	3/4/2026 5:37 PM
1838	I would be for upper and lower elementary. I would not be for K to 8 or 6-12 scenarios.	3/4/2026 5:30 PM
1839	In terms of actual grade bands and schools, I work in the Clarkston high school cluster in smaller classroom. Size is definitely help in that population where we have a lot of multilingual learners and allows for us to give the students more direct and explicit instruction.	3/4/2026 5:26 PM
1840	The 6-12 band could possibly work if classrooms are specifically identified as 6-8 areas of the school a(i.e., lower level classrooms) and the same for 9-12.	3/4/2026 5:26 PM
1841	in any cluster, high school should be 9-12. we shouldn't have 6th graders in the same school as 12th graders. we also shouldn't have 8th graders in the same school as 4th graders.	3/4/2026 5:26 PM
1842	I have heard the idea of potentially transferring the Ashford Park Elementary school cohort to the John Lewis school once another elementary school has been completed. I think this is a fine idea as long as they continue on the Chamblee track. Keeping the grade band as is.	3/4/2026 5:26 PM
1843	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/4/2026 5:25 PM
1844	Traditional model of PreK - 5 preferred. Evansdale should remain OPEN!	3/4/2026 5:25 PM
1845	The "traditional" grade bands were established for a reason. Adding new bands and making kids switch schools every couple years, or combining bands and having huge age gaps between the students, are not beneficial to the kids. Elementary schools work with larger age ranges because the students stay in their classrooms most of the day. Middle and High Schools are divided into smaller age groups because they switch classes all through the day and this keeps the age gap between the oldest and youngest students smaller. Again, please think about the CHILDREN and their daily experience in these schools.	3/4/2026 5:23 PM
1846	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73% but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK-5 grade bands remain appropriate in the high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant under-utilization.	3/4/2026 5:23 PM
1847	I do feel that elementary (k-5) should be its own cluster. While I am open to 6-12 etc it needs to be thoroughly thought out and the facilities need to be accommodating to keep some separation for the lower grades from the upper grades.	3/4/2026 5:21 PM
1848	Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/4/2026 5:20 PM
1849	I feel that there is a strong connection to the Chamblee High cluster and would really like to see this continue!	3/4/2026 5:20 PM
1850	I like ES, MS, and HS grade bands.	3/4/2026 5:19 PM
1851	Since neither Peacthree nor Dunwoody has any room to move any students around, there are no other options. But Dekalb MUST remove the portables and get the capacity under control. It	3/4/2026 5:18 PM

	is inexcusable that both Peachtree and Dunwoody have been left to languish in a dysfunctionally crowded state while schools sit half empty in other parts of the district.	
1852	In 2019 we already provided a senario where prek-3 would be at john Lewis then 4-6 at ashford park. Moving 6th into AP would then free up space that is badly needed for Chamblee	3/4/2026 5:18 PM
1853	I need more info about how this would work in our cluster to have an informed opinion	3/4/2026 5:15 PM
1854	Briarlake / Oak Grove / Sagamore / Henderson Mill / Hawthorne could feed into several smaller PreK- 2nd and 3rd-5th schools!?	3/4/2026 5:15 PM
1855	I would like to know what will happen to the staff if this happens at these schools	3/4/2026 5:12 PM
1856	We are ok with grade bands.	3/4/2026 5:11 PM
1857	I do not think that there should be major changes to the grade bands. I do see some instances where a 1-2 grade academy might make sense. For example, in the case of Peachtree Middle School having a separate 6th grade building/school. I think clusters should have the same grade bands because otherwise parents will find ways to blame the differences on inequity.	3/4/2026 5:11 PM
1858	Again, this seems to make the most sense to me, but I'm not sure what the full benefits are of having different bands.	3/4/2026 5:05 PM
1859	Having 6th graders with older high school kids is not a good idea developmentally.	3/4/2026 5:01 PM
1860	Any scenario of having 6th grader and 12th graders together is not developmentally appropriate. If 6-8 would share a campus with 9-12, then it would need to be completely separate building spaces.	3/4/2026 5:01 PM
1861	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/4/2026 5:00 PM
1862	Grade scenario band classes is helpful for instruction.	3/4/2026 5:00 PM
1863	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/4/2026 4:58 PM
1864	My kids is in 2nd and kindergarten this close will affect them	3/4/2026 4:56 PM
1865	I support considering potential grade band adjustments in the Kelley Lake/ DLA/ Flat Shoals area. Specifically, I can see making one of the smaller schools a PK3-2 building, and putting the other students in one of the other smaller buildings. (Leaving the Middle School as a Middle School)	3/4/2026 4:54 PM
1866	I am referring to Dunwoody schools.	3/4/2026 4:53 PM
1867	I think I prefer traditional. I definitely would not want to see the pre-K- 8! Traditional middle schoolers should not be in school with preschool and primary grade levels.	3/4/2026 4:50 PM
1868	For 30338 cluster you could build a ninth grade academy -use vanderlyn land.	3/4/2026 4:49 PM
1869	Chamblee high school	3/4/2026 4:48 PM
1870	I don't have a strong opinion on the bands. I think the less transition the better, which is why I lean toward PK-8.	3/4/2026 4:46 PM
1871	No feedback.	3/4/2026 4:43 PM
1872	Also Henderson Middle is actually quite far from the Oak Grove Cluster Elementary Schools. I	3/4/2026 4:42 PM

	would like to see consolidation options which might address this issue. If we have more facilities, could we do a consolidation which would not required children from the Sagamore ES to commute over 20 minutes to MS?	
1873	See above: Montgomery Elementary on Ashford-Dunwoody -- PK-3rd grade Dunwoody Elementary on E. Nancy Creek -- 4th-5th grade (and special needs?) Or, something similar with room for growth. APS has done similar splits with success. It also creates a natural transition for students going into 4th grade whether at Kittredge or E. Nancy Creek (everyone is making a change to something new). I would also be in favor of renaming either Chamblee MS OR Chamblee HS to alleviate confusion.	3/4/2026 4:41 PM
1874	Prefer the traditional grad band	3/4/2026 4:39 PM
1875	No specific feedback but if there are ways to do it without closing entire facilities I would be open to listening.	3/4/2026 4:38 PM
1876	Schools need to remain grade banded to assure high school older kids are not a negative influence on younger kids. I moved around to different states and was in school in different age groupings. 6th grades do not need to be with 12th graders. But, 8th through 12th is an option.	3/4/2026 4:38 PM
1877	I like traditional	3/4/2026 4:36 PM
1878	The Lakeside cluster is stable and should remain. OGE is projected at over 90% utilization for next year as is Sagamore. Briarlake is less utalized but is not able to absorb the number of children that it would need to to make such a chage realistic.	3/4/2026 4:35 PM
1879	Our middle school and high school are over crowded. Not sure what to do	3/4/2026 4:34 PM
1880	i'm confused on why you Dunwoody is even in a grade band discussion when we do not have open seats across our district. Have we thought about why enrollment is down in general? we are losing kids to private schools due to lack of resources provided within the county. While i do know there are empty seats in South Dekalb, that is where the focus should be now.	3/4/2026 4:34 PM
1881	The entire district should have the same grade levels in high school, middle school, and elementary school. The grades in each level should be the same from cluster to cluster.	3/4/2026 4:31 PM
1882	Horrible! Small children shouldn't be around older kids. The different influences as well as the level the kids are on.	3/4/2026 4:30 PM
1883	K-8 schools are a great idea. This is similar to what we had in DeKalb when it was one of the country's best school districts.	3/4/2026 4:27 PM
1884	K-7 for elementary schools. 8-12 High Schools.	3/4/2026 4:27 PM
1885	Please keep the grade as they are and find better programing on the southside to keep students engaged in the community.	3/4/2026 4:25 PM
1886	Keep the same. Having grades middle school kids should not be mixed with high schoolers particularly upper high schoolers.	3/4/2026 4:22 PM
1887	Maintaining separation of elementary schools seems best for students. Integration of middle and high school and be done with careful attention but may not be best.	3/4/2026 4:21 PM
1888	Can Wadsworth Magnet stay the same as well as Robert Shaw Elementary?	3/4/2026 4:16 PM
1889	See below. Middle schoolers will have a hard time on the same campus as high school students. I would be concerned about the potential for bullying of the younger students.	3/4/2026 4:14 PM
1890	I feel elementary should remain k-5. 6-8 would not work in the same building due to age and very different social needs/behaviors.	3/4/2026 4:14 PM
1891	I think the idea of grade band scenarios could work. Assuming Oak Grove is paired with Sagamore Hills I would want to be assured that these schools would feed into Lakeside - again to keep the community intact.	3/4/2026 4:12 PM
1892	For elementary schools, I think it is fine to do this. A K-1 and a 2-5 in any cluster would make sense. But, as for your example of grades 6-12 in one school....just NO! Who thinks it's a good idea to have 11 year olds and 19 year olds in the same school? Absolutely not developmentally appropriate and I think you're asking for trouble.	3/4/2026 4:09 PM
1893	I am not opposed to grade bands. I am more worried about class sizes and amenities.	3/4/2026 4:09 PM

1894	I believe special programs could benefit from different grade bands (DLI, magnet, IB etc) that could potentially maximize a building usage and better serve school communities	3/4/2026 4:09 PM
1895	I do not think the grade bands should be altered at this time.	3/4/2026 4:08 PM
1896	Ok	3/4/2026 4:05 PM
1897	Grade band scenarios work well in the pk-6th grade class range	3/4/2026 4:05 PM
1898	Cedar Grove Middle and High Schools. Grades 6-12.	3/4/2026 4:05 PM
1899	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%, Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to adsorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK-5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant under-utilization.	3/4/2026 4:03 PM
1900	Not opposed to grade band scenarios. I see 6-12 banding as an opportunity to address many of the concerns with middle schools in the district.	3/4/2026 4:02 PM
1901	Ashford Park Elementary is an old building on a small lot. I understand the decision to close it as elementary school. I do hope those in the district can remain in the Chamblee MS & HS cluster to maintain community and not divide neighbors against neighbors by splitting the cluster up.	3/4/2026 3:57 PM
1902	-concerns about a wide range of developmental stages in buildings and on buses in the banded grade model Concerns about daily schedule in banded grade model - young kids and much older kids arriving and entering the building, using restrooms, having lunch, recess, specials, etc throughout the day. Staff burnout among specials teachers. -concerns for safety and exposure to mature content between younger kids and much older kids sharing the same facilities. -having smaller bands is more appealing - ex: pk-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12	3/4/2026 3:57 PM
1903	Oak Grove Elementary school should NOT be part of a grade band. It must remain as it is and has been.	3/4/2026 3:53 PM
1904	Scenarios For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove’s enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization	3/4/2026 3:52 PM
1905	Closing of Middle schools and relocation of students and staff on the south side of the district	3/4/2026 3:44 PM
1906	While I understand the need for consolidation, the closing Oak Grove Elementary would not be positive for this community.	3/4/2026 3:38 PM
1907	Grade clusters should stay as they are. Families want their children in school together. Rather than changing schools ever few years. Also have children going through puberty with five or six year olds does not appear child focused.	3/4/2026 3:38 PM
1908	N/A	3/4/2026 3:33 PM
1909	The traditional grade band is not working well and a Junior High (6-9) would serve students better. I don’t believe 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders should be mixed with PK and 6th, 7th, and 8th graders shouldn’t be combined with high school age students.	3/4/2026 3:33 PM
1910	Building infrastructure is probably best focused on maintaining same or similar grade bands, i.e. a middle school (5-8 or 6-8) does not necessarily need chemistry classrooms.	3/4/2026 3:32 PM
1911	We should keep a traditional setting	3/4/2026 3:29 PM
1912	Yet again Dekalb trying to do things that don’t make sense. Having all the grades at our school allows students to attend school with their older and younger siblings. My younger kids also	3/4/2026 3:27 PM

	get excited when they finally come to 4th grade and have a teacher they've been wanting since they were little. It creates community.	
1913	Grade bands should not be changed. Families with multiple children would change schools on a regular basis - that's not easy for families with multiple students as they navigate transportation, conferences, spirit nights, night activities at schools, etc.	3/4/2026 3:26 PM
1914	HMES should stay open for or children.	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
1915	I do not want 6th in Elementary	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
1916	Traditional	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
1917	Traditional	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
1918	Traditional Band for elementary K -5	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
1919	N/A	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
1920	Traditional preferred	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
1921	If changes are considered in the Oak Grove cluster, I would prefer a model that allows Oak Grove Elementary to remain open. A traditional PK–5 elementary model paired with 6–8 middle schools and 9–12 high schools remains the most familiar and stable option for families. This structure aligns well with students' developmental stages and avoids unnecessary additional transitions for younger children. If enrollment challenges require adjustments, a PK–3 / 4–5 configuration could potentially allow schools like Oak Grove to remain open while improving operational efficiency. For example, Oak Grove could serve PK–3 students with nearby schools serving grades 4–5. This would maintain the building as an active school while focusing resources on early literacy and foundational learning, which the district has identified as a priority. Any grade band scenario should prioritize keeping neighborhood schools open when possible and minimizing transitions for students.	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
1922	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/4/2026 3:21 PM
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1924	Traditional	3/4/2026 3:21 PM
1925	None	3/4/2026 3:20 PM
1926	K-1st	3/4/2026 3:19 PM
1927	Grade bands can definitely be an immediate solution to the school population and reason for consolidation issue. For example, keeping elementary as PK-5 and secondary as 6-12 is one way to; control behaviors, create intentional/ targeted learning environments for the specific grade/age groups and clusters, and effectively grow the social/ emotional skills of our scholars to ensure their success.	3/4/2026 3:19 PM
1928	Oak grove elementary school is extremely important for kindergarten to middle school	3/4/2026 3:16 PM
1929	Pre-3, 4-6, 7-8 and 9-12	3/4/2026 3:15 PM
1930	Cluster whatever you need to cluster in South the cab, but please do not cluster North Dekalb schools.	3/4/2026 3:14 PM

1931	I honestly do not have strong preferences for the grade banding is as long as any child doesn't have to get on a bus at 6 am in the dark. You need to look at each region individually to see what works. Dekalb used to be K-7 and 8-12. Not sure why that changed as at the time Dekalb was winning awards in the state. Not sure why we are trying to add pre-k when we can't even manage k-12. I only do not agree that 6th graders should be with high schoolers. 8-12 would be okay, but younger than 8th should be closer mixed with middle or elementary. By around age 14 (8th) I think high school would be fine. Henderson used to be a high school and has a plot of land. If you take into consideration the actual smaller regions, or even clusters, I think you will see that you can get creative with banding and consolidations without being so disruptive.	3/4/2026 3:14 PM
1932	I honestly don't know	3/4/2026 3:11 PM
1933	I do not think it would be wise the extend the grade bands to 6-12, safety concerns for the younger students.	3/4/2026 3:08 PM
1934	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary!	3/4/2026 3:06 PM
1935	I do not agree with placing 6-8 graders with high schoolers. These age group and maturity level between this range of kids is too risky and possibly dangerous! Some of these kids will not have yet hit puberty while others are full grown. This can cause a serious problem and should have never been considered.	3/4/2026 3:06 PM
1936	The Grade band scenario will add more students together and take away teaching time	3/4/2026 3:05 PM
1937	I feel that 4th and 5th could be the prep to make middle schools more successful.	3/4/2026 3:03 PM
1938	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/4/2026 3:03 PM
1939	N/A	3/4/2026 3:02 PM
1940	Keeping the ES, MS, and HS separate makes the most sense. However, for magnet schools such as Kittredge, the current structure (4-6) makes the most sense and has worked really well.	3/4/2026 3:02 PM
1941	Not aware	3/4/2026 3:00 PM
1942	Uncertain	3/4/2026 3:00 PM
1943	Chaos and confusion and over crowded schools	3/4/2026 3:00 PM
1944	Middle school and high school should not be in the same building due to the maturity gap. K- 8 is fine.	3/4/2026 2:59 PM
1945	Grade banding should be designed around student need, not just geographic boundaries. An Open Campus option must remain available to students across multiple clusters because the students who most need this model often require a reset outside their assigned school environment. Rather than restricting services to one location or grade band per cluster, DCSD should maintain an Open Campus pathway that can serve students from various areas of the district, prioritizing graduation and stability over attendance in a specific neighborhood school. Grade band decisions should ensure Open Campus remains flexible and accessible for the full range of students who benefit from it.	3/4/2026 2:59 PM
1946	There are vastly different needs and expectations by parents involved with grades PK-5 then those involved with grades 6-8, or 9-12. A well-educated demographic will be likely to litigate issues if over-generalizing across vastly differing grade bands causes friction, or if a perception of needs or expectations being ignored appears evident due to overreach in grouping age groups.	3/4/2026 2:57 PM
1947	The grouping of the bands appear to be connected.	3/4/2026 2:57 PM
1948	I personally think a combined middle and high school, could be challenging considering the typical relationships and behaviors of adolescents. With that said, having sufficient staff and security should make that environment safe.	3/4/2026 2:56 PM

1949	Schools always need upgrades no matter where they are. The better the school the better participation on all levels.	3/4/2026 2:56 PM
1950	N/a	3/4/2026 2:54 PM
1951	I have no children attending school	3/4/2026 2:52 PM
1952	Looking at development is important so that younger children are not grouped with older children who are way beyond them in terms of social and emeotional development.	3/4/2026 2:52 PM
1953	The horizon area will benefit from the traditional grade band.	3/4/2026 2:51 PM
1954	Grade branding is not a good idea to merge grade levels.	3/4/2026 2:51 PM
1955	Not sure of how it would effect Snapfinger	3/4/2026 2:50 PM
1956	N/A	3/4/2026 2:49 PM
1957	These grade band scenarios make sense for school in south dekalb for schools that are under capacity as a way to consolidate resources. This solution does not seem relevant to north dekald and particularly ashford park elementary as the school is over capacity.	3/4/2026 2:49 PM
1958	none	3/4/2026 2:48 PM
1959	The best grade band would be pre-3, 4-6, 7-8 and 9-12. 6,7,8 are not a good combination.	3/4/2026 2:48 PM
1960	I am open to making different grade bands for different schools.	3/4/2026 2:47 PM
1961	Personally, I would not recommend combining middle school and high school due to maturity levels of the groups.	3/4/2026 2:46 PM
1962	Pre K and elementary school kids need to be grouped with the same aged children	3/4/2026 2:46 PM
1963	Need improvement	3/4/2026 2:44 PM
1964	middle/High school	3/4/2026 2:44 PM
1965	I don’t have too much to share regarding this besides the fact that 6th graders definitely do not need to be in same school as 12th graders.	3/4/2026 2:44 PM
1966	I would like to prioritize keeping Ashford Park / Drew Valley (current Ashford Park students) on the Chamblee Middle School and Chamblee High School trajectory.	3/4/2026 2:44 PM
1967	Not sure	3/4/2026 2:43 PM
1968	I think middle and high school students should be kept separate	3/4/2026 2:43 PM
1969	I do not think that the current concept of middle schools {6-8} is working. I think there needs to be some preparation prior to entering middle schools	3/4/2026 2:43 PM
1970	Agree	3/4/2026 2:42 PM
1971	Ashford Park could go to Montogmerh	3/4/2026 2:42 PM
1972	K-5	3/4/2026 2:42 PM
1973	I fear that grade bands will mix and there will be legal issues at hand. I do not like this for Snapfinger or any other closing schools	3/4/2026 2:42 PM
1974	When students are split between grade bands (k-2) and (3-5) it slows the learning progress down for students. Teachers are not able to flow from year to year to help them grow academically.	3/4/2026 2:42 PM
1975	Keep traditional clusters	3/4/2026 2:41 PM
1976	n/a	3/4/2026 2:39 PM
1977	Pre k to 8.	3/4/2026 2:38 PM
1978	Another concern would be the schools that has precincts in them would be problem for seniors that don't drive far if their school is close. It would effect the voting changes as well.	3/4/2026 2:37 PM
1979	Keeping a non-traditional school open is a flexible option and a needed element in the school	3/4/2026 2:37 PM

	district. Returning open campus to what it was prior to 2020 should be a key focus.	
1980	Not relevant to Chesnut	3/4/2026 2:36 PM
1981	Stability should be prioritized for the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake) Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/4/2026 2:36 PM
1982	See above	3/4/2026 2:33 PM
1983	Mental development from a social and an educational viewpoint happen very differently and the age ranges that have historically been grouped tend to not cause issues. Mixing high school with 6th grade is not right.	3/4/2026 2:30 PM
1984	Combining schools in a middle school or high school gives the need space but I would also look to adding more educational support for the buildings looking to close	3/4/2026 2:23 PM
1985	As a general rule, I prefer 9-12 high schools. The other grade band configurations could work depending on community. I previously worked in a PK- 8 school and it was a positive experience. If the district chooses to pursue non-traditional grade bands then I recommend thinking about how to support extra curricular offerings to ensure equity in access. At the school I worked at we had a relationship with another middle school to develop full team rosters and sharing school sponsors. The district also needs to think about how they will train, communicate, and support all schools as traditional methods may no longer fit.	3/4/2026 2:23 PM
1986	I'm not sure the benefits of grade banding??	3/4/2026 2:22 PM
1987	Nun	3/4/2026 2:21 PM
1988	I think they can stay as they are, or go K-6/7, 8-9, and 10-12. I think that helps the 6th and 7th graders away from some negative peer and social situations, and gives them a little maturity before pre-high school. By the time they're in 10th, they have more maturity and can focus on school.	3/4/2026 2:20 PM
1989	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/4/2026 2:19 PM
1990	We want to stay in our cluster	3/4/2026 2:17 PM
1991	I think having the schools full with students on an age grade band makes sense with appropriate transportation to those schools. That would mean that by re-districting current students and rearranging current maps, a school cluster would cover a bigger area. Kids could go to those schools and being transported by the buses that now transport way less of those students that go to a neighborhood schools or are transported by the parents to a theme school or magnet school. I think that is an important consideration knowing the state of the buses and how little the district pay the bus drivers that we cannot have enough of them to cover the current needs.	3/4/2026 2:15 PM
1992	I prefer younger kids to be separated from older kids for abuse and bullying reasons.	3/4/2026 2:14 PM
1993	Open to changes in grade banding. Do not think 6th graders should be with highschoolers. Prefer the improvements to local communities by having smaller schools with walkability.	3/4/2026 2:13 PM
1994	Leave the K-5, 6-8 and HS grade bands in place. I don't want my kindergartner going to a giant consolidated school with 8th graders for multiple reasons.	3/4/2026 2:08 PM
1995	Na	3/4/2026 2:04 PM
1996	In areas where there is overcrowding in elementary schools like APES, it may be beneficial to	3/4/2026 2:03 PM

	move to smaller grade bands. I know there are real trade-offs to that, though.	
1997	no opinion, whatever works best	3/4/2026 2:02 PM
1998	Brockett Elementary should stay as it is K-5 We know a lot of friends with kids there and they are very happy.	3/4/2026 2:01 PM
1999	Generally speaking, I prefer the existing grade bands. However, if we could avoid overcrowding and give more students the individual support they need by dividing some larger schools into small bands, I would support that effort.	3/4/2026 1:59 PM
2000	N/A	3/4/2026 1:58 PM
2001	What is the change for?? why are we doing it	3/4/2026 1:58 PM
2002	I don't have a strong preference on grade bands.	3/4/2026 1:57 PM
2003	Just a game...kids need to buy into their community and eliminate busing by allowing kids to walk to their local elementary if possible	3/4/2026 1:57 PM
2004	As a Kindergarten Special Education teacher within the Flat Rock Elementary School cluster, I have specific concerns about a potential K–2 and 3–5 grade band model. For our youngest learners — especially students with disabilities — consistency, routine, and strong home-school connections are critical. Transitioning to a separate building after 2nd grade could be challenging for students who require additional supports and thrive on stability.	3/4/2026 1:55 PM
2005	I am not opposed. I am more concerned with the changing of clusters and possible moving my higher performing children to subpar performing schools	3/4/2026 1:53 PM
2006	No feedback.	3/4/2026 1:52 PM
2007	As a former teacher I think small class size in paramount is teaching, connecting and relationship building.	3/4/2026 1:51 PM
2008	See above. I think in some cases, changing the grade bands might be a good middle ground.	3/4/2026 1:43 PM
2009	I strongly support maintaining traditional grade bands (separate elementary, middle, and high schools). This structure is working well in our area, and there is no clear need to combine significantly different age groups into the same building. Kindergarteners and eighth graders are at very different developmental stages, just as sixth graders and twelve graders are at different stages. Younger children benefit from environments specifically designed for early childhood learning, play, and supervision, while older students require settings tailored to adolescent academic and social needs. Keeping these groups separate ensures that facilities, programming, and supports remain age-appropriate and aligned to students' developmental stages. In addition, expanding grade bands into a single, larger school would significantly increase traffic in and around the campus. The Atlanta area already experiences congestion, and concentrating more students, buses, and carpool traffic at one site would negatively affect both the school community and surrounding neighborhoods. Maintaining traditional grade bands preserves developmentally appropriate learning environments and helps manage infrastructure impacts like traffic. I encourage the district to continue building on a structure that is already serving our community well.	3/4/2026 1:42 PM
2010	I am opposed to the idea of major differences in student age groups being in the same school.	3/4/2026 1:42 PM
2011	na	3/4/2026 1:41 PM
2012	Remove middle school and return to the way DCSD operated fo decades. K-7 & 8-12.	3/4/2026 1:39 PM
2013	One thing not mentioned in your presentation, is the psychological impact of the change in grade bands on children. Have you even looked the affect of this change on children in the City of Decatur school sytem or other schools using proposed grade bands? Fourth and sixth grade are the most difficult transition.	3/4/2026 1:37 PM
2014	I deeply value and support maintaining traditional grade bands (pre k -5, 6-8, 9-12). This structure is working well in our area, and there is no clear need to combine significantly different age groups into the same building. Kindergarteners and eighth graders are at very different developmental stages, just as sixth graders and twelve graders are at different stages. Younger children benefit from environments specifically designed for early childhood learning, play, and supervision, while older students require settings tailored to adolescent academic and social needs. Keeping these groups separate ensures that facilities,	3/4/2026 1:36 PM

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2015	Brockett Elementary is an excellent school, who's faculty has shown admirable devotion to their charges. If they were to be consolidated, they would be overly taxed and unable to give their students the attention they need and deserve.	3/4/2026 1:29 PM
2016	No change is needed. The Lakeside cluster is stable and does not need attention.	3/4/2026 1:27 PM
2017	I firmly support keeping traditional grade configurations in place, with separate elementary, middle, and high schools. This model is serving our community effectively, and there is no compelling reason to merge vastly different age groups into one shared building. Students at opposite ends of the age spectrum—such as kindergarteners and eighth graders, or sixth graders and twelfth graders—are in very different phases of development. Younger children thrive in spaces intentionally designed for early learning, play, and close supervision, while older students need environments that reflect the academic rigor and social dynamics of adolescence. Maintaining separate grade bands ensures that facilities, instruction, and student supports remain appropriately tailored to each stage of growth. Additionally, consolidating broader grade bands into a single campus would substantially increase traffic in and around the school. The Atlanta area already faces significant congestion, and adding more buses, student drivers, and carpool vehicles to one location would place added strain on both the school and surrounding neighborhoods. Preserving traditional grade bands supports age-appropriate learning environments and helps minimize infrastructure challenges such as traffic. I encourage the district to continue with a structure that is already working well for our community.	3/4/2026 1:26 PM
2018	I think the K-8 model is strong and advantageous for lots of reasons. I also strongly believe that the district should can and should learn from the successful K-8 schools already in the district - GLOBE, The Museum School, DATE	3/4/2026 1:24 PM
2019	n/a	3/4/2026 1:22 PM
2020	I strongly support maintaining traditional grade (pk-5, 6-8, 9-12). This structure is working well in our area, and there is no clear need to combine significantly different age groups into the same building. Kindergarteners and eighth graders are at very different developmental stages, just as sixth graders and twelfth graders are at different stages. Younger children benefit from environments specifically designed for early childhood learning, play, and supervision, while older students require settings tailored to adolescent academic and social needs. Keeping these groups separate ensures that facilities, programming, and supports remain age-appropriate and aligned to students' developmental stages. In addition, expanding grade bands into a single, larger school would significantly increase traffic in and around the campus. The Atlanta area already experiences congestion, and concentrating more students, buses, and carpool traffic at one site would negatively affect both the school community and surrounding neighborhoods. Maintaining traditional grade bands preserves developmentally appropriate learning environments and helps manage infrastructure impacts like traffic. I encourage the district to continue building on a structure that is already serving our community well.	3/4/2026 1:20 PM
2021	I like keeping the traditional grade bands of PK-5, 6-8, 9-12.	3/4/2026 1:12 PM
2022	The neighborhood is thriving and there currently in no need to change grade bands.	3/4/2026 1:11 PM
2023	All of this is irrelevant if you don't direct your energies toward maintaining good elementary education and fixing the situation with the middle school. Grade bands are irrelevant when you have an average of 740 students in our cluster enrolled per grade in elementary schools and only an average of 403 students per grade enrolled in the single middle school they all feed in to. Please work to STOP THE BLEED TO PRIVATE from elementary to middle. Destroying a high performing elementary school like Vanderlyn only undermines that goal.	3/4/2026 1:02 PM
2024	Not good we need Oak Grove Elementary!!!	3/4/2026 1:00 PM
2025	I do not have any feedback	3/4/2026 1:00 PM

2026	I the schools are close to neighborhoods the smaller grade bands are ok. If it means kids are on busses longer and further from home I would need more information.	3/4/2026 12:59 PM
2027	My child (soon to be children) are part of the Ashford Park ES/Chamblee MS/Chamblee HS cluster. PK-8 + HS: would require fewer, bigger schools. Not sure how this works with existing infrastructure. PK-5 + 6-12: our 12 year olds do not need to be in a school with 18 year old adults. SPECIFICALLY pertaining to bullying and unwanted attention from older males>females. PK-3or4 + 5or6-8 + HS: ok with this scenario, as long as APES is not closed, for above-mentioned reasons. PK-5or6 + 7-8 + HS: ok with this scenario, as long as APES is not closed, for above-mentioned reasons.	3/4/2026 12:52 PM
2028	Stoneview. Should go to lithonia middle. Lithonia Middle should go to lithonia high.Let lithonia high go to millergrove high. However, I am concerned about the rivals between the high schoolers. Because that's embedded in the communities. So I think that if you go into put the high schoolers together with high schoolers, there needs to be counselors in the building working in the building every day to make sure that psychologically influence the children, that it's okay to be in the building together as high schoolers.	3/4/2026 12:47 PM
2029	NA	3/4/2026 12:44 PM
2030	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/4/2026 12:35 PM
2031	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/4/2026 12:35 PM
2032	As mentioned above, I believe utilizing both APES and John Lewis to support PK/K-5 is a realistic option as long as they both feed in to the Chamblee cluster. You could utilize one for PK/K-3 and the other for 4-5.	3/4/2026 12:33 PM
2033	I don't even know what this question is asking. Y'all are mismanaging this entire process by making it confusing and complicated.	3/4/2026 12:29 PM
2034	The Redan Elementary, Middle and High Schools are within my child's district.	3/4/2026 12:27 PM
2035	I prefer the current grade band setup (PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12) or the more broken out version (PK-3 / 4-5 / 6-8 / 9-12) for Ashford Park / Chamblee Cluster. I worry that 6-12 puts kids is asking for trouble, as those who can be very highly influenced (6-8th graders) are mixed with kids who are highly influential (9-12th graders) and that is concerning to me.	3/4/2026 12:27 PM
2036	We should not change existing structures which have set consistent expectations over time.	3/4/2026 12:26 PM
2037	The shift to K–3 and 4-5 may increase the number of school transitions for students and create challenges for families with children in multiple schools. However, careful consideration should be given to capacity limits and whether specialized programs can still be effectively supported at each site.	3/4/2026 12:20 PM
2038	I do not have specific feedback on the band scenarios as I do not believe its an option in our area with the lack of building spaces in our immediate area. However I think there is some opportunity to be flexible here so long as our community stays together.	3/4/2026 12:19 PM
2039	If OGE is closed, then students would be pushed to Briarlake Elementary or Sagamore Hills, which are already at 91% and 73% capacity! The 3 schools in our cluster all want to remain open! Leave these poor children alone in the environments they're accustomed to.	3/4/2026 12:16 PM
2040	Prefer no change.	3/4/2026 12:15 PM

2041	I would like Ashford Park Elementary to stay in the Chamblee cluster.	3/4/2026 12:09 PM
2042	Grades K-5 are okay to mix and change. However, grades 6-8 really need to be kept together. There are too many changes going on with 6th graders mentally and physically to have them mixed with 5th or lower. Similarly, 9-12th grades need to be kept together and should not mix with grades any lower.	3/4/2026 12:02 PM
2043	I think pk-4, 5-7, 8-12	3/4/2026 12:02 PM
2044	In the past, Oak Grove had grades K-7. Lakeside had grades 8-12. This worked well. A former teacher remarked to me that having younger children in the high school, “gentled” the upper grades. Also, the younger children tried to act more maturely. A relative who taught school remarked to me that middle schools were in many ways a waste of. Consolidating grade levels in elementary and high schools should be considered.	3/4/2026 12:01 PM
2045	I grew up going to a school that split PK-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12. I like it.	3/4/2026 11:54 AM
2046	We could utilize John Lewis Elementary, since it is so close. Perhaps Ashford Park is for grades K-2 and John Lewis is 3-5. I wouldn’t love splitting up, but it’s a solution.	3/4/2026 11:54 AM
2047	There isn’t a point to it.	3/4/2026 11:45 AM
2048	I think we need to do evidenced based education	3/4/2026 11:41 AM
2049	No direct feedback on the grade band scenarios.	3/4/2026 11:38 AM
2050	N/A	3/4/2026 11:31 AM
2051	Dont Close Oak Grove	3/4/2026 11:28 AM
2052	Do not close Oak Grove Elementaru	3/4/2026 11:27 AM
2053	Flexible on grade bands. I do think overall k-8 is good, but not a dealbreaker in other configurations	3/4/2026 11:26 AM
2054	APES - Chamblee Cluster --- I personally like the idea of adding John Lewis to the Chamblee Cluster and having APES/JLE be upper/lower schools. Keep this neighborhood's kids together and it will be very fruitful for the county. The county would see families leaving, which means money leaving, if they don't find a way to keep these kids together through high school.	3/4/2026 11:26 AM
2055	I think that putting Middle School aged children in the same facility as High School students will be detrimental to the younger students.	3/4/2026 11:22 AM
2056	Na	3/4/2026 11:21 AM
2057	It should stay the way it is- k-5,6-8, 9-12 is the best for the changes occurring to the students at that time- I guess this is specific to OakGrove- Lakeside feeder- with Magnet schools feeding to zoned schools when kids transfer between	3/4/2026 11:18 AM
2058	I like traditional grade bands of pre-K through 5, 6-8, and 9-12. The ages make sense to me since kids are going through similar developmental periods of their lives.	3/4/2026 11:17 AM
2059	I think schools should be k-5, 6-8, 9-12	3/4/2026 11:16 AM
2060	No specific feelings	3/4/2026 11:15 AM
2061	Traditional PK-5 - Ashford Park or John Lewis 6-8 - Chamblee Middle School 9-12 - Chamblee High School	3/4/2026 11:15 AM
2062	Grade band clusters are an option but only if the Ashford Park area remains in the Chamblee High School cluster.	3/4/2026 11:10 AM
2063	I am not in favor of grade band changes especially 6-12 grade.	3/4/2026 11:09 AM
2064	Statues quo or PK-7 and 8-12	3/4/2026 11:08 AM
2065	I like the traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 and even doing it this way PK-3 / 4-5 / 6-8 / 9-12, with the option of making all the class sizes smaller, keeping all your teachers.	3/4/2026 11:05 AM
2066	Cedar Grove Middle and Cedar Grove High should continues as one band.	3/4/2026 11:02 AM
2067	I'm not familiar with the potential grade band scenarios to answer this section.	3/4/2026 11:00 AM

2068	For the Dunwoody cluster, I support maintaining the traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 grade band configuration. This model has served our community well and provides age-appropriate learning environments at each stage. Elementary schools like Vanderlyn benefit from keeping younger children (PK-5) together in a nurturing environment before the transition to middle school. Experimenting with alternative grade bands adds unnecessary disruption to families and students who are already facing uncertainty from consolidation proposals.	3/4/2026 11:00 AM
2069	As an educator, I think a PK - 8 or 6- 12 grade band could be helpful when it comes to instructional purposes, mentorship, etc. It would have to be very intentional on the age group separation and the safety of younger/vulnerable childern.	3/4/2026 10:56 AM
2070	I think these ideas are bad as well. I do not want a Prek student in the same school as an 8th grader. Part of growing up is going to new schools and learning to adapt	3/4/2026 10:48 AM
2071	I do not agree with 6-12 students being in the same facility. The only way that could work is if the 6-8 and 9-12 are totally isolated and cannot in anyway interact with one another.	3/4/2026 10:48 AM
2072	Leave the Druid Hills cluster alone, although you might consider swapping the HS and middle school campuses.	3/4/2026 10:43 AM
2073	A mistake. Putting 6-12 together is a recipe for disaster. You will have a lot of problems with underage sex and pregnancies. I saw this growing up in the 70’s and 80’s.	3/4/2026 10:37 AM
2074	I feel the the move will impact families.	3/4/2026 10:32 AM
2075	Absolutely no to 6-12. Other banding depends. Should be considered case by case not as district wide.	3/4/2026 10:31 AM
2076	I don't feel the grade band is appropriate. Younger children look up to older children and some kids may not set a good example for the younger children's behavior. I also feel it would not be a safe environment for the younger kids. Reports show that high schools have reported having the most school shootings.	3/4/2026 10:29 AM
2077	I believe without a traditional middle school with grades 6-8, the jump into high school can be extremely overwhelming for a student socially and academically.	3/4/2026 10:26 AM
2078	As a mother of three children who this year go to three different schools, I can say that this year has been a challenge as far as transportation and keeping up with logistics for each school. If you divide by grade bands, you are ensuring many families will have siblings split for more periods of time, which is challenging for families. I was far more involved as a parent when my children were in the same school vs. now at three different schools. Otherwise, I have no objection. I just think it's worth considering the impact on many families with multiple siblings.	3/4/2026 10:26 AM
2079	Preschoolers to elementary kids can walk to school and enjoy several playgrounds in and around the school. Need keep all the same with current grades.	3/4/2026 10:26 AM
2080	My kids loved going to a pre-k to 5th. I would be a shame to destroy that kind of community.	3/4/2026 10:24 AM
2081	I think that grade bands makes sense if you break up Elementary school to create a primary and secondary - more kids the same age would create better economies of scale.	3/4/2026 10:19 AM
2082	Please do not change our school.	3/4/2026 10:14 AM
2083	I dont want PreK in a building with 8th graders.	3/4/2026 10:11 AM
2084	Research consistently shows that smaller schools are associated with stronger academic outcomes, higher engagement, and improved student well-being. A report by the National Education Policy Center found that smaller schools often produce higher student achievement, particularly in elementary grades, due to stronger relationships between teachers, students, and families. Smaller elementary schools foster: • Stronger relationships between teachers and students • Greater parent involvement and community engagement • Improved safety and supervision • More individualized attention for young learners Elementary school is a foundational stage in a child’s development. Research suggests that larger school environments may dilute the close relationships and personalized learning that are especially important during these early years. Instead of closing high-performing schools like Vanderlyn, the district should consider investing in modernization, facility improvements, and long-term planning that preserves successful learning environments while addressing infrastructure needs.	3/4/2026 10:09 AM

2085	I think 6th grade should still be in elementary school. The kids are developmentally so much different than 7th and 8th graders.	3/4/2026 10:08 AM
2086	We do not want young kids with much older kids. The traditional bands are best.	3/4/2026 10:05 AM
2087	No comment.	3/4/2026 10:01 AM
2088	Grupos de grados	3/4/2026 10:00 AM
2089	I do not want to see young children attending school with kids over the age of 10. I think that’s dangerous and encourages kids to try to mature faster than they should.	3/4/2026 9:59 AM
2090	N/A	3/4/2026 9:53 AM
2091	Keep up the good work	3/4/2026 9:45 AM
2092	No closure or consolidation for Oak Grove elementary school. Keep just as it is.	3/4/2026 9:45 AM
2093	Oak grove is fine as k-5, Henderson middle is the issue as it’s lower performing.	3/4/2026 9:40 AM
2094	They should not change.	3/4/2026 9:37 AM
2095	I am incredibly uncomfortable with the idea of PreK-8 and 6-12 groupings. The idea of my 12 year old attending school with 18 year olds is very concerning. Alternately, having 13 year old teens attending school with 4 year olds seems like an awful idea.	3/4/2026 9:35 AM
2096	K-8 scenario is not appealing given the difference between elementary age and kids going through puberty. 6-12 is slightly better.	3/4/2026 9:33 AM
2097	Unknown	3/4/2026 9:32 AM
2098	Grade bands could be an option. However, banding 6th-12th is ridiculous. I would much rather see scenarios such as Pre-K-2nd; 3rd-6th; 7th-9th; 10th-12th. This would allow families to make better choices on schools depending on life phase of their child; it would also allow teachers to specialize and focus on specific grades without being moved around as much. It also groups the development of children and their executive skills with the appropriate responsibilities of the grade.	3/4/2026 9:27 AM
2099	The grade band scenarios, where high school is 6th-12th grade, makes perfect sense. Middle schools were built for a generation in time. That generation is no longer being served by the current education system. Changing the way education is provided to meet the needs of society is a win-win.	3/4/2026 9:19 AM
2100	Expanding grade bands would make the range of activities and resources that children need to be too wide and again, tax teachers who would need to gain additional training n and resources to work with the wider range of students. There is a large difference between the needs of a sixth grade student and twelfth grade student and having both in the same building means that either one may be receiving less resources and stretch thin the teachers.	3/4/2026 9:17 AM
2101	Keep as is	3/4/2026 9:15 AM
2102	HUNTLEY HILLS elementary school	3/4/2026 9:14 AM
2103	The traditional grade bands should stay K-5, 6-8, 9-12.	3/4/2026 9:13 AM
2104	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	3/4/2026 9:13 AM
2105	I think standardized across the district is best, regardless. I think traditional bands are best, but that is just familiarity. I could be convinced of the PK-5 and 6-12 being similarly effective. I'm cautious about this, however, as the "middle school-aged" kids might not be best suited around high schoolers.	3/4/2026 9:12 AM
2106	Region 1 has always been 'different' compared to the other regions, from location to density to income level. While all regions are important, we just want to ensure that everyone keeps in mind that this is not an apples-to-apples comparison. We need to stay focused on what's best for the students of each region and not try to give a blanket 'solution' for the entire district.	3/4/2026 9:12 AM
2107	I believe that due to the size of Vanderlyn a PK-5 school would work best. I don't believe	3/4/2026 9:10 AM

	smaller grade bands such as a pk-2 or 3-5 only school are beneficial to students or staff.	
2108	Some areas already does this, and it works!	3/4/2026 9:10 AM
2109	Unsure what you are asking. I know that placing children in larger school environments decreases community. Children are lost in larger environments. Resources can be spread out if we are putting children first and not putting fiscal or convenience for the district first.	3/4/2026 9:09 AM
2110	Oak Grove Elementary should maintain its current K–5 grade band structure. The school is a successful and stable learning environment, and its model of keeping elementary students together supports strong academic and social development. Splitting grade bands into multiple schools would create unnecessary transitions for young children and disrupt a school community that is clearly working well. Oak Grove Elementary should be preserved as a K–5 school and viewed as a model of a strong neighborhood elementary school within the district.	3/4/2026 9:08 AM
2111	I think the existing grade bands are working.	3/4/2026 9:06 AM
2112	I am concerned that one of the proposals is to have 6-12. I don't agree that this would be beneficial for the kids unless 6-8 and 9-12 are in separate buildings. Middle school is already tough as it is, we don't need older kids that have gone through the transition "bully" younger kids.	3/4/2026 9:00 AM
2113	Students definitely need to be the same age at the school. Why create unneeded problems. Just renovate REDAN ELEMENTARY.	3/4/2026 8:58 AM
2114	6-12 grade schools are not a good idea. 11 year olds should not be in the same building as 18 year olds.	3/4/2026 8:57 AM
2115	I think leaving students in their traditional grade bands makes the most sense.	3/4/2026 8:54 AM
2116	Pre-K-2nd should have a building facility and 3-5th should have a building facility	3/4/2026 8:53 AM
2117	Grade bands that include 6th grade with elementary school is a good option and a win win for elementary and middle schools	3/4/2026 8:53 AM
2118	I believe maintaining clear K–5, 6–8, and 9–12 grade bands across clusters provides consistency, developmental alignment, and stability for students and staff. Any shifts should carefully consider capacity, staffing, student supports, and long-term enrollment trends.	3/4/2026 8:51 AM
2119	Grade band changes should prioritize stability, community continuity, and minimizing student transitions. In the Dunwoody cluster, elementary schools such as Vanderlyn operate as cohesive neighborhood schools where students live close to classmates and families are highly engaged. Altering grade bands or consolidating elementary programs risks fragmenting these established peer networks and increasing transportation demands without clear academic benefit. Maintaining K-5 neighborhood schools in areas with strong enrollment and community integration supports both student outcomes and family engagement.	3/4/2026 8:47 AM
2120	I definitely don't like the idea of a 6-12 Campus. I think the younger kids should not be in the same facility with older kids as this would encourage the children to start modeling their behavior after some of the older kids (and a lot of bad behaviors will be learned at a much earlier age). I also think it could promote bullying. I do think the PK-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12 model could work.	3/4/2026 8:40 AM
2121	Bad idea. Stick to traditional schooling. Making mega schools is not how you fix this problem. Change zoning to shift kids to under filled schools not make bigger schools.	3/4/2026 8:38 AM
2122	I am ok with whatever needs to be done to keep the school open.	3/4/2026 8:37 AM
2123	I do not have any feedback about these.	3/4/2026 8:36 AM
2124	Good education is the key to everything that we do for our children but you have to remember dismantling places does not help families that cannot get their kids where they need to be and the potential risk is less kids in school	3/4/2026 8:30 AM
2125	I feel this could be very helpful, but I don't want limited resources to hinder the students education needs	3/4/2026 8:30 AM
2126	I believe this is another poor choice that will reflect badly on the development of children. It’s unhealthy for kids in seventh grade to intermingle with older, more mature kids. They are impressionable and easy targets for influenced behavior.	3/4/2026 8:30 AM

2127	Grade banding in District 1 for the Dunwoody Cluster works as is. K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. We do not want our young, impressionable 6th graders in a school older teenagers.	3/4/2026 8:27 AM
2128	Changes to grade band configurations should be approached very carefully, particularly for younger students. Frequent transitions between schools can disrupt academic continuity, peer relationships, and the sense of stability that elementary-aged children benefit from. The current elementary (K–5), middle (6–8), and high school (9–12) structure in the Dunwoody cluster has provided a clear and consistent progression for students and families. Altering grade bands may create additional transitions for students without clear evidence that it would improve educational outcomes. Any proposed changes should be supported by strong data demonstrating academic benefits, improved student services, or meaningful operational efficiencies that directly benefit students. If the district is exploring alternative grade band models, it would be helpful to see detailed analysis on how those models would impact class sizes, transportation times, facility utilization, and program offerings across the cluster. Maintaining stability for students and preserving strong neighborhood school communities should remain a priority when considering any grade band adjustments.	3/4/2026 8:24 AM
2129	Maybe there's some merit in rearranging the grade bands. I don't know. So long as class sizes aren't affected perhaps there's a way forward with that but I don't see it.	3/4/2026 8:24 AM
2130	Before middle schools, Oak Grove was PK-7. It worked just fine.	3/4/2026 8:21 AM
2131	I don’t disagree with consolidating grade bands, so long as there are separate buildings for each band. I don’t think Kindergartners should be mixed with High School kids	3/4/2026 8:20 AM
2132	There is not noted rationale on why high performing schools with good leadership and high satisfaction that result in high property values are being closed. On the other hand, you have documented in the news, troubled schools plagued with leadership issues, like smoke rise, staying open and unaffected while it kills property values and education statistics.	3/4/2026 8:19 AM
2133	I suggest that "high school" be 7th grade through 12th. Many 6th graders are too immature to be with high school students.	3/4/2026 8:18 AM
2134	The 4th and 5th grade should be treated as higher elementary and and given more concentration.	3/4/2026 8:17 AM
2135	Vanderlyn Elementary	3/4/2026 8:14 AM
2136	As a long-term resident of Dekalb County, I recall a time when there were very few middle schools. I came into the Dekalb County School System in 1988 as a 7th grade student. At that time Elementary Schools were K-7 and High Schools were 8-12. I believe that this grade cluster scenario should be reintroduced.	3/4/2026 8:09 AM
2137	I am writing to share some thoughts regarding the potential consolidation of school grade bands within our district, specifically the idea of housing elementary, students in a single building. Elementary education, particularly from pre-K through fifth grade, serves as a critical milestone in preparing children for real-life challenges. This foundational stage equips students with essential skills before they transition to middle and then high school. Combining Elementary School in one building raises significant concerns, especially regarding the climate and the overall enrollment experience. Such consolidation could impact the distinct needs of elementary students and may pose challenges that need to be carefully addressed to ensure a positive environment for all age groups.	3/4/2026 8:05 AM
2138	Children are already having a hard time learning I think it would make it even harder to focus	3/4/2026 8:03 AM
2139	I would need to research the effectiveness of larger grade bands and its effect on students of different ages, but I don’t particularly think my kindergartener needs to be in school with high schoolers.	3/4/2026 7:58 AM
2140	Not putting a damper on assessments; but improving our students prerformance articulatinf the studentsa goal and or learning outcomes.	3/4/2026 7:57 AM
2141	I prefer the traditional k-5, 6-8, 9-12 breakdown as it keeps kids of similar maturity levels withing similar groups.	3/4/2026 7:57 AM
2142	My daughter attends Oak Grove Elementary due to school choice. Oak Grove is a great school with great teachers. It is small class sizes and we need that for our daughter to succeed. Smaller class size works. If she would not been able to attend Oak Grove we would have left Dekalb County Schools and put her in private	3/4/2026 7:56 AM

2143	I would like to see more k-8 9-2	3/4/2026 7:45 AM
2144	I don't care what you do. The most incompetent group of individuals nation wide.	3/4/2026 7:45 AM
2145	My children attend Lithonia Middle and Stoneview Elementary. It would definitely be detrimental to close schools in my area. My children should be able to attend school in their neighborhood.	3/4/2026 7:33 AM
2146	Do PK-5 and 6-12 to offer more robust programs and less school changes for children.	3/4/2026 7:02 AM
2147	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/4/2026 6:54 AM
2148	I strongly believe that elementary school students, typically in grades K-5, should not be exposed to older students in grades 6-8 within the same school building. Maintaining a clear separation between these age groups is essential for fostering a safe, nurturing environment tailored to the developmental needs of younger children. In today's world, where children have unprecedented access to the internet and social media, they are already bombarded with influences that can accelerate exposure to mature or inappropriate content far beyond their years. Combining elementary and middle schoolers under one roof exacerbates this issue by introducing direct, daily interactions with preteens and early teens who are navigating puberty, increased social pressures, and more complex behavioral dynamics. This setup risks younger kids adopting negative habits—such as profanity, bullying, or risky behaviors like experimenting with vaping or social exclusion—through observational learning and peer imitation, a phenomenon well-documented in developmental psychology as behavioral contagion. Research shows that transitions to middle school environments, where older students dominate, are linked to spikes in aggression, rule-breaking, and emotional distress among younger adolescents, and extending this exposure downward to elementary ages could amplify these problems for even smaller children. Children in K-5 are at a critical stage of building foundational social skills, self-confidence, and a love for learning, often in a more playful, structured setting with closer adult supervision. Middle schoolers, on the other hand, face heightened hormonal changes, identity exploration, and peer-driven independence, which can lead to cliques, teasing, or more overt conflicts. Studies on school configurations highlight that K-8 models—where elementary and middle grades share a building—often result in poorer outcomes compared to separate elementary schools, including increased behavioral infractions, lower attendance, and higher dropout rates later on. For instance, sixth graders in middle schools are twice as likely to face discipline issues than those remaining in K-8 setups, suggesting that the presence of older peers disrupts the protective bubble needed for younger ones. Varying maturity levels mean that while some elementary students might handle interactions maturely, many others—especially those developing more slowly—could experience stress, anxiety, or a dip in academic motivation from feeling overwhelmed or intimidated. This isn't just about bad habits; it's about preserving the innocence and focused growth of young minds without the added pressure of navigating a shared space with kids who are essentially in a different life stage. Furthermore, consolidating schools in this way overlooks the long-term developmental trajectories of children. Evidence indicates that the shift to a middle school context can interrupt positive trends, such as the natural decline in ADHD-related symptoms or aggressive behaviors that occur in stable elementary environments. Younger students might internalize negative role models, leading to emotional problems like hyperactivity or withdrawal, which persist into adolescence. In high-poverty or diverse districts, where consolidation is often proposed for cost savings, this mixing can worsen disparities, as school-level factors like concentrated disadvantage fuel antisocial behaviors. Instead of consolidation, we should prioritize keeping elementary schools as standalone havens, investing in smaller class sizes and age-appropriate programs that shield kids from premature exposure. The potential for picking up detrimental habits isn't hypothetical—it's backed by patterns seen in transitional disruptions, where academic engagement drops and behavioral issues rise. Ultimately, true individual growth happens when children are allowed to mature at their own pace in environments designed specifically for them, not diluted by the challenges of older peers.	3/4/2026 6:52 AM
2149	Oak Grove is not an underperforming or failing school — it is a high-performing, stable, and	3/4/2026 6:40 AM

	deeply rooted community school within the cluster. Closing it would not only disrupt academic continuity but would dismantle a long-standing community that families intentionally chose.	
2150	The grade bands should remain the same but could operate in the same building if the facility could accommodate all students. For example a high school could become a K-8 school.	3/4/2026 6:26 AM
2151	I don't have any.	3/4/2026 6:10 AM
2152	Please reconsider any discussion about shutting down the school. It would be a tragedy for our entire community	3/4/2026 6:00 AM
2153	Although we have a few K-8 schools, I again am extremely concerned about bringing different neighborhoods and communities together with no support. Redan ES is just starting to build community and get scholars and parents on board with the high academic expectations and our scholars are performing. I think k the merge would impeded their growth and be a major setback for scholars and staff.	3/4/2026 3:52 AM
2154	Reconfiguring grade bands (e.g., moving 5th Grade to Middle School) is a "False Efficiency" that incurs massive transition costs while merely shifting overcrowding from one building to another rather than solving it. For the Chamblee Cluster, specifically regarding Ashford Park Elementary (APES) and Chamblee Middle School (CMS), this strategy is fiscally wasteful and operationally dangerous.	3/3/2026 11:45 PM
2155	I think a new grade band would be a great suggestion. I’m not sure how it would work.	3/3/2026 11:12 PM
2156	As a parent in the Tucker cluster, I would prefer maintaining traditional grade bands (K–5 elementary, 6–8 middle, 9–12 high school). This structure feels developmentally appropriate and helps maintain stability for students and families. If changes are considered within the Tucker cluster, I hope the district prioritizes minimizing transitions and ensuring receiving schools have the capacity and resources to support students successfully.	3/3/2026 10:07 PM
2157	I grew up in a rural school district with the proposed grade band clusters. I went to one school for kindergarten and first, then another for second and third, and yet another for fourth and fifth. I hated the lack of continuity. It was a very big transition for a shy child. Just as I learned the ins and outs of the building, it was time to change. Keeping schools as K-5 allows children to acclimate to the physical environment as well as the leadership structure.	3/3/2026 9:46 PM
2158	I don’t think it’s appropriate to have the youngest of kids in the same building as teenagers. This risks exposure to inappropriate behavior and language at far too young of an age.	3/3/2026 9:46 PM
2159	HPM emphasizes that choices are driven by data such as declining enrollment and building conditions. But…their numbers are wrong and only support their cut and paste plan. If we had instead used the almost $8M we paid HPM and instead invested in our schools, we’d be in a much better place.	3/3/2026 9:33 PM
2160	We have paid HPM nearly $8M. This is financially irresponsible!	3/3/2026 9:20 PM
2161	I really don't think that K-8 is appropriate in terms of the vast differences in development needs. Spaces, schedules and programs should be developmentally appropriate and large grade band ranges make that more difficult. The exception to this idea would be school choice, where a parent chooses this option. For some, it's something they want or that they see their child needs. I support standard grade band schools: P-5, 6-8 and 9-12 for traditional school buildings and variations in school choice programs only.	3/3/2026 9:19 PM
2162	KG - 5	3/3/2026 9:18 PM
2163	Devon Horton started this process and has been indicted on 17 federal counts tied to alleged embezzlement, wire fraud, and tax fraud. So, who, involved in this, is corrupt or financially benefitting?!	3/3/2026 9:12 PM
2164	Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate	3/3/2026 9:07 PM
2165	See above.	3/3/2026 9:05 PM
2166	I think different grade bands could work depending on the specific schools.	3/3/2026 9:00 PM
2167	This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth.	3/3/2026 8:56 PM

2168	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/3/2026 8:47 PM
2169	Leave Sagamore Hills as PreK - 5th	3/3/2026 8:35 PM
2170	K–5/6–8/9–12 grade band strategy is aligned with student cognitive, social, and emotional stages and therefore is the preferred structure. An alternative structure of K-3/4-5/6-8/9-12 allows the schools/populations to be smaller and more focused, but may increase transitions and difficulties for students adjusting to new environments which may affect them socially and academically.	3/3/2026 8:30 PM
2171	Thanks for sharing the potential grade band scenarios. I'd like more details on how each school or cluster would be affected, including the grade bands and how the changes might impact students, staff, and transitions.	3/3/2026 8:27 PM
2172	None	3/3/2026 8:22 PM
2173	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/3/2026 8:18 PM
2174	Not sensible in the least	3/3/2026 8:17 PM
2175	It seems like putting high schoolers in with any younger band is not sensible. Also, switching between 3rd and 4th grade seems to be a bit much. So traditional seems to make the most sense to me.	3/3/2026 8:16 PM
2176	The grade bands should be based upon local needs in the county. Lakeside HS should be K-5, 6-8, 9-12.	3/3/2026 8:02 PM
2177	I do not support a school from pk-8. There are safety issues for younger children.	3/3/2026 8:00 PM
2178	I am against the grade bands. I used to be in a school like that back in my country. It never worked well having bigger kids along with the smaller kids in one school it gives more potential for bullying. The	3/3/2026 7:56 PM
2179	2 and 5th grade	3/3/2026 7:42 PM
2180	This whole plan is outrageous and I will not honor any of the components with an answer.	3/3/2026 7:35 PM
2181	Erick and Tracy said that Stoneview elementary was not on the list and would be modernized he also told the board of education member five, Dr. Tiffany Hogan.	3/3/2026 7:34 PM
2182	You could have another school feed into ours and have an upper campus and a lower campus (new building on the lower field). Expansion on the lower field would allow minor disturbances during construction.	3/3/2026 7:34 PM
2183	The idea of a 6-12 grade school is so problematic! Placing young, impressionab le tweens with teens leads to exposure to things the young students are just not ready for... 6th grade student could be 12 years old intermixed with 19 year old high school student would leave me very concerned!	3/3/2026 7:33 PM
2184	I think improvements should be made to DCSD to encourage more attendance. Better schools would mean more people wanting their kids un Dekalb Co. schools. I don't like the idea of combining middle school age kids with high school kids.	3/3/2026 7:09 PM
2185	Oak Grove Elementary should remain the way it is. Same with Lakeside High School.	3/3/2026 7:06 PM
2186	This question should be reworded for clarity. Grade band?? What does that mean. If your	3/3/2026 7:06 PM

	referring to a literal band just word it so it’s clear	
2187	Consolidating middle and elementary schools is the best moddl	3/3/2026 6:55 PM
2188	This does not appear to apply to my cluster as it appears in the proposed plan now.	3/3/2026 6:55 PM
2189	I am not opposed to K-6 or K-8 if the schools are given the resources to implement it properly	3/3/2026 6:48 PM
2190	It is important to keep the clusters consistent for families for tradition, consistency and the ability to attend a local school.	3/3/2026 6:44 PM
2191	I don’t want new scenarios or grade bands.	3/3/2026 6:41 PM
2192	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove’s enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/3/2026 6:23 PM
2193	I think it is a horrible idea, there is no way my 1st grade child will be going to a school of 900 kids, especially as old as 8th graders. That is not appropriate, way too big of an age gap. Also, large school and large enrollment cannot keep tabs on everyone, kids get lost in the system, not good for anyone.	3/3/2026 6:19 PM
2194	K-8 grade bands at elementary schools or at current middle schools. High schools 9-12 with the many special programs (CTAE, Fernbank Science, IB, etc) spread among the different high schools	3/3/2026 6:08 PM
2195	Prek-8 and 6-12 should not be considered anywhere. It’s not developmentally appropriate	3/3/2026 5:57 PM
2196	I support maintaining the traditional PreK–5, 6–8, and 9–12 grade bands because they align with students’ developmental stages and academic needs. Elementary schools should remain focused on building foundational skills in a safe, nurturing environment designed specifically for younger children. Middle school students are at a very different social and emotional stage, and combining them with elementary-aged children raises concerns around supervision, exposure, and age-appropriate interactions. Keeping these groups separate preserves a learning environment that is structured, secure, and developmentally appropriate for all students.	3/3/2026 5:51 PM
2197	The idea that an 12 year old and an 18 year old would be in the same school does not sound great. It sounds like a horrible idea. One that would cause issues socially.	3/3/2026 5:48 PM
2198	Stability is the priority for the elementary schools feeding into Lakeside. Again, next years projections are 96% for Oak Grove and 91% Sagamore Hills. Even if Briarlake's numbers do not increase in kind, Briarlake cannot take all of those students. Traditional PK-5 grade band remains appropriate in high utiliziation.	3/3/2026 5:28 PM
2199	The current grade band cluster for OGE should be continued.	3/3/2026 5:09 PM
2200	No need to consoolidate the band grads or even the clusters. Don't waste tataxpapyer money tht has already been spent just because someone thingthinks this is the way to do something, another person can come up uwith a different iDEas and then this might all change.	3/3/2026 5:02 PM
2201	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	3/3/2026 4:50 PM
2202	I do not think PK-8 bands work at all without any separation due to vast age differences and particularly our cluster of where the elementary level of PK-5 is already well over 800 kids alone makes zero sense to try to force 6-8 grade on top of this--its already over utilized. I also dont like the idea of 6th graders being lumped with HS 9-12 grades. I already can tell vast differences in what the 8th graders say/do at CMS vs 6th and to then put a HS mentality in with that is inappropriate...maybe 8-12 would work or teenagers together, but definitely not preteens with teens...there is a reason TV shows and movies has a PG-13 or 14+ rating and 11-13 yr olds should be separated--same way I feel about preteens owning smart phones, but	3/3/2026 4:40 PM

	that is a separate issue. I may be biased to traditional models, but given current facilities and current/projected future enrollment of both Chamblee and surrounding clusters like Cross Keys, I only see traditional PK-5, 6-8, 9-12 grade bands working and all at healthy levels as we have the most overcrowded schools in whole district here--enrollment is NOT the issue...currently, unless we upset many people who just pull to private pending final outcomes here.	
2203	I believe the grade bands should be evaluated on a cluster-by-cluster basis, serving the needs of each community and optimizing the use of facilities for each cluster	3/3/2026 3:56 PM
2204	I am amenable to changing grade band scenarios. I agree that developmental fit (can you separate 6th graders from 12th graders effectively in the building) is important, as is efficiency. If there aren't other significant pros for student outcomes that you declare you will prioritze, then reducing the grade bands in a school building just screams operational inefficiency to me (which you've made clear is what you're prioritizing).	3/3/2026 3:47 PM
2205	Oak Grove should remain as it has been.	3/3/2026 3:46 PM
2206	I am in the Druid Hills high school cluster and I would like to keep the traditional grade bands	3/3/2026 3:37 PM
2207	The PK-8 scenario is the most beneficial in my opinion. Keeps siblings together longer, only one transition. Fewer buses needed. Saves money.	3/3/2026 3:31 PM
2208	Evansdale ES, Henderson Middle and Lakeside HS. My child went to all three and had a good learning experience at all of them. Having their schools in the neighborhood allowed the kids to experience more of their community.	3/3/2026 3:19 PM
2209	I think Evansdale Elementary school should be kept going to ensure a smaller number of kids in the classroom for the kids who live nearby.	3/3/2026 2:36 PM
2210	I prefer k-5/6-8/9-12.	3/3/2026 2:33 PM
2211	I think the way it is now is fine. In my opinion, nothing needs to be changed with the grade bands. Elementary school should remain pre-K through fifth, middle school should remain six through eight, in high school should remain nine through 12. Ashford Park should continue going to Chamblee middle in Chamblee high school.	3/3/2026 2:27 PM
2212	I actually went to DeKalb High Schools when they were 8-12 and kind of thought it was a better situation.	3/3/2026 2:11 PM
2213	The grade bands make sense to me if we have the building space. I'm fine with splitting up grades between buildings, just not entire school communities.	3/3/2026 1:55 PM
2214	I cannot provide feedback on scenarios without all of the information. All options should be considered based on the communities needs.	3/3/2026 1:53 PM
2215	I think the grade band of k-6/8 is too wide.	3/3/2026 1:25 PM
2216	I would not want my child to be banded with a lot of older kids	3/3/2026 1:19 PM
2217	Grade band scenarios should consider size of the school and closeness of students to their school. People with means to will leave our school district if forced to attend mega large schools not near their homes. This will reduce opportunities for all students.	3/3/2026 1:19 PM
2218	I'm indifferent about the grade bands	3/3/2026 1:08 PM
2219	NO 6th graders with seniors!	3/3/2026 1:01 PM
2220	I actually think the smaller schools that are still in decent condition should be used for pk-k and elementary schools be 1-5. Also think special needs classes need to be broken up more by level. Putting kids with minor needs and major needs in the same class actually sets the minor needs kid back more	3/3/2026 12:44 PM
2221	NOPE	3/3/2026 12:32 PM
2222	If you need to move Tucker Middle School into Tucker High School, I'm fine with that. 6-12th grade in one spot, fine. But do not close my neighborhood elementary school. Do not combine it with Livsey.	3/3/2026 12:26 PM
2223	I do not agree with changing grade bands, particularly for elementary and middle school.	3/3/2026 12:26 PM
2224	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized.	3/3/2026 12:25 PM

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2225	My biggest concern is of the potential for pk-8 grade bands. A 4 year old and 14 year old have vastly different education, emotional and social needs and combing those two grade bands would negatively impact the school's ability to serve those students.	3/3/2026 12:14 PM
2226	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/3/2026 12:09 PM
2227	Closing Evansdale should not be an option	3/3/2026 12:05 PM
2228	It's terrible. Evansdale Elementary is a cornerstone of its community and must remain open as is.	3/3/2026 11:58 AM
2229	Grade band consolidation is far preferred as it is a better avenue to build community and support for their teachers. I definitely prefer PK-3 / 4-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 but I think there is a lot of room in the other gradeband configurations to encourage leadership of older kids with younger kids.	3/3/2026 11:43 AM
2230	I do not prefer the scenario for 6-12th to be together unless there is lots of thought around separation from older kids.	3/3/2026 11:35 AM
2231	Have Robert Shaw stay opened by adding Prek-3 year olds and extending the grade levels to 8th grade.	3/3/2026 11:34 AM
2232	I don't believe the younger middle school grades should be lumped in with high school grades. They need time to mature before joining older kids.	3/3/2026 11:33 AM
2233	Grade bands change frequently and have nothing to do with justification for facility closure.	3/3/2026 11:32 AM
2234	It would probably be better to keep students in their elementary school until sixth or seventh grade than to combine elementary schools (e.g. PK-7, 8-12).	3/3/2026 11:30 AM
2235	Keep it as is	3/3/2026 11:17 AM
2236	I am not opposed to creating novel bands, but only if the individual school programming is taken into account. People move into communities to be close to STEM, IB, or language programs, which this entire plan throws into confusion.	3/3/2026 11:15 AM
2237	Young people are moving to Tucker because Decatur is too expensive. Closing down those schools as the community is starting to experience a baby boom is backwards.	3/3/2026 11:10 AM
2238	I think PreK-8 is inappropriate to have those gaps in age levels for 4 to possibly 14 or 15 in the same building. Perhaps 6-12 would work better. I have only worked in elementary schools, so I couldn't speak as well to those age dynamics.	3/3/2026 11:08 AM
2239	It doesn't seem to directly impact our community since our issue is overcrowding. However, there's appetite for more preK classes at Ashford Park.	3/3/2026 11:05 AM
2240	I generally support maintaining the PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 traditional model, as it provides stability, clear developmental transitions, and strong feeder alignment within clusters. This structure is familiar to families and allows elementary, middle, and high schools to focus on age-appropriate programming and culture. I have concerns about the PK–3 / 4–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 variation. Splitting elementary into two campuses creates an additional transition point for young students and families. It may also fragment school culture and increase logistical challenges without a clear academic benefit. Any consideration of this model should clearly demonstrate improved student outcomes to justify the added disruption. The PK–8 model can	3/3/2026 11:03 AM

	be effective in specific clusters where enrollment supports at least 900 students and a strong standalone 9–12 high school remains viable. PK–8 campuses may provide continuity for families and reduce transitions, but they must be large enough to offer robust electives, extracurriculars, and student support services. I have concerns about the PK–8 model, particularly related to the wide age span within a single campus. The developmental differences between early elementary students and eighth graders are significant, both socially and emotionally. The size and maturity gap between younger children and adolescents raises questions about supervision, shared spaces, and overall school culture. While PK–8 schools may offer continuity and fewer transitions, it is important to carefully consider how age-appropriate environments would be maintained. Separate wings, schedules, and programming would need to be thoughtfully designed to ensure that younger students are not overwhelmed and older students still have leadership opportunities and middle school–specific experiences. These developmental considerations should be weighed alongside enrollment efficiency when evaluating this model. The 6–12 campus model may offer advantages in academic alignment and early exposure to high school coursework. However, careful planning would be needed to ensure that middle grade students maintain age-appropriate environments and do not lose access to middle school–specific programming and leadership opportunities. This model could work well in clusters with sufficient enrollment and facility capacity. Overall, I encourage the district to evaluate each model not only for operational efficiency but also for developmental appropriateness, academic outcomes, feeder alignment, and community impact within each specific cluster.	
2241	Grade band scenarios are pointless, the status quo works fine for the district. Remove and replace current principals and upper level management.	3/3/2026 10:54 AM
2242	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/3/2026 10:52 AM
2243	I'm undecided about this.	3/3/2026 10:52 AM
2244	I would not mind the grade bands as in separating the students into smaller schools- pro of a small school feel, but since I have multiple kids, it would prove difficult to be as involved as I'd like since they will be spread out.	3/3/2026 10:50 AM
2245	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/3/2026 10:48 AM
2246	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/3/2026 10:46 AM
2247	Keep schools open	3/3/2026 10:43 AM
2248	I think if we are to adjust the bands, we need more bands and not fewer. Combining 6 graders with 12 graders will increase problem behaviors as younger students are exposed too early to adult problems.	3/3/2026 10:42 AM
2249	Do not put 6-12 together. Middle school-aged children should not be in the same building as high school-aged children.	3/3/2026 10:39 AM

2250	Evansdale is a quality school that should not be closed	3/3/2026 10:27 AM
2251	i would not want my 6th grader in a school with HS students so no to 6-12 schools	3/3/2026 10:18 AM
2252	They should stay how they are. Most other countries in the state have the same grade bands. That is not the problem.	3/3/2026 10:05 AM
2253	I can see some value in grade bands but only if the schools stay small (see above). However, I do worry for some younger children that only start to feel confident in school as they get older. K-5 schools give older students the opportunities to be leaders.	3/3/2026 10:05 AM
2254	Traditional pre-K to 5th band is the best for our students	3/3/2026 9:55 AM
2255	Changing schools every 2-3 years is not good for kids. Keep at least elementary school together.	3/3/2026 9:55 AM
2256	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/3/2026 9:39 AM
2257	We do not support any of the proposed grade band scenarios that alter the current K–5 structure at Ashford Park Elementary within the Chamblee cluster. Specifically, we oppose: • Any K–2 / 3–5 split between Ashford Park and another school. • Any model that converts Ashford Park into a single-grade band campus (such as K–2 only or 3–5 only). • Any consolidation that shifts Ashford Park students into another elementary within the cluster under a restructured grade configuration. Ashford Park currently operates successfully as a K–5 neighborhood school. Keeping students in one building from kindergarten through fifth grade creates academic continuity, strong peer relationships, consistent leadership, and meaningful family engagement. Splitting grade bands across schools would introduce unnecessary transitions at a young age, disrupt established social groups, and create logistical challenges for families with multiple children. Additionally, moving to a grade-band model could weaken community identity and reduce the neighborhood-based foundation that makes Ashford Park successful. Families purchased homes and invested in this community with the understanding of a traditional K–5 structure. If capacity or enrollment is a concern within the Chamblee cluster, we encourage the district to explore solutions that preserve the K–5 model at Ashford Park rather than fragmenting it. We respectfully request that Ashford Park remain a K–5 neighborhood elementary school within the Chamblee cluster.	3/3/2026 9:37 AM
2258	You could expand Evansdale to include K- 6th and Henderson Middle 7th and 8th.	3/3/2026 9:28 AM
2259	This needs to stay the way it is. Different age groups have different needs. Middle schoolers dont need to be shoved into high schools because you cant figure capacity issues	3/3/2026 9:23 AM
2260	I prefer the traditional K-5, 6-7, and 9-12. Evansdale, Henderson middle and Lakeside High	3/3/2026 9:17 AM
2261	Children need to be around children their age. I wouldn't feel comfortable if my 6year old kids were on a school bus with high schoolers, potentially getting picked on/bullied, and it wouldn't be right morally to combine these ages. Specifically the Tucker area clusters.	3/3/2026 9:17 AM
2262	More information is needed.	3/3/2026 9:08 AM
2263	This proposal is not helpful for families as it spreads the children among many schools. This disrupts community involvement and is a logistical nightmare for parents. It would also stresses the bus system. Part of the strength of the Oak Grove Elementary is the parental involvement. If students were spread to many different schools and only stayed a couple of years, parent involvement would deteriorate and not be cohesive.	3/3/2026 8:59 AM
2264	I believe grade clusters should stay with the traditional cluster such as pre k-5, 6-8, 9-12	3/3/2026 8:47 AM
2265	I like that the scenarios stick to traditional elementary, middle, and high school grade bands.	3/3/2026 8:23 AM
2266	I believe that stability should prioritized.	3/3/2026 8:23 AM
2267	Do NOT break up communities or clusters! This includes magnet programs.	3/3/2026 8:13 AM

2268	I believe the Traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 model works well because it keeps elementary, middle, and high school students in developmentally appropriate environments. Separating younger elementary (PK-3) from upper elementary (4-5) may create additional transitions that could be challenging for students and families. If changes are considered, the district should ensure smooth transitions, clear communication, and academic consistency across clusters.	3/3/2026 8:12 AM
2269	The Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake) has great enrollment and performance. The traditional grade band is the best distribution as it allows children to be consistently with their friends through their formative early childhood years. Switching multiple times between 3rd and 8th grade would be quite difficult emotionally for the children. PK-5 and 6-12 is a reasonable alternative as it would require only one change, as would PK-8 and 9/12 (which many private schools do).	3/3/2026 8:11 AM
2270	With regards to Oakgrove, I am not in favor of grade bands. Grade bands should reflect local enrollment trends and utilization levels rather than a uniform district-wide model. For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/3/2026 8:06 AM
2271	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/3/2026 8:04 AM
2272	Not opposed to oak grove closing, and expanding LRE and Briarlake. Just concerned about how large the student population will be once this happens.	3/3/2026 7:27 AM
2273	Sagamore and Briarlake would need SIGNIFICANT expansion to be able to house all of the displaced oak grove students.	3/3/2026 7:00 AM
2274	n/a	3/2/2026 11:14 PM
2275	I like PK-3 / 4-5 / 6-8 & 9 -12. However, I have no feedback on the potential grade band scenarios. I trust the County to make the right decisions based on the current needs of the students in a particular cluster. No schools or neighborhoods are the same.	3/2/2026 10:47 PM
2276	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/2/2026 10:20 PM
2277	There should be consideration for "lower elementary" and "upper elementary" grade bands across the DCSD school buildings, specifically in the Brookhaven/Chamblee area: example- utilize Ashford Park, Montgomery, and Huntley Hills as PK-3 schools and shift all 4-5 students to Cary Reynolds (shifting Cary Reynolds PK-3 student across Montgomery and Huntley Hills)- and invest construction dollars to rebuild Cary Reynolds as a 4-5 for the area. This allows the district to continue to utilize Ashford Park Elementary and not divide the neighborhood. Reduce a Montgomery expansion project. And the kids who eventually feed into chamblee middle and chamblee high, will have a bridge year together for grades 4-5 before going to middle School.	3/2/2026 9:43 PM
2278	Not a fan of splitting our kids to other schools unless shifting entire cohort or using grade bands. Ideally, rebuild and expand Ashford Park and merely do temporary shift. Ashford Park continues to grow. Not appropriate to ask everyone to permanently send kids to a different school entirely.	3/2/2026 9:24 PM

2279	I am highly concerned that you are proposing to close the only IB elementary school in the Tucker cluster. We will no longer have a K-12 IB pathway in our cluster. This is inequitable.	3/2/2026 8:44 PM
2280	I went to Midvale when it was K-7, and then Henderson high school when it was 8-12. Henderson high school was turned into a middle school my 9th grade year, and our school was forced to split up between Tucker and lakeside. It was fairly traumatic at the time, but being high schoolers already, we survived - but elementary school children may not be so resilient. They thrive in these tiny communities where everyone knows their names, and I hate to think of the tight knit school being divided up and ripped apart from the comfort of their close groups. I also cannot get behind the idea of 6th or 7th graders being in the same environment as 12th graders - the influence of these older kids would be insanely dangerous, in a world where kids are already exposed to too much and growing up too fast, we need to keep them in small safe environments as long as possible!	3/2/2026 8:30 PM
2281	I don't like the grade band item.	3/2/2026 8:25 PM
2282	The below question 6 isn't well worded. Grade bands need to be consistent across all schools in the same cluster. I am not concerned about differences between clusters.	3/2/2026 8:21 PM
2283	Pre-k - 5th needs to be a small number of students	3/2/2026 8:19 PM
2284	Vanderlyn sits on a lot of unused land, so building an updated Vanderlyn where the playground is and building up, not out, would help everyone get what they want. By moving Vandrlyn to the end of the playground field, there is room to create a large parking lot that can be used by Vandrlyn Staff and the High School. During work hours, there are assigned sports for Vandrlyn Staff and Visitors, and others for the high school. When the high school has a game, all spots are available at night. Currently, the county is putting money into fixing schools they know they are not going to keep, so why not save that money and use it to help rebuild schools that are showing good numbers and where the kids are learning? Vanderlyn is a school that is highly sought after by parents when they make school choices or even when choosing a home to buy. Vanderlyn has been more than a school to the neighborhood; for people like me who grew up here, it is also home. It is where you made new friends and had great teachers, and you still came back to see them after you graduated, or even to work there. I am not the only former Viking who came back to work there. Also, our administration teacher has been great and supportive, and will guide you if you need help. Also, closing that many schools will create overcrowding and large class sizes. Larger class sizes make it harder to reach and help the students.	3/2/2026 8:11 PM
2285	Expanding grade bandings are challenging to provide age/size appropriate extracurricular activities. I do not support K-8 schools where activities might not be offered or would require parents to handle commuting logistics to allow kids to participate at a different facility.	3/2/2026 8:06 PM
2286	I do not believe any grade band scenarios relative to PK-5 is feasible for Ashford Park Elementary School in view of the already strong transition of a significant number of students from Ashford Park Elementary School to Kittridge magnet school at 4th grade.	3/2/2026 8:04 PM
2287	Probably would not work for current Ashford Park Elem, since many kids leave for Kittredge Magnet.	3/2/2026 8:04 PM
2288	Prefer K-5, 6-8, 9-12. Again without all the information it is not a fair question! Each cluster may need to be unique instead of the typical “one size fits all”!	3/2/2026 7:58 PM
2289	It might be too much stress for middle schoolers to be mixed with high schoolers - developmentally and socially.	3/2/2026 7:45 PM
2290	Bottom line. It's not a good idea to mix middle and high schoolers in same building. Middle schoolers are in transition and are not ready for that type of pressure.	3/2/2026 7:42 PM
2291	I have less concerns about the clusters and grade bands. I think those proposals are acceptable.	3/2/2026 7:34 PM
2292	Having a cluster of grades would help with the decline in enrollment for Dekalb school with collect data on how students in the area that is affected to better serve Dekalb county school.	3/2/2026 7:22 PM
2293	Brockett has served many generations of students in neighboring communities. Elementary age students have been able to thrive in the lovely building and thoughtful space for families to interact.	3/2/2026 7:15 PM
2294	The traditional PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 grade band model seems to have the least number of	3/2/2026 7:14 PM

	challenges for both families and the school system.	
2295	Pk-3,4-5,6-8,9-12 AP	3/2/2026 7:11 PM
2296	Would prefer to keep as is, but grade band is not a top concern.	3/2/2026 7:09 PM
2297	Changing the grade band scenario from traditional would not be productive for Ashford Park and the Chamblee clusters. It takes years of families funding into schools. If you have families changing schools every few years they are less likely to invest money and more likely to move to private school.	3/2/2026 6:55 PM
2298	Potential if done properly	3/2/2026 6:43 PM
2299	I like the grade banks PK-3, 4-5 schools for Elementary. This makes sense for the Ashford Park area if the school will not close altogether. The building can not sustain the growth of the Brookhaven community, we simply have too many kids.	3/2/2026 6:16 PM
2300	When considering grade banding across schools in DeKalb County School District, decisions should extend beyond enrollment numbers and geographic efficiency to fully account for facilities, community involvement, and teacher quality. The physical condition, capacity, and adaptability of school buildings directly affect safety, learning environments, and long-term costs; moving students into outdated or overcrowded facilities undermines the intended benefits of restructuring. Equally important is the depth of community engagement—schools with strong parent involvement, active partnerships, and consistent volunteer support foster higher student achievement and stability, assets that can be weakened or lost through reconfiguration. Finally, teacher quality and staff cohesion must be central to the analysis; experienced, highly trained educators and established instructional teams are not easily replicated after reassignment. Effective grade banding should preserve strong school cultures, leverage high-performing faculty, and invest in facilities that enhance, not hinder, student success.	3/2/2026 6:15 PM
2301	11 year old 6th graders have no business being in a school with 18yr old 12th graders. Period. Developmentally speaking, follow science and milestones: PK-6: bring 6th graders back to elementary school...there's no need to rush childhood and expose them any earlier to things older kids are...especially with technology these days. Our kids are drowning. Give them one more year of recess and less peer pressure in the more "mature" space. 7-9: JR High....allows resources for higher level programs, gives a divide of 9th graders to stay out of the driving group. 10-12: High School This helps better utilize our smaller seat elementary schools in Tucker, and spreads crowding at TMS and THS.	3/2/2026 6:13 PM
2302	I grew up in Dekalb under k-7, 8-12 grade bands and it was very healthy. The older kids learned to be leaders. We were able to help with the younger kids in meaningful ways. I love that we are considering a non-traditional approach.	3/2/2026 5:38 PM
2303	I don’t think it is wise to have 6th-12th grades on the same campus. Bullying young children is at epidemic levels. Children are choosing suicide at very young ages due to bullying. Having 12-18 year olds on the same campus would have disastrous impacts on these students.	3/2/2026 5:14 PM
2304	Oak Grove is a unique school that has generations of our family supporting and attending it. We moved to this area to have our own children grow up in the same school district/area my husband and I grew up in. We need to support this amazing school.	3/2/2026 4:48 PM
2305	I am not in favor of consolidating more bands together (like 6-12 or K-8). This potentially puts students in close proximity at any point throughout the day. I would not like potential scenarios of Kindergarteners being in proximity or contact with 8th graders or 6th graders having possible contact with 12th graders.	3/2/2026 3:53 PM
2306	The traditional model (PreK-5) we currently have is the best. As stated below, Evansdale's lower field could be used to house upper grades and the existing building PreK-2. This would cut down on siblings being split between multiple schools.	3/2/2026 3:47 PM
2307	I feel strongly we need to keep PreK - 5th, 6th - 8th, and 9th - 12th grade clusters. It’s more appropriate based on age and supports developmental continuity during students most formative and vulnerable years.	3/2/2026 3:28 PM
2308	Grade band scenarios can certainly be an option. It would depend on the need of the schools in various clusters and what programs are available to them. Grade bands could be a unique scenario depending on need and do not need to be applied across the county as a whole.	3/2/2026 3:26 PM

2309	The traditional grade bands fit perfectly with IB in the Tucker Cluster - Elementary, Middle, High.	3/2/2026 2:49 PM
2310	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/2/2026 2:48 PM
2311	I would prefer a traditional grade band but I am also open to considering non-traditional ones. For lower grades, I am open minded as to how they are structured, however, I am strongly opposed to a PK-8 structure. For middle school and high school, if you were to consider non-traditional grade bands, I think 7-12 makes the most sense.	3/2/2026 1:16 PM
2312	Do not tear thriving communities and clusters apart. People will leave and the goals of the country will not be met. Financially and academically. This includes magnet programs!	3/2/2026 12:56 PM
2313	When we first moved to the Oak Grove area in 1986, the elementary school went up to 6th or 7th grade and then students continued to Lakeside High School. I appreciate the data that says middle schools/junior highs are an important part of a student's academic and emotional development, but losing the elementary school that draws these families in would be a detriment to Dekalb County schools.	3/2/2026 12:37 PM
2314	I'm concern about all the children. My grandson in high school and if you change McNair from high to middle school, how much further will he has to travel?	3/2/2026 12:35 PM
2315	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/2/2026 12:21 PM
2316	IF an expansion of AP isn't feasible (still need more info on this), I would be open to a grade band of PK-2nd or 3rd. This would benefit the whole cluster of overcrowding.	3/2/2026 12:05 PM
2317	I believe grade band scenarios will make it difficult for parents with more than one child. I will make volunteering, logistics and fundraising opportunities more difficult.	3/2/2026 11:46 AM
2318	N/A	3/2/2026 11:42 AM
2319	works fine. changing it will require too many expensive changes.	3/2/2026 11:35 AM
2320	1) keep chamblee cluster trajectory to chamblee middle and chamblee high 2) keep the AP ES attendance zone together	3/2/2026 11:31 AM
2321	There are not clear enough explanations for what the options are or for where. When you do not provide clear and direct information, and request feedback on those, it is destined to fail as an initiative and for involved parents to feel like they are not heard.	3/2/2026 11:04 AM
2322	My concern is mainly around having different ages/developmental stages in the same facility. A K-8 or 8-12 could be challenging - as those are big age ranges. If you are able to segment the population by grades in either different parts of the buildings or different buildings, that could work.	3/2/2026 11:00 AM
2323	Not sure what schools you are planning this for but it seems to work well w/in Globe.	3/2/2026 10:56 AM
2324	I think the existing grade bands are fine.	3/2/2026 10:34 AM
2325	Chesnut needs to be torn down and rebuilt. Please consider the traffic on Peachtree and add additional opportunities for pedestrians.	3/2/2026 10:30 AM
2326	I think the grade band scenarios are probably fine - it would require children adapting to new schools more often and would be difficult on children and families (especially families with	3/2/2026 10:13 AM

	multiple children). I honestly like the idea of the littlest kids (pre-K and kindergarten) being grouped in a band with younger kids instead of exposed to the older kids.	
2327	N/a	3/2/2026 10:06 AM
2328	Totally fine to separate out grades more if it helps with overcrowding but keeps currently high achieving school districts together. No reason to tank school districts that are actually functioning.	3/2/2026 10:01 AM
2329	I think mixing middle schoolers with high schoolers is a terrible idea.	3/2/2026 9:42 AM
2330	I'm used to the Pre-K -5th and 6-8 and 9-12th	3/2/2026 8:53 AM
2331	Keep Communities and current Clusters in tact as a priority! Do not believe that parents will allow their children to go to a lower performing school if theirs is thriving. They will leave and go to another private or charter and the funding + academic achievement for that child will also go.	3/2/2026 8:39 AM
2332	N/A	3/2/2026 8:35 AM
2333	I do not have any specific feedback on grade band scenarios. I can see the argument for each and am in support of whatever offers the best support for our students.	3/2/2026 7:59 AM
2334	Grade bands could work. However putting 6-12 in one building seems developmentally inappropriate. Sixth graders are very different than twelfth graders, socially and academically.	3/2/2026 7:32 AM
2335	I think the bands should be k-5, 6-9, 10-12. Students in High School can be in their early 20s. It is a terrible idea to have that age range together 11-20 years old. High school should be a smaller age range.	3/2/2026 7:07 AM
2336	Never should have started with middle schools. Elementary to high was wonderful. You give these children a false sense of completion.	3/2/2026 5:43 AM
2337	I do not agree at all with a 6-12 building. That is too many afe ranges in a grade band. These kids will have to ride the bus to school together.I believe it will contribute to the adultification of young minds. Additionally if there are bullying issues on the middle school side it create cross grade band fights and chaos.	3/2/2026 5:20 AM
2338	I grew up in DeKalb when there were no middle schools so our elementary schools were 1st - 7th grade and our high schools were 8th - 12th. It was challenging to be an 8th grader with other kids much bigger than me my first year, but fortunately I had two older brothers so bigger kids left me alone...but no so for other 8th graders. I could see going back to this model so you have larger / fewer schools, but I would not put anyone younger than 8th grade in high school as the physical and emotional differences in kids is too great (especially boys) and putting 6th/7th graders in high school could be seriously detrimental to their development. Kids need the time to develop physically, mentally, and emotionally at a pace and in an environment that will be supportive for them.	3/1/2026 11:59 PM
2339	Stick with traditional pk-5, 6-8, and 9-12	3/1/2026 10:34 PM
2340	Expand Oak Grove grade band to PK to 8 to utilize space.	3/1/2026 10:04 PM
2341	Reconfiguring in different grade bands could help solve some challenges with 6th - 8th grades.	3/1/2026 10:01 PM
2342	The information is not presented in a way that makes it easy to understand.	3/1/2026 9:42 PM
2343	Utilizing our building (with already approved renovations) as a grade band facility for pre-k through 3 For the three elementary schools here, Ashford Park, Huntley Hills and Montgomery Elementary, would solve our issues while saving money. Instead of expanding multiple elementary schools, undergoing renovations, that again are already on the way and then utilizing Carey Reynolds for a 4th and 5th grade campus, makes more sense while also creating a community for the whole cluster that will then feed into Chamblee middle and Chamblee High.	3/1/2026 8:09 PM
2344	I believe a grade band for the full Chamblee cluster of K-3rd would solve overcrowding for Ashford Park, Montgomery Elementary and Huntly Hills. To my knowledge, the Cary Reynolds School, will become vacant and available next year. Could this property be used for our upper grade band (4th and 5th). This would add a sense of community between these children that will all feed into Chamblee Middle and High. This would also help save the district money, as	3/1/2026 8:01 PM

	there would only be (already approved) renovations to one elementary school. It would also eliminate the need to expand Montgomery and Huntly Hills.	
2345	My personal opinion to solve all issues and save funds is to bring the Chamblee cluster into a K through 3rd grade band. This will solve over crowdfunding in all the elementary schools. Only use capital funds for renovations. Then turn the Cary Reynolds school for 4th & 5th campus (expansion if needed). The wouldn't only require one expansion in the cluster vs the proposed two.	3/1/2026 7:51 PM
2346	I prefer scenarios that provide for larger cohort groups in order to maximize advanced scheduling	3/1/2026 7:09 PM
2347	Keep them traditional	3/1/2026 6:32 PM
2348	The way it is now is most beneficial to our community.	3/1/2026 6:31 PM
2349	I feel like we should go back to where elementary schools were kindergarten through 7th grade and high schools were 8th through 12th grade.	3/1/2026 6:17 PM
2350	Current students should always be able to finish their time at their current school — for instance those going into K now should be able to finish at their current elementary school thru 5th grade, those going into 9th finish 12th at current school. So perhaps a phased closing would allow for this and accomplishing the county's goals of more facilities.	3/1/2026 6:14 PM
2351	I believe traditional grade band is the best option	3/1/2026 6:07 PM
2352	I have no opinions on the grade bands. I seems like it could be helpful to use these to reduce the number of school buildings but keep class sizes small.	3/1/2026 4:11 PM
2353	For the Sagamore, Brairlake, and Oak Grove corridor, the Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in this high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	3/1/2026 3:51 PM
2354	Grade band scenarios may be helpful where numbers are down, but should carefully be evaluated for the different ages that would be in the same school.	3/1/2026 3:11 PM
2355	If it's not broken- don't fix it - Oak Grove Elm already offers a robust program through high parent participation, fundraising & an active foundation that contributes heavily to educational achievement	3/1/2026 2:57 PM
2356	For the Dunwoody cluster, any grade band change should be evaluated based on how it improves utilization and long-term stability while minimizing disruption to elementary-aged students. If reconfiguration is necessary to better utilize capacity, the district should fully explore campus-level options within the Vanderlyn/Dunwoody High School footprint, including phased adjustments or alternative grade configurations that relieve high school pressure without eliminating an elementary school that serves a defined neighborhood population. * Before implementing grade band changes, the district should share: * Projected enrollment and utilization under each configuration * Impact on feeder continuity within the Dunwoody cluster * Transportation and travel time analysis * Equity implications and access to programs Grade band changes should strengthen cluster coherence, not fragment it.	3/1/2026 1:57 PM
2357	PK-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12 grade banding is the most logical	3/1/2026 12:06 PM
2358	We desire to send our kids to Ashford Park Elementary K-5.	3/1/2026 10:39 AM
2359	Grade band scenarios that shift elementary students into shared campuses with older students raise significant concerns. Overcrowding becomes more likely when multiple grade levels are consolidated, which can strain facilities, increase class sizes, and reduce individual attention during the most foundational years of learning. Additionally, placing younger elementary students in closer proximity to significantly older students introduces developmental and safety concerns. Pre-K through 5th grade students are at very different social and emotional stages than middle or upper grades. Elementary schools function best when they are designed specifically around the needs, routines, and developmental levels of young children. For these reasons, I strongly believe elementary schools should remain Pre-K through 5th grade. This structure promotes age-appropriate learning environments, enhances safety, preserves school culture, and provides the stability that young learners need to succeed academically and socially.	2/28/2026 10:29 PM
2360	Only agree with current or breaking apart elementary but do NOT agree with upper classmen	2/28/2026 6:57 PM

	being mixed with lower. Not in today's world.	
2361	Grade bands should be adjusted as necessary to accommodate as many students/communities as possible	2/28/2026 5:24 PM
2362	We can have that conversation once you respond to the comments above.	2/28/2026 4:03 PM
2363	I believe that these are less relevant to our cluster.	2/28/2026 3:24 PM
2364	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake) stability should be prioritized) Oak Grove is projected at 96% for next year. Sagamore is already at 91%. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located next to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in GA, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional Pk-5 bands remain appropriate in a high utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus FIRST on clusters with long term SIGNIFICANT underutilization.	2/28/2026 3:05 PM
2365	For elementary schools, tradition PK-5 will best benefit the families that having more than one kid, regarding the drop off/pick up for parents, younger kids learning from older kids, and older kids being role models and helpers for younger ones.	2/28/2026 2:41 PM
2366	Stability should be prioritized for the Lakeside cluster. The cluster is not experiencing any type of structural decline. It is located near one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in GA, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth.	2/28/2026 2:18 PM
2367	Our area (Ashford Park and surrounding schools) do not have large enough buildings to support a different grade band layout. We are fully over crowded in the North area.	2/28/2026 1:58 PM
2368	the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/28/2026 1:23 PM
2369	I don't have specific schools to reference (I've not researched it), but I generally oppose 6-8 grade students attend school with 9-12, unless there is 100% hard and strict separation. My opinion here has to do with behavioral issues in those age group that could exacerbate male-female behavior and conduct issues.	2/28/2026 12:28 PM
2370	For the Lakeside cluster stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore is currently at 91% and Briarlake is at 73% but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Groce enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located close to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia. This brings huge growth. Traditional PK-5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high utilization growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long term significant underutilization.	2/28/2026 11:46 AM
2371	If it helps keep schools open that are well attended.	2/28/2026 11:43 AM
2372	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/28/2026 11:03 AM
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2374	I believe there are benefits to pk-8 clusters.	2/28/2026 9:55 AM
2375	The grade band needs to remain the same.	2/28/2026 8:55 AM
2376	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/28/2026 7:46 AM
2377	At one point there were no middle school. Middle school became I guess because of number of kids that were attending but now more people are choosing to home school or private. I've been in the Lithonia high and towers high district forever and seen the incline and now the decline because more people are moving out of those areas	2/28/2026 7:20 AM
2378	I have concerns with prek-8. There will be students at varying developmental levels, physically and mentally. I am already concerned about the age/height difference between my 1st grade and the 5th graders. Keeping the bands the same will also save in transportation costs. Bus drivers are hard to find, and so many districts are competing for drivers in a shrinking pool.	2/27/2026 8:31 PM
2379	Small school sizes benefit the students the most - not "operational efficiency." Students learn and grow from relationships with their teachers and friends, which is not fostered by oversized mega schools.	2/27/2026 7:56 PM
2380	I am not opposed to grade bands, but would like to see research on how students success is impacted versus the standard structure we have now.	2/27/2026 7:54 PM
2381	One side I get done with the survey I will send it to the resident Director	2/27/2026 7:31 PM
2382	I find the grade band scenarios a little confusing. I'm not sure it will be a good idea to have one cluster use one type of band while another uses a different one. Seems like consistency across the school district would be most beneficial.	2/27/2026 7:27 PM
2383	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/27/2026 6:59 PM
2384	We prefer middle schools and elementary schools to be together. This is easier for parents who have students in both, and we worry that the maturity gap is too large for middle and high schoolers to be on the same campus.	2/27/2026 6:47 PM
2385	I would prefer to see middle schoolers grouped with elementary schoolers. I think putting 8th graders in with younger students would provide more opportunities for leadership and growth. It also seems more logical to me in terms of parents transporting kids if you have multiple children (since high schoolers may have more independent options getting to school anyhow). The main benefit I think to the alternative (grouping middle and high school) would be more advanced class opportunities for eighth graders. I still lean toward keeping younger students together though.	2/27/2026 6:41 PM
2386	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/27/2026 4:44 PM
2387	Bring back the goat Mr Fowler and band to elementary schools	2/27/2026 4:18 PM
2388	For the Lakeside cluster — Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, and Briarlake — stability should be	2/27/2026 4:16 PM

	the priority. Oak Grove is projected to reach 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake stands at 73%, but would be expected to absorb a substantial portion of Oak Grove's students if consolidation moves forward. This cluster is not in decline. It sits adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansion corridors in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and continued institutional growth. Residential development in the area further supports the likelihood of sustained or increasing enrollment. In a corridor that is demonstrating both strong utilization and long-term investment, maintaining traditional PK–5 grade bands provides consistency for families and preserves neighborhood stability. Structural reconfiguration efforts should focus first on clusters experiencing prolonged and significant underutilization, rather than those positioned for continued growth.	
2389	I see benefits of K-3 combining oak grove and sagamore then 4/5 at the other school. Or keep traditional k-5 at Oak Grove	2/27/2026 3:50 PM
2390	I think understanding what are the largest classification of students being servied is good based on analysis of enrollment. If you have a large mid-gradel level of students say 6-9 where are they attending in the district and what facilities can you optimally house them to include understanidng the teacher resource, programs they should have and ensruing transportation is not an issue. This is an example i would use for all the grade band scenarios.	2/27/2026 3:36 PM
2391	Having too broad an age range combined together in a single school I feel would be detrimental given that student behaviors and ability vary widely as they develop. Having a kindergarten child in the same school as an 8th grader - someone who is almost old enough to babysit them, doesn't seem like a good idea - nor does it make sense to have someone who is not even a teenager (6th grade) to be in the same school as someone who is almost legally an adult (a 12th grader)	2/27/2026 2:28 PM
2392	I would like to keep traditional grade band scenarios. I feel the cons outweigh the pros when switching to either K through eight or six through 12 or splitting up the younger grades.	2/27/2026 2:06 PM
2393	We should keep the traditional grade bands based off the cons, listed in the sap feedback if we were to switch. I do not want my young children in schools with middle school or high school aged children.	2/27/2026 2:00 PM
2394	I am not opposed to either scenario of grade adjustment.	2/27/2026 1:32 PM
2395	I am for less traditional grade bands, I do not love how many transitions kids have and like grade bands K-8 and 9-12.	2/27/2026 1:27 PM
2396	I am open to that option as well for our area in Ashford Park. I think in our area having the PK-8 bands won't work due to the large student population. We have almost 900 students with only PK-5.	2/27/2026 1:16 PM
2397	Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/27/2026 12:45 PM
2398	I have serious concerns about the proposed 6–12 grade banding. While I understand this model is used elsewhere, it does not address DeKalb's capacity challenges and is not an appropriate solution. The social, developmental, and academic differences between an 11-year-old and an 18-year-old are significant, and placing them in the same building puts undue strain on school resources—including counseling, clubs, sports, supervision, and overall student safety—especially when buildings are already planned to operate at maximum utilization. It's also important to maintain Pre-K programs. Affordable early childhood education is a national issue, and Pre-K access within public schools is essential. Increased trust in the DeKalb school system would naturally lead to higher enrollment in these programs. Rather than implementing quick structural fixes, the district should focus on strengthening program quality and building a sustainable system that better serves students and families.	2/27/2026 12:27 PM
2399	Again, Vanderlyn if a highly reputable school in Dunwoody which directly impacts our community and property values.	2/27/2026 12:23 PM
2400	Na	2/27/2026 12:16 PM
2401	Option 1 Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	2/27/2026 12:14 PM
2402	None	2/27/2026 11:54 AM

2403	Keeping children especially young children with similar ages is key to me	2/27/2026 11:53 AM
2404	This cluster needs to have multiple feeder elementary , a middle and then Lakeside. Lakeside is the largest high school in Dekalb. We need to check registrations and ensure that all kids at Lakeside live in district.	2/27/2026 11:45 AM
2405	It would be my preference to keep the current grade band systems. I feel like putting two wide range of ages together could cause a lot of social and developmental concerns. I also think splitting them up in a smaller bands, would be a logistical nightmare for parents and bus systems.	2/27/2026 11:34 AM
2406	I do not support the potential grade band scenarios. I do not think it would be developmentally appropriate for elementary aged children to be with middle school children. I think the schools would be way too large and children would feel lost in the crowd.	2/27/2026 11:30 AM
2407	Traditional public schools in the county should all have the same grade band and function on a traditional, year-long schedule. This ensures high school classes, especially AP classes, end when the tests are given and more students can get into the classes they need.	2/27/2026 11:29 AM
2408	I do think there is a scenario in which Peachtree Middle and Chestnut combined to become PK-6/8 and Dunwoody High and Vanderlyn combine become 6-12.	2/27/2026 11:27 AM
2409	Keep grade bands K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Dekalb county schools has a proven track record of staggeringly incompetent leadership, especially at the superintendent level. There is no trust from the community that the county could execute on a plan to change a well established, nationally recognized grade structure.	2/27/2026 11:19 AM
2410	If you're plan is to close Kingsley and move the students, the students/parents should be given grace to decide where their student is relocated to. For example, moving students to other schools (such as Hightower, Dunwoody, Austin, or Chestnut) should not be decided by moving boundaries but based on keeping the students with their grade-level friends. Parents who make this choice should be expected to provide transportation or have a central meeting location for bus transportation (if needed). Treat moving students to different schools much like y'all do the ridiculous lottery system (or whatever y'all call it, something like School Choice). But give those students who are having their schools CLOSED first rights when it comes to CHOOSING where the student goes (within a set number of schools). Also, how will closing Vanderlyn and Kingsley effect the ridiculous School Choice that is provided? Will Dunwoody, Chestnut, or Austin no longer be an available choice because those schools will be closer or at capacity? Something to consider... Also, schools don't have to all match - just because one school can only accommodate grades K-5th, why can a school that has capacity not be allowed to teach more grade levels - maybe through 6th, 7th, or all the way through 8th?	2/27/2026 11:13 AM
2411	I think a junior high band would be better than breaking up elementary schools.	2/27/2026 10:40 AM
2412	More transparency around modeling assumptions would be helpful in the next round. Specifically, showing projected enrollment, building utilization, and student distribution across the full cluster for each scenario would help families understand tradeoffs and long-term impacts.	2/27/2026 10:36 AM
2413	Keeping the Montgomery > Chamblee MS > Chamblee HS cluster intact makes the most sense given the proximity to those schools.	2/27/2026 10:35 AM
2414	I think the PK–3 / 4–5 configurations with the traditional 6-8 / 9-12 would be beneficial. I'm in the OGS area and I think having a school focus on the foundation of learning earlier and then in the 4-5 be able to offer more support to the students whether they need additional development or to provide a more rigorous/challenging option.	2/27/2026 9:44 AM
2415	I think it could be interesting and am open to learning more.	2/27/2026 9:40 AM
2416	The lakeside cluster includes two schools that are at a lower utilization and Oak Grove kids would have to go to one of the other schools.	2/27/2026 9:03 AM
2417	I do not like having so many schools for younger years. PK-3, 4-5, etc. It's hard for students and parents. I like 6-12 campus better than PK-8. Your challenges list is shorter, and I like keeping the younger kids in their own environment (up to 5th grade).	2/27/2026 8:15 AM
2418	There is evidence that keeping children in bands PK-8 is better for students.	2/27/2026 7:40 AM
2419	Why not move 6th grade to Oak Grove to help with Henderson crowding.	2/27/2026 6:50 AM

2420	The Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake) has great enrollment and performance. We relocated specifically to the Oak Grove community in 2024 to be a part of this elementary school, and we have cousins/friends with very young children, who will be severely impacted by this potential disruption. Closing Oak Grove does not directly help with the Dekalb School district-wide utilization gap.	2/27/2026 6:22 AM
2421	I feel the grade bands should be kept stable. Buildings are not in structural decline and the high growth corridor in our area should be a signal for growth, not decline.	2/27/2026 6:13 AM
2422	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/27/2026 4:08 AM
2423	When we moved here 51 years ago, Brockett offered Grades 1 - 7. Students then moved on to Tucker High. That worked well.	2/27/2026 1:17 AM
2424	If you want more students ADD early childhood programs!!!!! This is a community need and the Parents are more likely to stay in district. K0-2nd grade 3-5 grade 6-8 9-12 Or 3-7 8-12 6-12 could work as long as you either have 2 buildings or large enough building to keep middle school and high school separated	2/26/2026 11:08 PM
2425	Please consider including campus-level or phased options that address secondary capacity needs while maintaining elementary access where possible. Seeing multiple solution types side-by-side would help the community better understand the full range of possibilities.	2/26/2026 11:06 PM
2426	No banding solution was provided for our area, which is also nonsensical given the proximity of Ashford Park and John Lewis.	2/26/2026 10:28 PM
2427	I went to DeKalb County schools myself a generation ago, in K-7, 4-6, and 8-12 bands. I think many options can work.	2/26/2026 10:17 PM
2428	I would be open to learning more about adding 6th grades to some elementary schools. Prek - 6, 7-8, 9-12 in the Lakeside Cluster.	2/26/2026 10:13 PM
2429	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/26/2026 10:05 PM
2430	No comment	2/26/2026 9:55 PM
2431	Kids and teens should be separated	2/26/2026 9:24 PM
2432	I am concerned that having 6/7th graders and 11/12th graders will lead to unhealthy/illegal romantic/dating scenarios. I think having many smaller high schools with large age ranges will hurt the competition of sports teams. It may also silo specialized classes to certain schools, limiting access of some students to certain AP classes because of the school they are districted to.	2/26/2026 9:08 PM
2433	Elementary to mid/high seems like a big jump. I think k-8 and 9-12 makes sense.	2/26/2026 8:52 PM
2434	I think could expand elementary to 6th grade	2/26/2026 8:24 PM
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2437	None	2/26/2026 7:14 PM
2438	I don't think band scenarios should have been layered in during phase 1. I also have a huge problem with the lack of consideration that was taken. Our family is part of the chamblee cluster and we are currently an Ashford Park family. Instead of repurposing our school, it is slated to be closed. It seems as though there was no consideration about using Ashford Park's pre-existing building (that is currently receiving a substantial renovation and over capacity) to be a "lower school" that could house pk-2 and then a neighboring school like John lewis could then be the home of 3-5. It is illogical to close a school getting capital improvements that is overcrowded when there is literally no neighboring schools that can handle taking in all these dispersed students. Also, if transportation efficiency and displacement of families is really a priority of the DCSD, SAP committee, and consulting group then not considering bands or repurposing of buildings in our area was a complete miss.	2/26/2026 6:55 PM
2439	Grade bands for high school should be 10-12; 6-9; and PK-5. As a high school teacher there is a big difference in the maturity and drive of most 9th graders to 10th graders. Allowing 9th graders an extra year to mature will make high school more serious and give students an extra year before their GPA gets calculated with greater weight and consequences.	2/26/2026 6:38 PM
2440	Middle school grades are the most difficult in DeKalb, so care should be taken to address deficiencies in this age cohort.	2/26/2026 6:32 PM
2441	Overall, I do not see the need of creating so many grade band options (see 7).	2/26/2026 6:25 PM
2442	K-8 being combined seems reasonable	2/26/2026 6:24 PM
2443	There is strong balance of students from ES > MS > HS in the Chamblee Cluster. The only need is slightly higher capacity at the ES level. Montgomery has 12 acres, that should be used to expand capacity to ~900 and families north of Peachtree can shift from the over-crowded AP > Mont. AP can continue with facility improvements where needed. This is a cost-efficient solution that keeps communities in tact and keeps the cluster whole.	2/26/2026 6:22 PM
2444	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/26/2026 5:57 PM
2445	I do not like the idea of 6-12. I am not comfortable with that wide age range for those ages. The separate building for 4&5 grade is too much transitioning. K-8 seems more reasonable. Or PK3 & PK4 in separate buildings. Or even PK3-kindergarten in separate building then 1st-5th , 6th-8th, then 9th- 12th.	2/26/2026 5:42 PM
2446	The grade bands are appropriate but could use more lessons to enhance student life	2/26/2026 5:38 PM
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2448	We'd prefer to leave the ashford park community in tact. If grade bands are considered, we'd like the community to stay together at that grade band.	2/26/2026 4:07 PM
2449	Regarding, the potential grade band scenarios, I oppose having 6-12 because of the age range. You have children who are just becoming adolescents in the same environment with young adults about to leave home. I don't think it's safe and would require more security measures. I'm not convinced about the PK-8 / 9-12 option either because I think the middle school transition is beneficial for students.	2/26/2026 4:01 PM
2450	I think any of the grade band scenarios can make sense where it better matches a facility. I like the idea of even a prek-3, 4-7, 8-12 scenario so it's about 5 years per facility that closer matches the developmental planes of childhood growth. (Govern/garden/guide)	2/26/2026 3:40 PM
2451	Not opposed to differing bands. I'm not familiar with the current research on this, but I've seen positive benefits of kids of different ages interacting on a regular basis, (4th-5th graders doing drop off and pick up, peer tutors, and "big brothers big sisters"-type programs)	2/26/2026 3:35 PM
2452	I do not want to change the grade band scenarios unless they are done district-wide--which I do not think is possible at this time. I see the value in Wadsworth being a 4-8 school, and could support applying that change to Kittredge, as well. However, unless all traditional, non-school choice Middle schools are converted to a 4-8, I do not see the value in converting only a few.	2/26/2026 3:33 PM
2453	I support continuing Pk-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 across the district. However, in the southern part of the district, it makes sense to me that we might need to do some grade band adjustment to shorten commute times and keep communities together. In that scenario, I think the 6-12 campus is the best option. I think it is more important for advanced middle school student to have access to early HS classes than an advanced ES student to have access to early MS classes. Further, I think this makes more sense for access to extra-curricular activities. I would caution the district against a Pk-3 model if splitting elementary into upper and lower. Since EOG testing starts in 3rd grade, I would much prefer a Pk-2 campus and 3-5 campus, similar to Decatur. This means that the students in Pk-2 don't have to have their education impacted by high stakes testing during those years. For clusters where there is already over capacity schools (Like the Dunwoody Cluster), I would prefer to keep the community together and maintain the current grade bands rather than split up the boundaries and have people who live in Dunwoody attend Chamblee HS or the new Sequoya HS.	2/26/2026 3:32 PM
2454	I would like to see more data on benefits to grade band scenarios that aren't the current makeup.	2/26/2026 3:02 PM
2455	I would like to see more data on benefits to grade band scenarios that aren't the current makeup.	2/26/2026 2:59 PM
2456	6th graders should not be in same school as 12th graders, same for 8th graders with little kids. Way too much difference in maturity, growth, and student needs. See alternate suggestion below.	2/26/2026 2:58 PM
2457	I believe the Chamblee cluster should keep its current grade band clusters.	2/26/2026 2:53 PM
2458	Will not support our immediate area correctly.	2/26/2026 2:46 PM
2459	The impact on the individual child needs regarding development and socialization are paramount. The current bands are likely most effective. Disrupting this will have negative impacts that may not be worth the benefits.	2/26/2026 2:43 PM
2460	Oakgrove Elementary could be kept at a prek-3 or 4th grade. It is a great facility and community for that age.	2/26/2026 2:42 PM
2461	It's important to follow the research here. What are the best ways to group students? I'm no longer in education, but I was a classroom teacher and school administrator for 13 years, and I certainly have my preferences and thoughts. As I indicate below, one cluster may be different from another cluster based on needs, but in my experience, I loved the model used in Fairfax County Public Schools: K-6 7-8 9-12 where there's a 9th grade academy (i.e., somewhat separated from gen pop)	2/26/2026 2:42 PM
2462	I think the children that are in our Tucker School Cluster do well at their school. I think it needs to stay Pk-K, 6-8, and 9-12. 11 year old students should not be in a school with 17 or 18 year students. 6-8 grades are very important years for kids to start to develop into independent student.	2/26/2026 2:34 PM

2463	I saw Henderson Mill was also set for closure so I wonder if there's a way to look at Lakeside High and Oak Grove to split the grades between them if Henderson Mill is consolidated. Perhaps add two grades to Oak Grove (k-7) and 1 to Lakeside (8-12).	2/26/2026 2:25 PM
2464	I think it's very risky to impose new grade bands unless there's an overwhelming call from a community for a change. DCSD hasn't successfully implemented alternate grade bands at non-School Choice schools (where kids can be sent back home if they don't "comply") for decades. I see this as an unnecessary complication and risk. I think that the statement that Cross Keys cluster students will either have a K8 experience or be split up into 3 different MS is a terrible idea. The standard MS experience should be an option for Cross Keys cluster kids, just as it is for ALL other DCSD kids. I realize that it would be hard to find 10-15 acres in that area for a MS, not to mention the exorbitant cost to buy and build a new MS. But unless the Cross Keys community loudly supports K8 or a 3-way MS split, then this is not fair to them.	2/26/2026 2:21 PM
2465	kindergarten 2026 pre-kindergarten 2028	2/26/2026 2:16 PM
2466	I am in favor of an alternate grade banding. 7-12 The idea of letting 7-8 grade students have access to higher learning, especially those enrolled in the gifted program, seems to benefit the gifted learning curve. Being in the same building as the traditional 9-12 would allow them to take advanced coursework by sitting in with the next grade levels class. Specifically speaking about the Dunwoody clusters. There are 37% of students at Vanderlyn who are deemed gifted. It would be great to look to the future for those students and offer them the best that they can get.	2/26/2026 2:15 PM
2467	I believe the current grade band structure is the most logical approach, as it helps address the challenges that can arise when young children are grouped with older students. A traditional grade band configuration—such as PK-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12—provides a more developmentally appropriate environment for students at each stage, ensuring their social, emotional, and academic needs are better met.	2/26/2026 1:47 PM
2468	I think it should say the same.	2/26/2026 1:44 PM
2469	Have you considered leaving 6th graders in elementary school & having 7-12 grade? For 6-12 grade model, how would you keep preteens separated from teens, like separate floors or wings?	2/26/2026 1:28 PM
2470	I am not opposed to changing the grade bands, as long as our neighborhood school remains in the Chamblee middle/high school cluster	2/26/2026 1:17 PM
2471	I think grade bands should stay as is.	2/26/2026 1:12 PM
2472	I really appreciate the PK–3 / 4–5 configuration. I came from a district that had a PK-6 / 7-8 configuration. I think, despite the challenges of transitions, these models work well for differing developmental stages of the students. I would want to know more about how this sort of configuration would impact the closure and consolidation process for our district. Specifically in my cluster, I think a different grade band would be very helpful, as we know there is an enrollment drop off at the 4-5 level, with many families opting to move students to other clusters. Applying the PK-3/4-5 model feels like it would improve our children's experiences.	2/26/2026 12:59 PM
2473	(Cedar Grove and Southwest DeKalb clusters) I would prefer to keep the traditional grade band, PK-5, 6-8, 9-12 or if not possible, then the PK-8, 9-12 scenario. I appreciate the consideration for parents who have children in multiple buildings, I was once one of those parents due to the spacing in my children's ages. What is most important is how school culture, instruction, and leadership best impact student achievement.	2/26/2026 12:47 PM
2474	The traditional grade bands are what I want for my children, i am in the Brockett elementary/Henderson middle/Tucker high section. Not a good plan to transition middle schools to merge with high schools in the same building. If you are going to do that we might as well tear down the majority of schools and have large, centralized, multi building k-12 campuses. Not what I want to see but if you're going to start inter-mingling grade groupings having the full range run together seems like the best solution & one that could foster more connections between high school and elementary age children. Get rid of pre-k & have those children in preschool.	2/26/2026 12:31 PM
2475	I have no opinion on consolidations. However, given the low building adequacy score (66%) and high enrollment projections (116%) for Huntley Hills Elementary, I would consider a new building for the school. I would be interested in knowing what the "facility additions" will be. If	2/26/2026 12:30 PM

	they are trailers, then I am highly opposed to expansion of this school and would prefer restricting the attendance area to keep it smaller.	
2476	While I can appreciate some of the education/structural novelty of these grade bands, I think the strain that this increased school change would place on families is untenable. Let's face it, in our current economic landscape, most families have two working parents. It is increasingly rare to see a stay at home parent. Stability is key to raising a kid while working and the more stability the school district can offer, the better. I also think children can benefit from being around students who are multiple years older them. I just don't think there are enough benefits to outweigh the immense logistical hassle and peer-peer experience losses in this grade band scenario.	2/26/2026 12:20 PM
2477	As a parent I do not agree with a 6-12 grade band in high school. There is too large of an age and maturity gap for those children. Pk-2,3-5 grade bands could work	2/26/2026 12:19 PM
2478	SZC	2/26/2026 11:52 AM
2479	If shifting to a K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 the district should ensure middle schools 6-8 are adequately staffed and designed to support early adolescent both academically and socially	2/26/2026 11:44 AM
2480	n/a	2/26/2026 11:42 AM
2481	As for the grade band scenarios. Always felt that middle school was a mishap and I have data to prove it. I believe elementary schools should stay as PK-7. We could maybe combine 8-9 and 10-12 Another solution is to let 8 grade stand along and put 9-12 together, however elementary should go back to ending with 7th grade.	2/26/2026 11:23 AM
2482	I think focusing on the facility closures need to be addressed first before grade band changes can be considered.	2/26/2026 10:46 AM
2483	Current Grade Band is fine for all DCSD Clusters. If seats are needed to fill buildings, DCSD could return to a elementary/high school structure with 6 to 8 grades for each.	2/26/2026 10:38 AM
2484	It’s a lot of transition for kids	2/26/2026 10:00 AM
2485	Oak Grove already meets the district’s utilization target today (about 89%) • The school is projected to reach ~96% capacity next year • Enrollment has been increasing, not declining • Significant new investment and development in our area has likely not yet been reflected in projections • Academic performance, test scores, and teacher retention were not included as closure criteria	2/26/2026 9:58 AM
2486	I like the idea of keeping Chamblee Middle and High Schools, Kittredge and Montgomery as they are high performing with appropriate utilization.	2/26/2026 8:58 AM
2487	I don't really understand the term grade band exactly nor what you all mean about clusters for grade bands. I need an example in order to understand this fully on how this would affect my children.	2/26/2026 8:46 AM
2488	Splitting elementary into lower and upper elementary, or combining elementary/middle and/or middle/high isn’t a bad option so long as you are going to ensure an guarantee that the quality of my child’s education, and every child’s education, isn’t going to be impacted in the slightest. As long as you will actually stand by the county and states commitment to address bullying immediately (which Dekalb historically has turned a blind eye to); putting older students with younger increases the chance that the younger and smaller students will become targets for older students lashing out.	2/26/2026 8:45 AM
2489	NA for me	2/26/2026 8:38 AM
2490	I am strongly opposed to closing Vanderlyn Elementary and urge the district to carefully consider how each proposed grade band scenario would impact our school community and cluster. Traditional PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 This model provides the most stability and continuity for elementary students. Keeping a PK–5 structure at Vanderlyn supports age-appropriate learning environments, minimizes transitions during foundational academic years, and preserves the strong school culture that currently exists. This is the least disruptive option for our community and should be prioritized. PK–3 / 4–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 I have significant concerns about splitting elementary grades into PK–3 and 4–5 campuses. This model forces students to transition schools during critical developmental years, disrupting peer relationships and instructional continuity. For young children especially, additional transitions can negatively impact both academic performance and social-emotional well-being. Implementing this within the Vanderlyn	2/26/2026 8:34 AM

	cluster would create unnecessary instability. PK–5 / 6–12 While maintaining PK–5 at Vanderlyn would be positive, combining grades 6–12 at another campus raises concerns about developmental appropriateness. Middle school and high school students have very different needs. A 6–12 model could dilute focus on middle grades and create challenges related to school culture, extracurricular access, and age separation. PK–3 / 4–5 / 6–12 This is the most disruptive scenario. It introduces multiple transitions (PK–3 to 4–5, then again to 6–12), while also combining middle and high school students. For Vanderlyn families, this would significantly reduce stability and increase logistical challenges for parents with multiple children. PK–8 / 9–12 If closure is unavoidable, a PK–8 model would be preferable to splitting elementary grades. A PK–8 structure can provide long-term continuity and reduce transitions, which benefits students academically and socially. However, this must only be implemented if facilities are equipped to handle capacity and if resources are allocated to ensure both elementary and middle grade students receive appropriate programming. Overall, I strongly advocate for preserving Vanderlyn as a PK–5 elementary school within a traditional PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 framework. Maintaining neighborhood elementary schools strengthens community engagement, supports student achievement, and avoids unnecessary disruption to young learners. The district should prioritize stability, capacity management, and the long-term well-being of students over short-term consolidation efficiencies.	
2491	The potential grade bands K-2 and 3-5 are acceptable. However how would a parent with a kindergarten student and a fifth grader feel when they have to go to two different schools in the morning?	2/26/2026 8:29 AM
2492	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/26/2026 8:28 AM
2493	I think they should stay the same traditional format.	2/26/2026 8:02 AM
2494	Yes. They should be the same.	2/26/2026 7:57 AM
2495	I do not have any specific strong opinions on the grade band scenarios; however, I will say that I do not see a compelling reason why the current traditional structure should be changed.	2/26/2026 7:09 AM
2496	Grade band configuration should be based on enrollment trends, facility capacity, and developmental alignment — not uniformity across clusters. In clusters experiencing declining enrollment, a PK-5 / 6-12 or PK-8 / 9-12 model may: • Improve resource concentration • Increase program stability • Reduce transition points • Strengthen mentorship opportunities between older and younger students In clusters with stronger or growing high school identity, maintaining a traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 model may preserve community cohesion and extracurricular continuity. The district should carefully evaluate where 6–12 campuses could maintain high school identity while optimizing underutilized space.	2/26/2026 7:02 AM
2497	In clusters with smaller elementary schools (eg, Lakeside), I think it makes sense to have flexible grade bands that can change with the student population numbers. The same-grade student community and quality of their educational environment could remain more intact than when shifting geographic attendance boundaries. Perhaps some practical considerations about flexible grade bands would be available from the City of Decatur Schools.	2/26/2026 6:16 AM
2498	I am also concerned about the grade band scenario. My concern is for the lower grades that are now insolated being thrust into high school when perhaps they are not ready for that transition.	2/26/2026 4:18 AM
2499	I recommend to support and upgrade Robert Shaw Theme School to pre-k3 to grade 8.	2/26/2026 12:25 AM
2500	No comment	2/25/2026 10:41 PM
2501	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in	2/25/2026 10:28 PM

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2502	K-5 is perfect 6-8 is perfect 9-12 is perfect. If ANY changes to be made, it would be to adjust the middle school cluster. But the elementary and high school clusters are perfect.	2/25/2026 10:16 PM
2503	For the Henderson Mill and Evansdale clusters, I support maintaining a traditional K–5 grade band if consolidation is necessary. Splitting grades into K–2 and 3–5 would create unnecessary transitions during key learning years. As a former student of both schools, I believe Evansdale's strong academic culture should be carefully considered in any restructuring decision. Preserving stability and instructional quality should remain a priority.	2/25/2026 10:12 PM
2504	I like the idea of smaller, grade-specific schools - we attended Coralwood for pre-school-k and I wish every child could have that experience. I don't like the idea of k-8 or 6-12, I think age range too wide to be safe in a large school.	2/25/2026 9:47 PM
2505	For my cluster (Tucker), PK - 8 feels like way too many kids in the same building. There are 5 elementary schools that feed into one middle school. That would be like 3000 kids in the same building.	2/25/2026 9:14 PM
2506	Traditional bands are best- when families move across districts and counties, it'll be more consistent for everyone. It's also best not to have such a wide range of ages together, especially when high school age kids are involved .	2/25/2026 9:04 PM
2507	I'm actually disappointed that Ashford Park wasn't given any other scenarios. I wish it had been. That said, the grade band scenarios across the district make sense to me to make better use of buildings. If it was an option given to us, I would certainly consider it, especially the idea of two buildings (a lower and upper) serving grades K-8 or something along those lines to be able to serve more students. But I would have to better understand the scenarios before giving any real feedback. We simply have not been given enough information at this point.	2/25/2026 8:05 PM
2508	I think the grade bands make sense so that you can better utilize the buildings; however, I'm a bit concerned about a sixth grader going to school with a senior in high school, unless they're in separate buildings across a campus.	2/25/2026 7:49 PM
2509	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/25/2026 7:41 PM
2510	Since middle school is such a vulnerable time in child development, I don't think it should be included with high school. PK-5/6-12 cluster.	2/25/2026 7:41 PM
2511	I do not like this idea this may put the younger kids at risk with the older kids. Specifically elementary and middle school kids.	2/25/2026 7:20 PM
2512	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/25/2026 7:03 PM
2513	n/a	2/25/2026 6:54 PM
2514	don't like it little kids and middle or high school shouldn't be in same area	2/25/2026 6:22 PM
2515	Stability should be prioritized for the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake). This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia.	2/25/2026 5:58 PM
2516	The Tucker cluster would benefit from PK-8, but this would require schools the removal of PK programs from schools not adequately able to support the number of students due to building	2/25/2026 5:49 PM

	size. However, this would promote stronger community bonds, stronger teacher-student relationships, greater safety, less stress, and less traffic or need for long bus rides.	
2517	Small schools are crucial. If consolidation needs to happen, I would prefer grades 6-8 be incorporated into the elementary schools.	2/25/2026 5:32 PM
2518	While I value the historical success of our current school structure, I would not be opposed to the proposed K–8 Model For the Chamblee Cluster , provided it is executed with a well-thought-out strategy and strict capacity protections.	2/25/2026 5:22 PM
2519	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/25/2026 5:21 PM
2520	The data supports a "stabilize first" approach for Lakeside (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake). With Oak Grove near capacity (96% projected) and Sagamore Hills also high (91% current), the cluster is already operating in a tight utilization range. Briarlake's 73% utilization should be viewed in context, since it would be expected to absorb a meaningful portion of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. Given the cluster's proximity to one of Georgia's largest healthcare and research expansions and continued growth drivers, there is no clear structural-decline rationale for reconfiguring grade bands here. PK–5 structures remain appropriate, and reconfiguration attention should go first to areas experiencing long-term, substantial underutilization.	2/25/2026 5:15 PM
2521	Keep Lakeside's focus on continuity and capacity management. Oak Grove is projected to run at 96% utilization next year, and Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but if consolidation advances, Briarlake would likely need to take on a large share of Oak Grove's students. This cluster is not in decline and sits next to a major healthcare and research growth area in Georgia, with ongoing campus expansion and thousands of new jobs. In a high-utilization, high-growth corridor, PK–5 remains the right default. Structural grade changes should be targeted first to clusters with persistent, significant underuse over time.	2/25/2026 5:09 PM
2522	Great school how it is	2/25/2026 5:02 PM
2523	The cluster of schools in our area does not have declining utilization. In fact, development with multifamily apartment complexes means that the demand will increase--potentially significantly.	2/25/2026 4:55 PM
2524	Grade band should remain the same for the lakeside HS neighborhood. For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/25/2026 4:54 PM
2525	Prefer traditional method based on what we know about specific milestones in each grade/age group. Also, school sizes would be too large if middle and high school were to be combined.	2/25/2026 4:52 PM
2526	The Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, and Briarlake) should remain as it is. The cluster is not experiencing structural decline. There is so much growth in the area with many new jobs. Traditional PK-5 grade bands remain appropriate in a cluster such as Lakeside, which is a high-utilization, high-growth corridor.	2/25/2026 4:48 PM
2527	For Lakeside, prioritize maintaining current structures. Oak Grove is nearing full capacity (96% projected), Sagamore Hills is also high (91%), and Briarlake's 73% utilization does not reflect long-term decline, especially given the likelihood it would need to accommodate a large share of Oak Grove's students if consolidation occurs. The cluster sits next to a major healthcare and research growth hub with ongoing campus expansion and thousands of jobs being added. In this context, PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate, and grade reconfiguration should be directed first to clusters facing persistent, significant underutilization.	2/25/2026 4:40 PM

2528	The Lakeside cluster should remain focused on stability rather than structural change. Utilization is high at Oak Grove (96% projected) and Sagamore Hills (91% current). Although Briarlake is at 73%, it would be expected to absorb significant enrollment from Oak Grove under a consolidation scenario. With no signs of structural decline and strong nearby drivers of growth, including one of Georgia's largest healthcare and research expansions, maintaining PK–5 grade bands aligns with the corridor's demand. Reconfiguration efforts should start where long-term underutilization is more severe.	2/25/2026 4:38 PM
2529	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/25/2026 4:36 PM
2530	Focus on stability first. I don't care what the grade bands are as long as Oak Grove remains intact. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year, Sagamore Hills is already at 91%, and while Briarlake is at 73%, it would need to take on a substantial share of Oak Grove's students if consolidation moves forward. This is a high-demand area adjacent to major healthcare and research expansion in Georgia, with continued job growth and campus development. PK–5 remains an appropriate grade band in a growth corridor, and structural reconfiguration should be prioritized in clusters with sustained, significant underutilization.	2/25/2026 4:31 PM
2531	My only opinion is that there should be some separation of older kids from the younger ones	2/25/2026 4:03 PM
2532	Good community and Family vibe	2/25/2026 3:54 PM
2533	6-12 consolation is not on the best interest of a large group of students. DeKalb county already has issues surrounding bullying in smaller grade bands. Expanding the bands will exacerbate those problems. Further, the staffing required to ensure 6th graders are able to navigate their school safely while potentially dealing with 12th graders will need a lot of training and expense.	2/25/2026 3:23 PM
2534	Oak Grove ES	2/25/2026 3:18 PM
2535	There are not extra middle or high school-sized buildings in our cluster that would facilitate any of the alternative grade band scenarios.	2/25/2026 3:17 PM
2536	Again, we feel strongly this will severely upset the balance of education. We would seriously consider removing our children from public school and or moving to another area without this action or consolidation.	2/25/2026 3:03 PM
2537	I believe the traditional grade band approach is most appropriate. Having experienced both a PK-5/6-12 and PK-3 / 4-5 with another child, I believe the traditional model keeps children in more age appropriate clusters. In my area (Oak Grove) we see deterioration of the education experience at the middle school level, when smaller elementary schools all feed into one larger middle school. Many families leave the public school system at that stage. I believe a PK-8/9-12 model could help with this but only if it provides for similar sized elementary school populations and smaller middle school populations.	2/25/2026 2:22 PM
2538	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/25/2026 2:08 PM
2539	Closing Vanderlyn is a mistake. It's a great school.	2/25/2026 2:05 PM
2540	I think it's wise to explore different grade band scenarios as I know districts around us use these models. I do think Dekalb is diverse and we should look at neighborhoods and the students served in those neighborhoods and what would be most beneficial for them. For example, maybe in some areas a K-8 is beneficial bc it allows for less transitions and drop offs.	2/25/2026 1:51 PM

2541	bra do u	2/25/2026 1:31 PM
2542	Traditional Grade Bands (K-5, 6-8, and 9-12) make the most sense considering the logistical complexities of staffing and transportation. In the Cross Keys Cluster, since there is no middle school, would all elementary schools shift to a K-8 model? If yes, do the current buildings have the capacity for that shift?	2/25/2026 1:24 PM
2543	I do not think 6-12 should ever be together	2/25/2026 1:10 PM
2544	Evansdale: older children may be inappropriate for younger students.	2/25/2026 1:07 PM
2545	PK- 8 and 6-12 are concerning regardless of cluster. Those are extreme developmental stages in the same building. Even with the best of scheduling and building intentions, you will have students up to 10 years or more difference in ages interacting.	2/25/2026 12:37 PM
2546	I like the 6-12 scenario. For parents with students in middle and high school they can have 1 school for both.	2/25/2026 12:07 PM
2547	I am uncertain of the social aspects of having elementary age student in closer contact and environment as middle school aged students. I do not know of examples of this being done effectively elsewhere, but it gives me pause.	2/25/2026 11:36 AM
2548	I would be ok with PK-6 or even PK-8 but not 6-12 for the dunwoody cluster. I do think it needs to be consistent along the cluster.	2/25/2026 11:33 AM
2549	Keep younger kids separated from teens as long as possible	2/25/2026 11:04 AM
2550	I am concerned about the grade band scenarios because of the difference between a 6th grader and a 12th grader however I am supportive of more strategically using our buildings. Splitting elementary school students to two buildings/grade bands would be very hard for parents and effective drop off/pickup. I would like to hear more about school start and end times to better inform this. I also heard repeatedly on the call that we would need more bus drivers and that seems like it is already a problem in Dekalb.	2/25/2026 10:38 AM
2551	Having previously worked in education for 26 years, I feel that the grouping of the PK-3 / 4-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 grade band works well, although I understand the drawback of not being able to share resources.	2/25/2026 10:26 AM
2552	They’re pretty good	2/25/2026 10:21 AM
2553	I think you should never consider a 6th-12th scenario. That is too wide of an expanse of ages to cover that is good for the mental health of those students. Especially given that these schools would be large in configuration in public school, I would consider it in a private school, smaller class K-12th scenario only.	2/25/2026 10:20 AM
2554	I prefer not to have younger trades (6-8) combined with high school students. They would be on the same busses and potentially same hallways and I think it is not best for the younger students.	2/25/2026 10:13 AM
2555	They fight a lot	2/25/2026 10:13 AM
2556	Good	2/25/2026 10:12 AM
2557	N/A	2/25/2026 10:10 AM
2558	None	2/25/2026 10:06 AM
2559	.	2/25/2026 10:06 AM
2560	great	2/25/2026 10:04 AM
2561	9–12 should stay 9–12. High school should just be high school. they already be dating freshman’s as a junior/senior which is weird	2/25/2026 10:03 AM
2562	Currently indifferent.	2/25/2026 10:02 AM
2563	idk	2/25/2026 10:00 AM
2564	N/A	2/25/2026 9:59 AM
2565	This is not a bad idea but it all depends on how we are grouping the grades. Dekalb schools can change into being K-8th and 9th-12 so there is no more middle schools.	2/25/2026 9:59 AM

2566	?	2/25/2026 9:56 AM
2567	I think the band is good	2/25/2026 9:56 AM
2568	neutral	2/25/2026 9:52 AM
2569	good	2/25/2026 9:46 AM
2570	Its good	2/25/2026 9:43 AM
2571	I am only in favor of grade bands if the cluster elementary schools stay in place. I want my children in my neighborhood school.	2/25/2026 9:36 AM
2572	I don't agree with middle school children going to school with high school students. The maturity levels are different and the student's needs are different. It also creates a potential for bullying.	2/25/2026 9:29 AM
2573	I would like to see Kittredge Magnet expanded to a 4-8 school. It would be lovely if the program could accept twice as many students for 6-8 grade. I love the size of the school for 4-5th graders - this is typically a population that was being underserved at their home school and greatly benefits from the structure, executive functioning, and accelerated classes. Note the high numbers of students with 504s, IEPs and gifted classifications. KMS is able to cater their needs at a critical educational point in their lives. I also think that Montgomery and Huntley Hills students and teachers would perform best in a PreK-2 and 3-5 shared grade band. Please look closely at school choice programs and note that they would benefit from larger programs at the 3-5th grade levels offering more ample and appropriate socialization and larger access to subject-specific teachers. Quite frankly, I think many students in the HHES Montessori school choice program would gladly switch to Traditional classes beginning in third grade if the school was able to abundantly equip the students with accelerated and gifted learning in a traditional environment that better prepares them for middle and high school. Unfortunately I do not believe the Montessori program is beneficial or competitive beginning in third grade. There are mixed feelings regarding the HHES traditional program due to its high ESOL population. Students not needing the ESOL content may find that traditional classes are not on grade-level and not accelerated enough to be competitive and produce adequate or exceptional results.	2/25/2026 9:01 AM
2574	I would prefer that Ashford Park be a PK-5 or PK-3 and 4-5 and that could be split between different buildings. My main preference would be that the overall cluster remain the same.	2/25/2026 8:54 AM
2575	Just to combine them will not be right good ideal, that more on teachers as well as students. If some students could do homeschool that might be better than combine students.	2/25/2026 8:02 AM
2576	I didn't read about specific grade band scenarios, but this also makes sense for communities that do not want their schools to close. You have a space that's too big and so you share the space. From a school employee point of view, this would probably be a nightmare to make sure the cafeteria schedule can accommodate meals for all students and each grade has adequate access to libraries, gyms, etc.	2/25/2026 6:30 AM
2577	Don't have much	2/25/2026 5:00 AM
2578	You cannot put middle schoolers with high schoolers. That's a ridulous scenerio.	2/25/2026 3:42 AM
2579	The proposed grade band scenarios are fine.	2/25/2026 12:04 AM
2580	I do not think this is a good idea.	2/24/2026 11:45 PM
2581	Please share your feedback on the potential grade band scenarios, please be specific to the schools or clusters you are referencing along with the grade bands.	2/24/2026 11:31 PM
2582	idgaf about grade band kiss my bootay	2/24/2026 11:21 PM
2583	It's better for the kids to keep middle school agreed kids and elementary aged kids separated. Are you doing the purely for financial reasons, or do you actually care about the kids?	2/24/2026 11:21 PM
2584	Aside from the facilities, considering changing the grade bands is an idea worth further exploring. Potentially, this could aide in cost savings while providing value by changing grade bands to better align with developmental milestones. Even though there is another transition, it could work to have PK-3/4-5 bands with smaller class settings, while combining 6-12 seems to make sense as the structure of middle and high school have more similarities.	2/24/2026 11:09 PM
2585	Moving to a split model (for example, K–2 at one campus and 3–5 at another) or shifting to a	2/24/2026 10:27 PM

	K–3 / 4–5 or similar configuration risks disrupting a successful instructional environment. Elementary students benefit from continuity in leadership, peer relationships, and academic programming. Breaking apart grade bands at a high-performing school could: • Disrupt established academic systems • Increase transitions during critical developmental years • Weaken school culture and community cohesion If grade band restructuring is being considered within the Dunwoody cluster, the district should clearly explain how altering a successful K–5 model at Vanderlyn would improve student outcomes or operational efficiency. Changes should prioritize academic stability and student experience — especially at schools where the current structure is demonstrably working.	
2586	Find a better way to break up middle school, as this is the most challenging time for kids developmentally and they need smaller environments with more support.	2/24/2026 10:21 PM
2587	Not a big deal for elementary	2/24/2026 10:07 PM
2588	The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made.	2/24/2026 9:22 PM
2589	I don’t hate the ideas of grade bands and see that it could be beneficial in many ways. I only have two kids so it feels doable but can see how it would be challenging with families with more kids, trying to navigate multiple drops off and pickups etc.	2/24/2026 8:58 PM
2590	I am currently a parent of a pre-k student at Vanderlyn, and have a younger sibling we would like to send there as well. I would like more information regarding the potential reasoning and benefits of grade banding, but without that right now, would lean towards a traditional pattern, our combining the older students. It seems like a lot for pre-k students to attend school with 8th graders.	2/24/2026 8:54 PM
2591	I don’t mind somewhat alternate grade bands except when it’s used as an excuse to make schools larger. But, putting high schoolers in with middle schoolers without a plan for separation is incredibly risky esp. in terms of keeping our younger girls safe. They can be targeted by older boys for their niavete and desire to be accepted	2/24/2026 8:28 PM
2592	Keep the band m scenarios as they are.	2/24/2026 8:23 PM
2593	I like either the traditional model or prek - 8th and then 9th - 12th. I would not want a 6th-8th grade kid in the same school as a high school kid.	2/24/2026 8:17 PM
2594	I am very concerned about having younger students with much older students. This is not going to end well.	2/24/2026 8:00 PM
2595	When I went to Ashford Park and then later Cross Keys as a child/teenager, the grade went from 1-7 (elementary school), then 8-12 (high school) It worked very well for all of concerned, and grouping students in these wide bands would put more students in the largest buildings and help keep the neighborhoods together.	2/24/2026 7:23 PM
2596	K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 makes sense	2/24/2026 6:56 PM
2597	Traditional Elementary, Middle, High School in separate buildings.	2/24/2026 6:48 PM
2598	I am supportive of a more traditional grade banding due to the difficulties in raising and educating kids in today's environment	2/24/2026 6:42 PM
2599	N/A	2/24/2026 6:39 PM
2600	Im optimistic about the various choice because I grew up in dekalb and are a product of DeKalb Schools and things was so much better when k-7 was elementary and 8-12 was high school. Having middle school with hours 8-4 is so exhausting and makes things difficult for families to be home together at same time. It's like we're waiting on the middle school child all day because they home on the bus after 4 depending on traffic etc. Our staff, teachers don't get home to their families at decent times as well. All of the above aforementioned needs to be considered.	2/24/2026 6:31 PM
2601	Cedar Grove High School.	2/24/2026 6:29 PM
2602	Pre K to 8 th grade and 9-12.	2/24/2026 6:25 PM
2603	I understand and appreciate that this exercise has been incredibly challenging given the very diverse and complex geographic, demographic, and socioeconomic conditions that make	2/24/2026 6:07 PM

	DeKalb County the wonderful melting pot that it is. I would encourage and support flexibility in grade band structure by cluster - specifically being located in the Dunwoody cluster, I would advocate for keeping banding as it is given long-term neighborhood friendships of varying ages/grades may end up in separate schools, but if necessary I would think limiting it to a one-time instance in Pre-K would be better than in MS and/or HS when kids are more mature, developed, and entrenched with friends, athletics and social circles.	
2604	N/a	2/24/2026 6:05 PM
2605	I honestly do not know the research, I am fine with traditional since it is what I know.	2/24/2026 6:04 PM
2606	I support keeping the traditional grade band clusters as they are today.	2/24/2026 6:01 PM
2607	No specific feedback	2/24/2026 5:45 PM
2608	Rather than closing Evansdale, consider “unloading” Henderson Middle. Evansdale’a dual language immersion and proximity to so many family homes makes it truly a neighborhood school with high family/parental involvement. This draws more local families to attend public schools rather than choosing other options.	2/24/2026 4:46 PM
2609	I think it is unwise to have high school students in the same buildings as 6th -8th graders. I think it exposes the younger students to potential high school concerns like drug use, gang involvement, sexual activity, etc.	2/24/2026 4:45 PM
2610	Dunwoody HIgh School Cluster	2/24/2026 4:41 PM
2611	I think the current framework for grades is serving Deklab students well.	2/24/2026 4:34 PM
2612	I have heard about some schools already not being able to handle capacity. I honestly can't see my children, who attend the Cedar Grove cluster going to other schools where it may be way too crowded.	2/24/2026 4:01 PM
2613	Traditional grade bands helps the students to not transition so frequently and keeps the populations of the schools. It also keeps administrative and resource staffing down since they are in charge of more grades per school.	2/24/2026 3:53 PM
2614	I do not think we should have 6th graders in the same building as 12th graders, but I also see potential issues with 8th graders being in the same building as pre-k students. I feel like the traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 is probably best, but I can also see benefit in doing PK-6/7-12.	2/24/2026 3:44 PM
2615	there shouldn't be a bigger age gap than what we have in the traditionnal bands . 5 yo should not be in the same school as 14 year old. The fight against bullying wil be greatly impacted for our younger kids in a larger school with older students.	2/24/2026 3:28 PM
2616	I also agree	2/24/2026 3:27 PM
2617	I disagree with breaking up the elementary schools in this way because it causes families of younger students to have to balance multiple school communities which is difficult. Our small PK-5 community school allows for special relationships between teachers/staff and students and families in the community. It provided great opportunities for older students to support younger students and to learn about and experience true leadership in a place where they feel truly supported and connected.	2/24/2026 3:24 PM
2618	I think it is good to keep younger kids separated from older kids but I don’t have an established option about this as of yet. If need to understand what difference it would make for our cluster.	2/24/2026 3:15 PM
2619	I think grade bands are another way to increase student enrollment in individual campuses. Not sure if that is the best outcome for Dekalb Co students (larger student -to -teacher ratios should not be an acceptable outcome of the SAP).	2/24/2026 3:04 PM
2620	Changing the grade bands to equalize numbers of students at a particular school should be used and should be adjusted each year, if necessary.	2/24/2026 3:02 PM
2621	Bend the grade bands as necessary.	2/24/2026 3:01 PM
2622	I don’t have a specific opinion on this.	2/24/2026 2:29 PM
2623	I think the structure should remain the same as they are now, with our ES being PreK or K - 5th, middle at 6-8 and high 9-12. Developmentally I would not want my preK student in the same building as middle school teenagers with very different needs. I am currently spread	2/24/2026 2:21 PM

	across three school as it is, and it is challenging, but I would not want my current 3rd grader in the same space as my current 8th grader. Youd have to do too much modification of facilities to meet the needs of either end of those age spectrums and it seems forced just to provide convenience to drive to less buildings. If at least one of my kids has the ability to walk to school that is incredibly helpful, but it is not required. Keep it like the traditional grade band scenarios to address age- appropriate needs head on and with specificity.	
2624	There is NO need for public preschool, especially down to PK3. We MUST use those resources for current K-12. We are already lacking in those areas, why are we continuing to stretch resources thinner?	2/24/2026 2:19 PM
2625	There should not be students together of large age and developmental differences.	2/24/2026 2:16 PM
2626	I've always been a fan of K-8 and 9-12. Maybe create Pre K cluster schools. And each feeder district could have its own alternative schools.	2/24/2026 1:55 PM
2627	Henderson elementary is right on major road for easy traffic flow.	2/24/2026 1:26 PM
2628	You have a tough job deciding which schools should have more middle schools combined with some high schools. Unfortunately not many folks will be happy for	2/24/2026 1:13 PM
2629	My daughter went to the PreK The Learning Center for two years (Pk3 & PK4) this is an amazing program however I don't know if it is going as well being implemented in the schools and having a school with all PreK students i feels works much better and allows more access.	2/24/2026 1:01 PM
2630	In Dunwoody, Dunwoody High School seems over capacitated and could move 9th and maybe 10th grade to Vanderlyn due to proximity. Kingsley Elementary could also be repurposed to hold all Pre-K and Kindergarten in Dunwoody, which would relieve some room in the other elementary schools.	2/24/2026 12:46 PM
2631	Keep the grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12.	2/24/2026 12:39 PM
2632	I think all decisions should be focused on the goal of the best education possible for our children. Not be a facilities / cost savings measure. The quality of schools is deeply important to communities both in terms of quality of life but also continued property value.	2/24/2026 12:38 PM
2633	We do not support grade-band scenarios that would break up Vanderlyn Elementary or split elementary grades across different schools/buildings. Our feedback is specific to Vanderlyn Elementary in the Dunwoody cluster, and we strongly support keeping Vanderlyn together as a PreK–5 school. Breaking up the school would create unnecessary transitions for young children, disrupt continuity in learning and relationships, and weaken the close-knit school community that makes Vanderlyn so special. Elementary students benefit from staying in one school community through these important early years. There is also real value in having a school community with a range of ages together, similar to the benefits often emphasized in Montessori philosophy. Older students can help younger students, serve as role models, and learn responsibility and leadership. Younger students benefit from seeing those examples and growing into them over time. Please preserve Vanderlyn Elementary as a unified PreK–5 school.	2/24/2026 12:05 PM
2634	I am not in favor of adjusting grade bands and have not viewed that part of the proposal carefully.	2/24/2026 12:03 PM
2635	This structure aligns with most districts across Georgia and provides consistency for families who move between systems. It also supports age-appropriate academic programming, extracurricular offerings, and developmental transitions at key stages. For clusters such as Chamblee, Lakeside, Dunwoody, and other North DeKalb high school clusters, maintaining the traditional grade bands would preserve feeder pattern clarity and avoid unnecessary structural disruption on top of any facility changes. Stability in grade configuration, especially during a period of potential consolidations, would help minimize confusion, protect academic continuity, and maintain alignment with statewide norms.	2/24/2026 11:50 AM
2636	I think the grade bands should stay as they are.	2/24/2026 11:36 AM
2637	Henderson Mill Elementary is a small schools compare with others facilities. We have trust and support the decisions our Principal will take to be able to balance the budget assigned.	2/24/2026 11:35 AM
2638	I would like to see more Early Childhood Centers. I think PK-3 schools and 4-5 (or 4-6) schools would be a good idea. I'd also like to see 8th grade back in high school. Too often, 9th graders struggle adapting to high school, and they fail their classes. Back in my day (because I'm old	2/24/2026 11:32 AM

	enough to say that), 8th grade was in high school. The 8th graders struggled the same way the current 9th graders struggled. But the difference is, 8th grade doesn't go on your transcript. Most students were able to recalibrate and begin succeeding in 9th grade when it actually counts. I don't know if that's a change the district is allowed to make, but I say, bring back Subbies!	
2639	He is Next year pre _k	2/24/2026 11:27 AM
2640	I've been focused on the possible closures, and dont' have an opinion yet on the grade bands.	2/24/2026 11:24 AM
2641	Evansdale could include 6th grade also, or 6 and 7, to reduce Henderson Middle which seems overcrowded.	2/24/2026 11:15 AM
2642	N/A	2/24/2026 11:01 AM
2643	Sharing that data without also sharing how dcsd will change curriculum or reduce district overhead is appalling.	2/24/2026 10:44 AM
2644	I generally support this.	2/24/2026 9:52 AM
2645	The best scenrios is the traditional or the where it is combinded middle and high.	2/24/2026 9:52 AM
2646	PK-3 and 4-5 grade bands should be considered where schools are in close proximity, so as not to burden families and to ensure parental support and involvement. I would NOT want to see PK-8 grade bands due to the age range and different developmental stages in the same facility. This is an added concern in aftercare programs. It would also negatively impact the middle school age students and their programs offered and prepared for high school. Massive schools may be less costly but they sacrifice effective management, parental involvement, culture and community connection as families have to travel farther. They will also lose families to private and charter options.	2/24/2026 9:13 AM
2647	I do not like the new grade band scenarios.	2/24/2026 9:09 AM
2648	I urge you not to combine 6-12. I was in a school with 7-12 and despite efforts to separate, there was bullying, fights and romantic/sexual mixing if the 7/8 graders with 12th graders.	2/24/2026 9:07 AM
2649	Combining middle and high school seems like a horrible idea for the students. It may be more cost-effective, but I do not think 6th-grade girls need to be in the same building as 12th-grade boys.	2/24/2026 8:34 AM
2650	I believe that the Cedar Grove Cluster band does very well. Band should be taught from the PK level as music education does well for students.	2/24/2026 8:24 AM
2651	Consider the age, maturity, and access of the students today when thinking of placing 6th graders with 12th graders.	2/24/2026 7:54 AM
2652	I think grades bands can be flexible, but need to keep in mind some separation based on maturity/adolescent ages. I.e. if a 6-12 grade scenario occurs, school structure (physical, classes) needs to support the development differences of a 6th grader vs 12th grader.	2/23/2026 10:37 PM
2653	I am unsure how i feel about the grade band. But mentally I prefer the smaller separate brands because children maturity levels clearly differ from these small age adjustments. Blending middle school with upper or high school classmates, I see as a forced maturity culture and can cause over maturity for many ages.	2/23/2026 10:35 PM
2654	I do not agree with the Grade bands due to the age demographics and maturity level of students younger children should not be with older children. Older grades have the ability and advantage point to get a hold to contraband that should not be in school. In addition to that not enough security.	2/23/2026 10:32 PM
2655	I think grade bands at the elementary school level are fine.	2/23/2026 10:29 PM
2656	New Grade bands does not sound like a good idea	2/23/2026 10:15 PM
2657	All clusters need the same Elementary: PK-4, Middle: 5-8, High: 9-12. This fosters a student maturity level, educational capabilities and expectations including education, social and performative.	2/23/2026 10:06 PM
2658	6-12 is a bad idea. Some of the older kids aren’t mature enough to be around that age children.	2/23/2026 8:58 PM
2659	Having smaller grade bands within school creates more flexibility for students' needs	2/23/2026 8:54 PM

2660	I am referencing the Ashford Park /Chamblee Schools/clusters. I believe that high school should be 9-12, middle school should be 6-8. Elementary school can remain at k-5 or split or 4-5 from k-3. I do not believe 6th graders and 12th graders should be in the same building. There is a huge maturity discrepancy in that age range.	2/23/2026 8:34 PM
2661	6-12 is too big of a grade band to place in one location.	2/23/2026 8:11 PM
2662	We are in favor of the current Druid hills high school location becoming a 6-12 school.	2/23/2026 8:00 PM
2663	Not sure i would like my 11yo in the same facility as a 19 yo. I am against this idea.	2/23/2026 7:08 PM
2664	Firmly disagree with putting middle school aged children with high school children. Far too much risk with such broad age ranges.	2/23/2026 6:54 PM
2665	K-12	2/23/2026 6:31 PM
2666	All answers are in reference to the Dunwoody Cluster. I am a Vanderlyn parent of two with one entering K next year and one going to Peachtree Middle next year. The traditional grade bands are best.	2/23/2026 6:08 PM
2667	My schools have not been impacted but I supposed the grade band expansion if the schools can accommodate.	2/23/2026 5:48 PM
2668	None to give.	2/23/2026 4:34 PM
2669	Middle school kids and high school students should not be attending the same school.	2/23/2026 4:02 PM
2670	As for the grade bands scenarios, I believe they should remain traditional. I say that because unless we have the schools set up with grade level academy's then coming together for example middle school with high school will not be safe. I say that because some years ago we had another school to use trailers on our premises and it increase fights in the school and with the other school on sight. I believe having elementary students mixed with middle school students will not be safe as well. Unless the schools are set up with academy's, separate bathrooms (anything can break out like a fight, vaping, gambling or etc.), and different lunch schedule. Why allow a child in grade 1 to experience a fight of upper classmen. Why plant the seed of what they see to solve issues then to what is heard of how to resolve or prevent in an elementary setting. I believe keeping certain age groups separate will not allow opportunities that will expose younger students to negative issues/concerns that older students may see daily or weekly.	2/23/2026 3:54 PM
2671	Regarding the potential grade band scenarios, I strongly support maintaining the traditional K–5 structure at Avondale Elementary within its current cluster. Keeping elementary students together in a consistent K–5 model provides stability, stronger teacher-student relationships, and continuity in academic instruction during critical developmental years. Splitting elementary grades into separate campuses (such as K–2 and 3–5) or altering the grade configuration could create unnecessary transitions and disrupt the progress students have already made. Maintaining the current grade band at Avondale Elementary best supports academic growth, emotional stability, and community cohesion within the cluster. I respectfully request that the district prioritize continuity and avoid restructuring grade bands in ways that would require currently enrolled students to change campuses.	2/23/2026 3:45 PM
2672	expanding grade band will work only if facility is big enough. there are so many trailers added to the various schools, i fear this just lead to costly rebuilding/renovation, while we're trying to run efficiently.	2/23/2026 3:45 PM
2673	I see the benefits of all of them.	2/23/2026 3:31 PM
2674	I'm in the way the situation can work depending on how the county can split the amount of students in certain areas and the number of bus drivers and people living situations but just combining and closing down the schools will be a big issue but the number one thing is the budget and how the budget is using over the years DeKalb county School system been using the budget not like they supposed to do two people lack of responsibilities something needs to change but closing down the schools is not going to help but you really going to have to have parents and teachers and board input before making dramatic decisions like this	2/23/2026 3:28 PM
2675	I believe both proposed grade-band scenarios, PK–3/4–5 configurations, and 6–12 campuses could work well, depending on the specific cluster and community needs. For example, in clusters such as the Stephenson High School cluster or the Martin Luther King Jr. High School cluster, a PK–3/4–5 model could provide strong foundational support during the early learning	2/23/2026 2:52 PM

	years. Separating PK–3 from 4–5 allows schools to focus specifically on early literacy and developmental skills in the lower grades, while upper elementary (4–5) can begin preparing students academically and socially for middle school expectations. This structure gives students a gradual transition rather than a sudden shift. I also support the idea of 6–12 campuses in certain clusters. A 6–12 model could create continuity, stronger relationships between students and staff, and better academic alignment from middle to high school. In clusters where enrollment numbers support it, this could help students feel more stable and better prepared for graduation requirements. As a product of DeKalb County Schools, I attended elementary school through 7th grade and transitioned to high school in 8th grade, and I was successful. Because of that experience, I believe nontraditional grade bands can work when there is structure, support, and clear expectations. Ultimately, whichever model is selected, consistency, academic alignment, and student support should be the priority.	
2676	I don't believe a 6-12 environment would be good, but I do feel a k-8 might be a good option in some areasl.	2/23/2026 2:46 PM
2677	Stop looking at the schools as the problem. Teachers are not the problem schools should not need to be at full capacity. Having no Reading Specialists at some Elementary schools is another Stupid County decision that make s the school look bad. However this is a Dekalb County HQ decision. Fire yourselves.	2/23/2026 2:40 PM
2678	The PK-3 scenario just doesn’t seem feasible. 4 and 5th graders are still young enough to need help getting home from school just as much as pk-3. Also for those who have multiple elementary aged kids- they don’t need another roadblock. As someone with 4 kids I would love the pk-8 schools although I understand how that could make some parents nervous. I think a PK-1 would be better than PK-3.	2/23/2026 2:33 PM
2679	I think grade bands (P-3)/ (4-5)/ (6-8) and (9-12) would create a better community environment for the students. Resources could be distributed according to grade levels and needs. It would be a good balance. The Traditional grade bands are also beneficial.	2/23/2026 2:21 PM
2680	Previous DCSD leaders made a mistake when they adopted the middle school concept. Many stakeholders despise the 3 school model. Not only is it developmentally harmful to many children, it is inconvenient for many families, who may have multiple children in three different schools. Three schools per cluster can create large feeder zones that make it impossible for high school students to fully participate in before- and after-school programs, due to parents' inability to provide transportation. Please provide a scenario proposal for PK-7 and 8-12 clusters. Also, please do not propose any grade band design that expands the number of separate schools with small grade bands, such as PK-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 or similar. This is a nightmare for busy families to keep up with emails, meetings, programs, bus schedules, etc... for so many schools. Please also consider how grade bands impact schools in emergency situations, such as early closures due to inclement weather that have happened in the past. Working parents who suddenly have to leave work and pick up children from 3 separate school buildings is a nightmare for all stakeholders and creates chaos in our communities. A 7th grader can safely walk a younger sibling home from school in an emergency, if they live in close proximity to the school.	2/23/2026 2:08 PM
2681	I am concerned about the current large class sizes at the school.	2/23/2026 1:45 PM
2682	I think the grade bands should stay the same across all clusters.	2/23/2026 1:44 PM
2683	In my opinion 6-12 is too wide of an age gap to be housed in the same school building. 6-8 grade students will be targets for bullying by older students.	2/23/2026 1:35 PM
2684	Would prefer to keep 6th graders out of middle school, but agree that 7th and 8th graders benefit from larger middle schools where they can take more advanced and specialized classes.	2/23/2026 1:25 PM
2685	6th graders should not be banded with rising adults.	2/23/2026 1:20 PM
2686	If this happens, I think it would be important to physically separate older kids from younger kids for safety reasons	2/23/2026 12:59 PM
2687	If elementary & middle or middle & high school students are in the same building, but different "wings" or areas, I think that's fine. But, Kindergarteners and 12th graders shouldn't be crossing paths, in my opinion.	2/23/2026 12:53 PM
2688	The current traditional 3-bands makes most sense for child development.	2/23/2026 12:43 PM

2689	Towers ought to continue functioning as a high school, while Bethune should persist as a middle school. Both institutions boast Celebrity alumni who frequently mention them in various interviews they participate in.	2/23/2026 12:41 PM
2690	In reference to the Cedar Grove Cluster, I believe a better suggestion would be to make Cedar Grove HS an 8th-12th grade school. Allow Cedar Grove Elementary to accommodate K-7th. I am totally against having Cedar Grove High School combine with McNair and making it a middle school.	2/23/2026 12:24 PM
2691	I am not in favor of k-8. I prefer K-5, 6-8, and 9-12	2/23/2026 12:15 PM
2692	Clustering is a bad idea for the students as well as the teachers. The teachers are already having issues with 28 kids in one classroom imagine all those different age groups clustering together. The kids won't be able to focus because it will be too many kids in a classroom too much distractions. Keep the schools the way they are, keep the grades separate they are that way for a reason. Elementary school needs to be Pre-K to maybe 6th grade, that's how my school was in the 2000s. Hire more teachers add better incentives for them to want to work there: dekalb county police is offering bonuses maybe offer new employees bonuses for the new teachers and raises for the teachers that have been at the school for years they need to be paid more so that we can have more teachers that way the schools will not experience this terrible idea you all or Norman Sauce has come up with. Do not let this MAN we don't know ruin our schools please and thank you.	2/23/2026 12:09 PM
2693	I grew up in South DeKalb in the late 70s & 80s where elementary was k-7 & Highschool was 8-12. I started Gordon high back in 85 & it was a nightmare being with 18 & even 19 year old students being preyed on especially when it came to 8th grade girls & senior boys. It was a complete predatory environment. 6th-12th grade together would lead to all types of issues that the county better be ready for!	2/23/2026 12:07 PM
2694	6-12 grade band would prove to be resource effective, however the change and transition for middle aged students need to be priority as to keep the middle school students safe and prioritized.	2/23/2026 12:06 PM
2695	Lithonia Cluster- While my school is overcrowded, Title I, and historically low-performing, I have witnessed real cultural improvements—better student behavior, higher staff collaboration, and a more structured learning environment. A grade-band shift (such as turning Lithonia High into a middle school) introduces: A full student-population reset, including new developmental needs A staffing reassignment process that may disrupt the stability we are finally building A loss of momentum at a time when our culture is improving Because culture is a fragile, long-term effort, major changes should be timed carefully so the gains made in the last two years are not reversed. I understand the data-driven need for realignment as enrollment has dropped significantly across the district. However, grade band shifts require attention to: a. Instructional Coherence Moving from high school to middle school programming requires: -different certification needs -different academic models new intervention structures This must be planned with teacher voice at the center. Our students need consistent systems, SEL supports, and stable leadership. A sudden grade-band shift may create anxiety for families already facing instability and overcrowding. The schools proposed for conversion and closure impact primarily South DeKalb, including Lithonia, Cedar Grove, Towers, and multiple middle schools. This geographic pattern should be examined through an equity lens so we ensure that disproportionate disruption does not fall on one region.	2/23/2026 12:03 PM
2696	Anything that puts adolescents together with 9-12 does not get my vote. 6-8th grade are vulnerable times for the social development of the kids (which is MORE important than academic skills, as we can be lifelong learners ONLY if we are emotional and socially stable adults). Kids need to be kids as long as we can support them be so. Grouping at child levels (pk-5) is less of an issue, and can be beneficial to both younger and older students. But 6-8th graders are at a scientifically and fundamentally different stage of life, and need to have that recognized.	2/23/2026 12:00 PM
2697	Cedar Grove Middle (Current Grades 6–8) Scenario Impact: If Cedar Grove were converted to a 5–8 middle school or merged with neighboring clusters: Pros: Potentially aligns feeder elementary schools and reduces transition points. Cons: Expanding to include 5th grade could strain facilities and resources, and merging 6–8 students into another cluster may disrupt academic and social continuity. Recommendation: Maintain current 6–8 grade band. Cedar Grove Middle has established programs, such as STEM and gifted services, optimized for this grade span. Transition disruptions could negatively impact student learning and engagement.	2/23/2026 11:54 AM

2698	Leave them traditional, too many older generations in	2/23/2026 11:52 AM
2699	For middle schools, this should allow students to grow in a variety of areas.	2/23/2026 11:47 AM
2700	Elementary, middle and highschool	2/23/2026 11:45 AM
2701	1-4, 5-8, 9-12. McNair cluster	2/23/2026 11:42 AM
2702	Grade band scenarios sound logical. Many parents with children in middle/high will find it easier to digest if siblings are pulled together during the transition.	2/23/2026 11:40 AM
2703	I think the middle school and high schools should be separated because children develop at different stages.	2/23/2026 11:39 AM
2704	I came from a K-7 / 8-12 model in DCSD back in the day. After seeing my own children move through the PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 model, I'm not so sure that we didn't have it better back in my day.	2/23/2026 11:36 AM
2705	In reviewing the potential grade band scenarios, I encourage careful consideration of how changes would affect specific schools and clusters, particularly in terms of balance, continuity, and community impact. For example, in the southern cluster, shifting elementary schools to a K–5 model while transitioning the middle grades to a centralized 6–8 configuration may create larger enrollment concentrations and longer transition points for students. If certain southern schools are proposed to move to a K–4 structure feeding into a 5–8 campus, the district should closely evaluate capacity, transportation implications, and the academic and social-emotional impact of introducing an additional transition year. Conversely, in northern clusters where schools may remain in a traditional K–5 and 6–8 model, it will be important to assess whether resource allocation, programming access, and enrollment stability remain equitable across regions. If any individual schools are proposed to shift to a K–8 or 6–12 configuration, additional clarity is needed regarding staffing, scheduling, extracurricular access, and facility readiness to support those expanded grade bands. Overall, I recommend that each proposed grade band scenario clearly outline the rationale for specific schools or clusters, demonstrate equitable regional distribution, and provide transparent data on enrollment projections, capacity, transportation impact, and academic outcomes to support informed decision-making.	2/23/2026 10:31 AM
2706	The Lakeside cluster would benefit most from preserving its current structure and avoiding unnecessary disruption. Oak Grove is projected to operate at 96% utilization next year, and Sagamore Hills is already near capacity at 91%. While Briarlake is at 73%, it would need to take on a substantial portion of Oak Grove's enrollment under a consolidation scenario, which would rapidly tighten its available space. This area is not shrinking—far from it. The cluster borders a major regional employment hub anchored by rapidly expanding healthcare and research institutions, bringing significant workforce and residential growth to the surrounding neighborhoods. In a corridor where student demand is increasing, the traditional PK–5 model continues to be the best fit. Grade-band restructuring should be directed first toward clusters with chronic underutilization, rather than those experiencing sustained growth and strong community stability.	2/23/2026 10:23 AM
2707	For the Lakeside cluster—which includes Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, and Briarlake—maintaining stability should be the primary goal. Oak Grove is projected to reach 96% utilization next year, while Sagamore Hills is already operating at 91%. Although Briarlake is currently at 73%, it would be tasked with absorbing a large share of Oak Grove's students if a consolidation were approved, pushing it quickly toward higher utilization as well. This cluster is not experiencing enrollment decline. In fact, it sits adjacent to one of Georgia's most significant medical and research expansion corridors, where thousands of new jobs and major institutional investments are driving ongoing population growth. Given these conditions, traditional PK–5 grade bands remain the most appropriate structure for this high-utilization, fast-growing area. Any large-scale grade reconfiguration efforts should begin in clusters that are facing persistent, long-term underutilization—not in areas where demand continues to rise.	2/23/2026 10:14 AM
2708	I am open to the potential grade band scenarios in order to not lose some of the key schools in the county. This makes the most sense for the schools that can fit the amount of students the bands would require for consolidation.	2/23/2026 9:24 AM
2709	I prefer geographic cohesiveness to grad band allocation. I do not think 6-12 is a safe and healthy grade band option in our county.	2/23/2026 9:02 AM
2710	As someone who serves 7 grades (PK-5th) I see a huge range of developmental growth. It makes more sense to me to have administration and staff focused on a smaller more targeted	2/23/2026 9:02 AM

	learning range. It seems that it would make more sense to group students by developmental stages creating a staff that is more informed. In addition, I see elementary teachers being shifted from grade to grade - a 3rd grade teachers moved to 1st; 1st grade teacher moved to 5th - due to the changing student numbers. With small grade bands teachers will have more experience and knowledge of the students developmental stages and I believe a better educator.	
2711	There is NOTHING good that can come from 6th and 12th graders being in the same educational space. You will terrify younger kids and push them to pull away from their school community before they get to be an upper classman/woman.	2/23/2026 8:54 AM
2712	Will there be a smaller or bigger lottery system for age groups not in kindergarten? Will all grade levels receive at least 2 teachers if the schools will be consolidated? With future budget cuts how will this impact resources already allocated for the current school year?	2/23/2026 8:44 AM
2713	I'm not a fan of any of the scenarios.	2/23/2026 8:35 AM
2714	If the grade band scenario affects PreK-5 grade level transitions only, then I believe they can be different based on needs or preference. If the grade band scenario breaks from traditional for grades 6-8/9-12 then they all need to be the same.	2/23/2026 8:34 AM
2715	I would be happy with a school will a wider grade range as long as, for example, 6th graders are kept in their own hallway away from 12th graders. Feels unnecessary to overlap too much.	2/23/2026 7:54 AM
2716	Na	2/23/2026 12:19 AM
2717	I strongly oppose the proposed grade band changes because they would create unnecessary instability for students during critical stages of their academic and social development. Increasing the number of school transitions would disrupt learning continuity, friendships, and emotional stability, while larger consolidated schools could reduce individualized attention and support. Our students need consistency and strong relationships with teachers and peers, not another major restructuring that adds stress and uncertainty.	2/22/2026 11:52 PM
2718	The potential grade band scenarios are not supported for any school or cluster. The grade levels should not be intermixing at new levels.	2/22/2026 11:10 PM
2719	Limpieza diaria en baños, salones de clase, cafetería, etc.	2/22/2026 10:34 PM
2720	So much effort and money is wasted moving schools and converting schools. Schools should be flexiblr and never torn down and converted to green space. Schools should not use trailers! If enrollments fluctuate, then that is the cyclical nature of schools. Maybe parents would not have to resort to private schools for their children if their children are not in mold-infested trailers in overcrowded schools. If pre-K programs are available at more schools, that would help bolster enrollments.	2/22/2026 9:08 PM
2721	I do not believe the proposed grade band scenarios are a great idea at this time. In particular, I have concerns about how the changes would impact the schools within the Henderson Mill cluster and the proposed restructuring of grade configurations. Altering established grade bands can significantly disrupt school culture, instructional continuity, and relationships that have been intentionally built between students, staff, and families. Stability in grade configuration supports vertical alignment, consistent expectations, and smoother academic transitions for students. Additionally, shifting grade bands may create unintended challenges related to transportation, scheduling, staffing, and student social-emotional development, especially if students are required to transition schools more frequently.	2/22/2026 8:53 PM
2722	I am sure now, but High-school are very crowed	2/22/2026 7:43 PM
2723	Grade Bands - I don't understand why you would not have the following due to GA Milestone testing: PK-2 Grades 3-5 Not sure why you would put 6-12 together (too big of a change in hormones and learning) as well of K-8. I don't feel grade bands would be as effective.	2/22/2026 7:28 PM
2724	6-12 is a reach. I believe 7-12 is a better band. Sixth graders seem to be getting smaller, so I don't think putting them in schools with high schoolers is smart.	2/22/2026 7:15 PM
2725	The Dekalb County schools were the best school district in Atlanta 23 years ago. We need to go back to what was working then. K-8, 9-12.	2/22/2026 5:53 PM
2726	The best scenario is for communities to stay together. Brockett was previously a K-8 school and would have success with stability. K-8 would also promote the future growth and continuity	2/22/2026 5:49 PM

	for residents in the City of Tucker. Residents would be able to plan for years of schooling at a time without the need for stress, confusion, and isolation that overcrowding, being bussed in, and school choice bring to parents and students.	
2727	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/22/2026 5:40 PM
2728	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/22/2026 5:40 PM
2729	Concerns around 12 year olds and 18 year olds being in same school, so would need more information on separation.	2/22/2026 4:02 PM
2730	The traditional band makes more sense to me.	2/22/2026 3:52 PM
2731	My only concern is where my child will fit in the cluster, and if my child be moved to Dunwoody or Chestnut since both are 1 mile from our home.	2/22/2026 3:43 PM
2732	I would love to see very little schools closed. I agree the district should reconsider the grade ban located at schools. I, particularly, am drawn to a PK-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 grade ban plan. Under this design, I believe specialization and differentiation can exist within multiple grade-level homerooms for PreK to 2nd and departmentalized classrooms for grades third thru fifth. Upper grade-level elementary students should be grouped on ability tracks beginning in third grade. It allows teachers to truly address the needs of each ability track while appropriately providing rigor that stretches them to the next ability level. In a perfect world, this strategic system of ability grouping should move forward into middle and high school. Of course MAP scores, gifted testing results, teacher observations/recommendations, and other factors, can catapult students to other tracks.	2/22/2026 3:17 PM
2733	I believe neighborhood elementary school schools are important. It allows parents to be involved in school activities and then the life of their student. It would be a sad day when students must be busted or transported long distances to get to school. Therefore, I believe the bands should stay as they are.	2/22/2026 3:11 PM
2734	We both grew up in and enjoyed school districts with traditional grade bands. We would not be open to wider grade bands than the traditional. We feel that there should be a way to distinguish varying levels of performance within the same grade. Having a school with a large, consolidated grade band, such as PK-8, would make it difficult to discretize students of the same grade year.	2/22/2026 2:43 PM
2735	Again, I don't think that we need to consolidate grade bands, which would increase these campuses further. Smaller campuses have shown a better participation with parents, teachers, and students. If you combine grade bands and increase these campuses further number of the student body on a campus, you are furthering the overload on the faculty while also allowing more students to become anonymous and fall through the cracks. Just another face in the overwhelming crowd.	2/22/2026 1:54 PM
2736	3rd grade	2/22/2026 1:16 PM
2737	I personally prefer the traditional PK-5, 6-8 and 9-12 grade band option mostly because it best aligns to student cognitive, social and emotional stages. I remember when I was a child in Dekalb County schools with a K-7 and 8-12 grade band approach and the difference between a 5 and 12-13 year old is quite daunting particularly on a school bus where everyone is mixed together with limited adult supervision given the driver needs to be focused on driving. Today, Dekalb already has a mix of traditional and PK-8 schools (e.g. Smoke Rise, Pleasantdale). Is	2/22/2026 12:12 PM

	there a benefit or preference for consistency vs. flexibility to different grade bands in different areas across the county?	
2738	If the only consideration is enrollment, to maintain consistent, stable numbers in elementary schools, DCSD could consider magnet programs beginning in grade 6. Losing students to Kittredge and Wadsworth contributes to lower enrollment in high-performing schools.	2/22/2026 11:25 AM
2739	The placement of students in magnet programs should shift at middle school (starting year 6) to stabilize elementary school enrollment numbers.	2/22/2026 10:24 AM
2740	I didn't like the i	2/22/2026 9:34 AM
2741	Unsure	2/22/2026 8:31 AM
2742	No one should be listening to recommendations from a committee run by Sarita Smith until she and other employees put in place by Horton have been fully investigated and the community feels safe.	2/22/2026 7:30 AM
2743	I am confused about this idea. I did not think the scenarios included any specific grade band scenarios, so I am wondering if I missed that.	2/21/2026 7:24 PM
2744	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/21/2026 7:03 PM
2745	I like the traditional grade bands. If schools were smaller, I would be open to pk-8 or 6-12 but not in large schools with 900+ students. That feels too big and like less of a community where relationships could be formed across the board school and grade levels.	2/21/2026 6:09 PM
2746	Typo! Maybe someone got left behind :) Maybe a smaller classroom would have gotten better results	2/21/2026 2:07 PM
2747	Robert shaw elementary .we are more than happy if it changed to middle school	2/21/2026 1:24 PM
2748	I recommend to be grade bands to be middle school	2/21/2026 1:13 PM
2749	I think all grade bands should stay the same.	2/21/2026 9:52 AM
2750	I think if unable to expand Huntley Hills, we could possibly shift to a PK-3 through 3rd. That seems like a reasonable accommodation! We could get their foundations stronger too.	2/21/2026 5:29 AM
2751	If some elementary schools have to be closed, still keep the traditional current grade bands for the Lakeside Cluster. Redraw attendance zones and consolidate elementary schools to have grades PK-5 to accommodate families with multiple children at that age.	2/21/2026 1:02 AM
2752	I do not have strong opinion about this, ann am open to suggestions and change. I went to a school system with k-6 and 7-12 and it worked well for me. The only thing I know from experience and from academic research is that the grade band is something that depends a lot on the socio-economic making of the community, and so may be best used in different ways and different places.	2/20/2026 10:45 PM
2753	I am uncertain how to respond to the grand band scenarios. I think the answer is it depends? I would be more open to discussion about these.	2/20/2026 10:27 PM
2754	I don't think this is a great idea. Closing schools and combining them. Rock chapel seems pretty full. The school is amazing and so is the staff. Instead of this making a different in our community it's destroying it. I don't agree with SAP. I'm a product of Dekalb County Schools. The only thing I like new is the curriculum.	2/20/2026 9:34 PM
2755	I think It's best to keep the school the way it is. So many families move here to be part of this wonderful school.	2/20/2026 9:12 PM
2756	I'm sorry, I don't see any reference to clusters in what you're describing -- or do you just mean the specific elementary/middle/high schools a given respondent is part of?? I think grade bands are an interesting idea (specifically, fewer grades in a school), as it would seem like	2/20/2026 8:17 PM

	they would promote stronger learning and ability to identify and focus on missing skills in students. BUT, it's a little hard to envision how this would work for parents with multiple children in schools unless the schools were clustered in very close geographic proximity and ran on a schedule about 15 minutes apart (for drop-off and pick-up purposes) -- or were in multiple buildings located on the same campus. I think that if you really want to get blue-sky about managing facilities AND trying to creating a stronger educational environment to draw people to DeKalb, ideas like that are what you should be looking more closely at.	
2757	You should do away with middle school and have K to 8 if you make bigger schools. Middle school is the worst	2/20/2026 5:41 PM
2758	Na	2/20/2026 5:20 PM
2759	In my opinion, PreK-7th should be band together and then 8-12th. There is no need for middle school. It has not proven to do anything but cause a lot of turmoil, identity crisis, and drama. This is the way Dekalb used to be and perhaps we should return to this configuration.	2/20/2026 2:30 PM
2760	A better approach to consistent grade bands and scalable gifted/magnet programs is needed. Specifically, Kittredge is not a scalable solution and only applies to grades 4-6. This disrupts students elementary and middle school experience.	2/20/2026 2:26 PM
2761	I do not approve	2/20/2026 2:03 PM
2762	Need to show how the rezoning lines would move to see where we would now potentially be placed to be able to have strong feelings. Need to take into account to population of a school and its rating and why it is rated as it is. Apartments zoned into school or not etc.	2/20/2026 1:04 PM
2763	The expansion/renovation of Ashford park is preferred. If expansion is not achievable, I would highly prefer the continued renovation of the school and a grade band of PreK-3d grade. That would solve an overcrowding issue and keep the young kids close to home and walkable. Can the Nancy Creek school be used as a potential grade band for 4&5 grades.	2/20/2026 12:51 PM
2764	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/20/2026 12:25 PM
2765	I think the traditional grade bands are best. If a school needs to be spilt, then I think elementary schools in Chamblee could be split into an upper and lower elementary school. I do not like the idea of having middle school age kids and kindergartners in the same building. Or 6th grade and high school students. For Montgomery Elementary, I could see utilizing the old Nancy Creek Elementary school building for a 4-5th grade upper Montgomery school or a pre-k (3s and 4s) through 1st grade lower Montgomery school.	2/20/2026 11:14 AM
2766	Not enough information was shared about how the different grade bands support student academic growth. PK-2, 3-5 might also be considered. This would put all the elementary Milestones testing grades in one building. If the big literacy bill Is passes, it would also put a literacy coach with both grade bands. Coaches are for k-3 schools, however, if k-2, 3-5 schools exist, each school would be eligible for a coach, which would support more students.	2/20/2026 11:05 AM
2767	I feel like I need more information about how exactly this would work to give an opinion. I have some reservations, but I'm open to considering it.	2/20/2026 10:44 AM
2768	Grade bands will always be an issue because of the "aging" of grade bands. When the birthdate/age criteria changed, the number of 18-year olds in high schools for an entire senior increased dramatically. That being said, 10th and 12th graders should be separated into a Senior High school that will facilitate dual enrollments in colleges, technical schools, or specialized college preparatory programs.	2/20/2026 10:43 AM
2769	I like it how it is now	2/20/2026 9:10 AM
2770	I think Smokerise Elementary could house K-8 grade.	2/20/2026 8:49 AM
2771	I would keep the PreK-5, 6-8 and 9-12 model	2/19/2026 11:27 PM

2772	Prek to 5 th grade	2/19/2026 10:26 PM
2773	I am all for being flexible with grade bands but please don't create schools for 4-5 grade band. This seems like a logistical nightmare for school busses and families, especially with multiple kids.	2/19/2026 10:11 PM
2774	3	2/19/2026 9:11 PM
2775	I think it would be more appropriate age wise to have elementary and 6-12 grade bands if that will be considered. Middle schoolers are generally going through more physical and hormonal changes as are high schoolers. Though, it should still be considered to keep them separate at each stage.	2/19/2026 8:54 PM
2776	I am most familiar with and in favor of the P-5/6-8/9-12 divisions. I think it best reflects common developmental stages and simplifies transportation requirements.	2/19/2026 8:38 PM
2777	Absolutely it should be K through a not 6 through 12 that is just too much mixing for that age group K through 8th sounds better	2/19/2026 8:32 PM
2778	If Austin Elementary School because a K-8, or if there another middle school created separate from Peachtree, I know many families would keep their children in the public school system. With the large concerns regarding Peachtree Middle, parents send their children to private and in some cases keep them there. If the elementary school were made K-8, it would eliminate the need for Peachtree Middle School and give families a better option in keeping their kids in Dekalb County. By eliminating the transition to a new school during a crucial time in a child's adolescent years, it shows significant growth academically and socially. I also feel that something needs to be done regarding Dunwoody High School. How is it considered safe to have students in the trailers around the building? In today's day and age, safety is a huge concern and those trailers allow people to have direct access to many students at once. I cannot believe that this has not been addressed.	2/19/2026 8:03 PM
2779	Don't love combining middle with HS. I feel elementary could go up to 6 or 7, then 7 or 8 go to HS.	2/19/2026 7:59 PM
2780	I feel if we are going to consider grade bands then consider putting K-7; 8-9; 10-12. I believe this will allow a more effective transition for exceptional education students and 9th graders to get accustomed to credits without having all of the distractions of older high school students. This will also allow for our 14 and 15 year olds to not be in the same classes with our 18 and 19 year olds.	2/19/2026 7:49 PM
2781	I don't see any benefit in changing the grade bands. Of all the problems our students face socially these days, separating them more doesn't seem like it's solving anything except cost. And yet the taxes keep going up, so where's the problem? Fewer students, more taxes. Seems like a win for the schools and stidents	2/19/2026 7:48 PM
2782	I prefer a more traditional pk-k, elementary 1-5, middle 6-8, and high school 9-12 band scenario. My children both started school in pk4 and I've seen the addition of pk3. I have personally found school events challenging when everyone is invited at the same time. Specifically a school gym event with pk3-5th grade where older kids we not appropriate with younger children. Parents of older children not adequately supervising their kids and not wanting to participate in future events with a 8 grade spread. I do love our Montessori cluster of pk4/k, 1-3, 4-5th there are many benefits of looping clusters and building that teacher relationship.	2/19/2026 7:30 PM
2783	This sounds ridiculous. Why don't want to stick all the kids together in a factory setting.	2/19/2026 7:29 PM
2784	Cedar Grove Elementary, Middle and High appears to be attacked by this and while Cedar Grove Middle is fairly new, the elementary and high holds traditional value to the community. I believe look at schools that have been most recently added to the communities and identify if they have benefited the communities not just through the enrollment but the student performance, community engagement, and parental involvement. For those schools have shown upward trends in those 3 areas, they should NOT be considered for closing but used as models to what other schools could be in the district by repurposing those that are not doing as such. The grade bands of K-8, 4-8, and 7-12 should be great considerations for Cedar Grove Elementary and High especially with the renovations that have recently occurred at Cedar Grove High School.	2/19/2026 7:08 PM
2785	Keep the grades together as they are currently. Younger children don't need to be exposed to	2/19/2026 6:45 PM

	older children and the normal things that they go through for that age.	
2786	Elementary should be from PreK to 6, middle 7 - 8, and maintain high school as 9 - 12.	2/19/2026 6:37 PM
2787	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore, Briarlake) I see no benefits for different grade band scenarios. We are hitting utilization goals so no real point to change up grade bands. I also think developmentally- having 6th graders in the same building as 12th graders seems dangerous and makes no sense. You can use different grade band scenarios if the schools are severely underutilized.	2/19/2026 5:24 PM
2788	I am a proponent of the 3 bands of grades - pre-k - 5th; 6-8; 9-12 I am concerned about any plan that combines 6 to 12 and that adds older students to a pre-k through 5th school	2/19/2026 5:13 PM
2789	In the Lithonia HS cluster, we should have the PK-8/9-12 grade bands. Students are not experiencing success in middle school. It truly serves no purpose. Doing this creates just one transition for students and families. This could also eliminate the dressed time difference of middle school (9am-4pm).	2/19/2026 4:19 PM
2790	Todos los grados son importantes, en la escuela Evansdale elememtary	2/19/2026 4:09 PM
2791	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/19/2026 3:57 PM
2792	No opinion on this question as a community member	2/19/2026 2:46 PM
2793	For the Dunwoody community, the banding as is PK-5, 6-8, 9-12 works very well. While I do understand the need for other banding in other areas, I do not think a change to that banding is applicable here.	2/19/2026 2:44 PM
2794	There no clusters for Stoneview elementary homes residential side!!	2/19/2026 2:12 PM
2795	Depends on the students in the cluster as to how you configure	2/19/2026 1:49 PM
2796	Lakeside has been over capacity for quite a few years now. Rather than close any of their feeder elementary schools, how about looking into moving 6th grade back to elementary and 9th to Henderson Middle? For this particular cluster, that would seem to make sense rather than having empty buildings/properties to either dispose of or still incur costs on.	2/19/2026 12:56 PM
2797	Grade bands should remain in tact for proper peer support	2/19/2026 11:33 AM
2798	Based on the high utilization rate of Oak Grove as well as surrounding schools (Briarlake and Sagamore), and the growth is projected to continue with the new CHOA campus being so close. In fact I can name five families that moved to this area recently for job opportunities there.	2/19/2026 11:23 AM
2799	I think developmentally, it's best to keep the grade bands either the same or potentially splitting elementary school.	2/19/2026 10:01 AM
2800	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized, and the traditional PK-5 cluster is still appropriate.	2/19/2026 7:13 AM
2801	In the Lakeside cluster, the traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 model is preferred, but only if facilities are appropriately sized. Currently, Henderson Middle is massively over-enrolled, creating a restrictive, 'jail-like' environment for students. Any grade band change must prioritize moving students out of portable trailers and into permanent, modernized classrooms that reflect the high property taxes paid by this community.	2/19/2026 4:44 AM
2802	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in	2/18/2026 9:33 PM

	a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	
2803	If choosing an alternative grade band than the current model allows for Vanderlyn to remain open, I am open to changing grade bands	2/18/2026 9:22 PM
2804	I prefer to keep it PK-5, 6-8, and 9-12.	2/18/2026 8:34 PM
2805	Do not change anything.	2/18/2026 7:05 PM
2806	I don't have much of opinion on that. My child doesn't participate or n band at the moment	2/18/2026 7:00 PM
2807	The combined Vanderlyn and Dunwoody High School campus presents an opportunity to explore thoughtful, phased solutions that address secondary capacity while preserving elementary access	2/18/2026 5:00 PM
2808	The possibility of a grade ban scenario could be favorable but the traditional clusters that currently exist are preferred. I believe a grade band of PK-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12 is most ideal based on adolescence.	2/18/2026 4:57 PM
2809	I like the PK-3 idea, but prefer PK-2.	2/18/2026 4:41 PM
2810	El grupo de kinder es un grupo muy excelente con padres muy participativos	2/18/2026 4:33 PM
2811	Only one who is ignorant of child development stages, would seriously consider putting grades 6 through 12 aged students, in the same physical learning environment.	2/18/2026 4:27 PM
2812	I think a K-8 grade band could be helpful to families as this provides less transitions, more time for families to be in one building and longer for staff/student/family relationships to grow.	2/18/2026 4:24 PM
2813	Grade band scenarios concern me less than losing the DLI program	2/18/2026 3:36 PM
2814	I do not think it is a good idea to combine K-8 or 6-12 in one building. I do like the idea of PK-3.	2/18/2026 3:12 PM
2815	I don't believe 6-12 graders being together in the same school is a good idea. The educational and safety needs of that age range would be too different.	2/18/2026 2:56 PM
2816	I have no experience with grade bands other than k-5, 6-8, 9-12. I have only one high school age child and I do not think it would effect him as a rising junior.	2/18/2026 1:53 PM
2817	I like the idea but those schools would need to two teacher librarians and an LMA.	2/18/2026 1:27 PM
2818	I would be more hesitant about grouping 6-12, given that the developmental differences between a 6th grader and 12th grader are so high.	2/18/2026 1:26 PM
2819	6 - 12 graders in on school is NOT reasonable nor does it seem manageable. The age range and maturity level is too big of a gap. With behaviors the way they are currently, its a NO!! 11 year olds with 18-19 year olds.....NO!	2/18/2026 1:15 PM
2820	In Metro Atlanta 6th grade is too young to combine with 12 graders - period. Perhaps 8-12 if it is absolutely necessary.	2/18/2026 12:58 PM
2821	Oak Grove is an important elementary resource for our community.	2/18/2026 12:29 PM
2822	Given the district's long-term enrollment decline and facility imbalance, I believe we should reconsider the traditional PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 grade band model. These structures were designed decades ago under very different enrollment and growth conditions. The current challenges require creative, non-traditional solutions rather than adherence to historical norms. Redistricting alone should not be the primary lever for solving capacity issues—especially when it disrupts stable communities. Adjusting grade bands presents a more innovative and potentially less disruptive alternative. For example, if a cluster such as Chamblee is overcrowded and physical expansion is not feasible, the district could distribute grade levels across multiple buildings within the cluster. We already have examples of non-traditional configurations working successfully, such as Kittridge beginning at 3rd grade. Similar models could be expanded thoughtfully. One possible approach would be: Separating older elementary grades (e.g., 4–5 or 3–5) into a dedicated upper-elementary building Pairing younger middle school grades (e.g., 6–7) in another building Reconfiguring buildings strategically to optimize capacity without forcing large-scale boundary shifts Upper elementary and early middle grades are developmentally closer than early elementary and upper elementary. A 4–5 and 6 configuration, for example, could ease the transition to middle school while allowing more	2/18/2026 11:31 AM

	efficient use of space across underutilized facilities. Rebalancing grade bands: Maximizes existing infrastructure Reduces the need for disruptive redistricting Preserves community stability Allows clusters to maintain continuity while addressing overcrowding The district is facing new demographic realities. This is precisely the time to consider structural innovation. Creative grade reconfiguration, implemented thoughtfully and with community input, may offer a more strategic and less divisive solution than shifting attendance boundaries alone.	
2823	I believe the grade bands should stay as they are.	2/18/2026 11:18 AM
2824	I think it's important to keep the younger kids "young" as long as possible - meaning, it's important to keep the high school aged kids separate from the younger kids and the middle school aged kids separate from the younger kids. Re the high schoolers - they just have a lot more going on (college apps, grades mean more, more developed extracurriculars, driving, being real - more exposure to drinking/drugs) as they transition into adulthood. Similarly, middle schoolers are growing a lot during those years. Let's let them make their age-appropriate mistakes in a contained environment where others are similarly equipped to handle those mistakes.	2/18/2026 11:17 AM
2825	Grade banding seems like a unique solution that will add to the overall community feel of the schools but may raise issues when it comes to younger student to older student interactions	2/18/2026 10:32 AM
2826	PK-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12 OR PK-2, 3-8, 9-12	2/18/2026 10:25 AM
2827	Larger schools don’t work for younger students and their families. The fear students felt in transitioning to middle school was real. It always seems to be dismissed in the rush to be efficient. Additionally, small elementary schools allow local families to socially bond in ways that CANNOT be replicated in larger and more distant schools.	2/18/2026 10:16 AM
2828	Henderson MS has a very large # of students apparently. This was one reason I did not send my 3 kids to Dekalb for MS.	2/18/2026 10:01 AM
2829	I disagree with including 6-12 students all in one building. Socially that may not be feasible.	2/18/2026 9:59 AM
2830	The grade band should say the same. I don't see the point of changing it.	2/18/2026 9:35 AM
2831	As a parent with children at Montgomery Elementary and Kittredge Magnet School in the Chamblee cluster, I have significant concerns about potential grade band changes and how they would affect both continuity and instructional quality. 1. K–5 to K–4 / 5–6 Model (Elementary to Intermediate Split) If the district is considering shifting current K–5 elementary schools such as Montgomery Elementary (K–5) to a K–4 model, with Grade 5 moving to an intermediate (5–6) campus feeding into Chamblee Middle School (6–8), I would strongly urge caution. Fifth grade plays a critical leadership role within elementary schools. Removing Grade 5 changes school culture and eliminates leadership opportunities for students. A 5–6 intermediate model adds an additional school transition (K–4 → 5–6 → 7–8 → 9–12), which may increase stress and reduce stability. Transportation time and logistics for families with multiple children would become more complicated. Unless there is a clearly articulated academic benefit (e.g., stronger STEM labs, targeted middle-grade supports), this feels like structural change for operational reasons rather than student-centered ones. If pursued, the district should show clear evidence that a 5–6 campus improves outcomes compared to the current K–5 → 6–8 structure. 2. K–8 Model Expansion in the Chamblee Cluster If one potential scenario involves creating or expanding K–8 schools within the Chamblee cluster (for example, converting an existing elementary into a K–8), this model has some appealing aspects: Fewer transitions (K–8 → 9–12 at Chamblee High). Stronger long-term peer and family community. Increased stability for students socially and academically. However, implementation details matter: Would K–8 schools have true middle school-level electives, athletics, band, and advanced math tracks comparable to Chamblee Middle School (6–8)? Would gifted, ESOL, and special education services be fully staffed at scale? How would this impact enrollment and programming at Chamblee Middle School? A partial K–8 rollout that weakens either the elementary or middle school experience would not be beneficial. 3. Shifting 6th Grade to Elementary (K–6 / 7–8 Model) If the district is considering moving to a K–6 elementary and 7–8 middle school model within the Chamblee feeder pattern, I would have academic and developmental concerns: Sixth grade is often when students begin changing classes, accessing higher-level math, and participating in structured extracurriculars. Montgomery Elementary (currently K–5) is not physically or structurally designed to support a full middle-grades experience. A 7–8-only Chamblee Middle School could lose economies of scale for electives and extracurricular offerings. Unless there is significant capital investment and staffing redesign, this shift may dilute program quality rather than enhance it. 4. Impact on	2/18/2026 9:26 AM

	Kittredge Magnet School Kittredge Magnet School operates as a magnet program serving grades 4–6. Any grade band restructuring must carefully protect: The integrity of the 4–6 magnet model. Advanced math pathways that feed into Chamblee Middle and ultimately Chamblee High. Transportation equity for magnet families. If elementary schools move to K–4 or K–6, how will that align with Kittredge's 4–6 structure? Misalignment could create unintended barriers to magnet participation or disrupt established academic pathways. 5. Feeder Continuity into Chamblee High School (9–12) All grade band scenarios should be evaluated through the full K–12 lens: Will students arrive at Chamblee High School (9–12) academically prepared and socially supported? Will advanced coursework pipelines (accelerated math, IB/AP pathways) remain intact? Will changes increase or reduce enrollment volatility at the high school level? Overall Recommendation Before adopting any grade band changes in the Chamblee cluster (Montgomery Elementary K–5, Kittredge 4–6, Chamblee Middle 6–8, Chamblee High 9–12), the district should clearly demonstrate: Academic advantages — not just operational efficiency. Minimal additional transitions for students. Preservation of magnet integrity and advanced academic pathways. Transportation impact analysis for families with multiple children. Multi-year stability — not structural changes that may be reversed in a few years. As a parent of three children moving through this feeder pattern, predictability and program quality matter just as much as facility utilization. Structural shifts should strengthen — not fragment — the Chamblee cluster experience.	
2832	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/18/2026 9:16 AM
2833	The grade band scenaries are not adequately described for each cluster. I cannot comment until there is more clarity.	2/18/2026 8:43 AM
2834	In the EL. Bouie, Champion Theme, Arabia Mountain or area schools cluster, I have concerns about moving to a K–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 grade band if it means students, especially 5th graders, have to switch schools earlier. This could affect their learning, adjustment, and transportation. If a K–8 model is considered, it may help by keeping students in one school longer, but space, staffing, and resources would need to be planned carefully. I hope decisions will focus on keeping students stable and minimizing disruption for families.	2/18/2026 8:42 AM
2835	Having 6th grade with elementary has never been a great thing. I was in DeKalb when elementary went up to 7the grade. The bullying increases and the older kids are not great influences on the younger ones.	2/18/2026 8:25 AM
2836	Breaking down the elementary schools into grade bands seems like a good idea to me, similar to what city of Decatur has done. However, as middle school teacher in the county as well. It's seems absurd to close down south DeKalb middle schools and possibly plan to make a 6-12 school. It seems that this choice disregards the research established as it relates to middle school aged children and their specific social and learning needs. The plan into a push these south DeKalb babies into failing high schools to maximize a building space?? These a humans not numbers! Pk3-2 makes sense. 3-5 or even 3-6 makes sense developmentally. But robbing as certain demographic of a true middle school experience is unjust.	2/18/2026 5:52 AM
2837	As is is working well… from where I stand. Pk - 5 is good, 6-8 are pre teens and all experiencing some of the same things. 9-12 starts to shape each grade for the next level. The fact that bigger kids leave the house last helps working parents get the younger kids off to school.	2/18/2026 12:10 AM
2838	I think putting middle school and high school together would be detrimental and potentially unsafe for middle schoolers. There is such a HUGE developmental difference between 10 year olds and 18 year olds, and the safety concerns facing older kids across several categories (sexuality, drugs, internet/screen use, etc) are much more weighty safety issues than those in the younger grades. Middle school is already hard enough; I would not feel safe having my 6th/7th grader in a public school with high schoolers. Separating PK-3 and 4-5 makes a transportation nightmare for parents! Every parent with multiple kids would pretty much ALWAYS have them in different schools at every age! The PK-8 arrangement, while also a wide age gap, feels safer and easier to navigate. I would be okay with that option or with the traditional structure.	2/17/2026 11:32 PM

2839	Elementry	2/17/2026 9:28 PM
2840	Fully agree. However I have concerns about putting 6 graders with Highschool students.	2/17/2026 9:21 PM
2841	Grade banding is a horrible idea and has little to no evidence of benefits. If we wanted special programs, parents could choose Montessori or Julie Billiart type charter schools. I can't even believe what I'm reading.	2/17/2026 9:14 PM
2842	I have significant concerns about grade band changes, particularly for elementary-age students. Increasing the number of school transitions may introduce avoidable academic and social-emotional disruption at critical developmental stages. Stability and continuity are especially important in early education, where strong peer relationships, teacher familiarity, and consistent support systems directly influence student success. While I understand the operational rationale for exploring alternative grade band models, I do not support configurations that increase student transitions or separate siblings across multiple schools. For young learners, minimizing structural disruption should remain a priority alongside facility efficiency considerations. Banding models such as PK-3 / 4-5 may create significant logistical burdens for families, including multiple school schedules, increased transportation complexity, and greater challenges for working parents. These impacts disproportionately affect families with younger children and may unintentionally reduce satisfaction and district retention. DCSD should prioritize student stability, developmental appropriateness, and family impact when evaluating grade band options. Configurations that increase transitions or fragment neighborhood school communities may carry long-term academic, social, and enrollment risks that outweigh projected operational benefits. Grade band changes should be evaluated not only through efficiency and capacity metrics, but also through the lens of student experience and family realities. Elementary students benefit from consistent environments and relationships over time. Structural models that introduce additional transitions or divide siblings across schools may undermine those benefits and create unintended consequences for both students and families.	2/17/2026 9:07 PM
2843	I do not think 6-12 should be an option. A 6–12 grade band creates a very large developmental gap, placing early adolescents alongside near-adults. Sixth graders are still developing socially and emotionally, while twelfth graders are preparing for independence, which can expose younger students to social dynamics and behaviors they are not ready to navigate. This structure also makes it harder to maintain age-appropriate programming, expectations, and activities. Middle school students benefit from environments designed specifically for early adolescent growth, and combining them into a high school–dominant setting may reduce their sense of safety, belonging, and engagement. A PK-8 grade band can be appropriate in certain scenarios, especially in specialized programs like high achievers or language immersion.	2/17/2026 8:55 PM
2844	I think grade band scenarios are good for elementary students. I do not think that grade banding would be a good idea for middle and high school students. Middle school students need to stay to themselves because it is such a critical/sensitive time. Being around high school students is not an ideal situation.	2/17/2026 8:32 PM
2845	I have always felt middle schools are unnecessary. We should have prek/1-8 grades in one school and 9-12 in a high school, as when I was a child. Having a hierarchy that rises all the way to 8th grade creates a pathway for long-time students to build an “Ownership” relationship with their school and grow their leadership and community skills. Younger students will look up to upper class men and women.	2/17/2026 8:21 PM
2846	K to 5th grade should stay elementary. If you make it a k to 8 school you will be adding things to elementary that students that age are not mentally ready for.	2/17/2026 8:13 PM
2847	Things were less of a problem here when elementary schools were K-6 and then Jr High was 7-8 and high school was 9-12. Make the grade bands match the need for each enrollment level and each building, whether that means moving some schools around.	2/17/2026 7:10 PM
2848	Grade band changes create a lack of resources in schools. Students need to be around those who are closer in age to support appropriate social skill development. A change in grade bands means a larger scope of resources but less specificity in education. This specificity is what is needed.	2/17/2026 6:21 PM
2849	This would be nice to have to keep families together longer and neighborhoods consolidated with shorter commutes and traffic.	2/17/2026 5:27 PM
2850	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized.	2/17/2026 5:22 PM

	Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	
2851	The Lakeside cluster should prioritize stability. The area is experiencing growth overall. People are moving into the area. The traditional PK-5 grade band should remain constant since there is no need to shift at our particular school. Any shifts that do occur should occur at schools that aren't meeting utilization criteria.	2/17/2026 5:04 PM
2852	My daughter went to Shamrock Middle School for only one year. There were many issues at the school and some kids did not do well at all. Then a switch was made to Henderson Middle School, which was better for student living in the Oak Grove and Briarlake areas.	2/17/2026 4:50 PM
2853	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove's enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/17/2026 4:16 PM
2854	Changing grade bands would have a significant impact on our family, as we have three children. I believe the traditional model strikes the right balance between the number of school transitions and the age range of students within a school. I strongly feel that 6-8 grade students should be kept separate from 9-12 grades for safety reasons.	2/17/2026 4:03 PM
2855	We recently applied to Coralwood because I love the idea of pk-k or younger kids being together. It seems as though you could consolidate in this way with th pk-3 4-7 8-12 or similar and use buildings that are smaller or newer.	2/17/2026 3:54 PM
2856	It does not appear that any of the schools my kids are attending are affected by potential grade band scenarios, but it does not seem reasonable to expand grades in any single school in Tucker. Further, creating smaller grade bands will result in even more difficult transportation scenarios for the Tucker region. It is a very tight squeeze for the busses to complete their elementary, then high school, and finally middle school routes within the morning time frame.	2/17/2026 2:40 PM
2857	Cluster schools would be great	2/17/2026 2:03 PM
2858	Did the possibility of adding 6th and 7th grade back to elementary and adding 8th to high school come up? Where it would be PK -7 and 8-12. Or adding a 3-year old class to schools making the grade bands- PK3-3, 4-8, 9-12.	2/17/2026 1:36 PM
2859	Unsure	2/17/2026 1:32 PM
2860	The alternate gradeband scenarios seem reasonable. Other school districts have seen success with a 4th and 5th-grade academy.	2/17/2026 12:26 PM
2861	I bribe that 6-8 needs to stay middle school	2/17/2026 11:25 AM
2862	Best option to minimize school closures PK-8/9-12 grade bands. This increases the utilization of buildings, reduce the number of elementary schools labeled under-enrolled. Allows more students to stay in their community and supports smoother transition into high. Additional ways to use middle school buildings. Create specialized programs, magnet or vocational/trade schools. Like, STEM, arts, language immersion, criminal justice etc. (These programs attracts families!!) Also, they can strategically be used for overflow from K-8 or 7-8 grades only in areas where elementary lack space. And they can also be used as shared facilities for after-school or enrichment programs. With this grade band. You are not only utilization the buildings, your are also prepared for the unexpected, The unexpected, meaning ... more families moving into DeKalb County. A community is only as good as it's school system.	2/17/2026 10:39 AM
2863	If the county sold the abandoned properties and used the funds for reconfiguration of the occupied buildings, it could be a good plan. However, the real issues is the takeover of testing	2/17/2026 8:54 AM

	culture that restricts instruction. We are literally teaching to the test when students cannot read and write. Shame on Dekalb.	
2864	High School definitely should not include grades 6 -12.	2/17/2026 8:09 AM
2865	I grew up with a grade band (I am in my 40's now) and quantify that as one of my first exposures to a progressive learning environment that could adapt to give me a more challenging learning opportunities.	2/17/2026 7:55 AM
2866	OakGrove, Henderson middle, Lakeside	2/17/2026 1:12 AM
2867	It is hard to understand which cluster my kids will fall into in the future. If you could provide guidance on what neighborhoods may be moved out of the Chamblee cluster it would alleviate a lot of anxiety.	2/16/2026 11:35 PM
2868	focus needed on early education	2/16/2026 10:37 PM
2869	Prek and kinder students being with 8th graders in a large school setting seems particularly wild. 6-12 or other smaller banding seems less worrisome personally	2/16/2026 9:59 PM
2870	Elementary	2/16/2026 9:20 PM
2871	I'm very opposed to any scenario that mixes nearly legal adults (~18 year olds) with impressionable children.	2/16/2026 9:09 PM
2872	One grade band that is not considered is PK-6, 7-9, 10-12. This helps to fill up the elementary schools, keeps 9th graders with younger students prolonging their exposure to teenage influences. This is for the Dunwoody Cluster. Taking the land from Vanderlyn Elementary and using it for Dunwoody High School could create a real high school campus that has room to expand with	2/16/2026 8:43 PM
2873	I do not like the grade band 6-12.	2/16/2026 8:39 PM
2874	It would be helpful to know who these 120 individuals that made these decisions. Some elementary schools on the northern side of Dekalb County have dropped enrollments however they were not suggested for a move. Redan High School had a drop in enrollment and nothing there.	2/16/2026 8:36 PM
2875	Regarding the proposed facility consolidations, the scenarios presented for District 2 appear thoughtful and reasonable based on the information shared.	2/16/2026 8:00 PM
2876	I have no opinion about what age group attends which school.	2/16/2026 7:45 PM
2877	I prefer lower student teacher ratios however that needs to happen.	2/16/2026 7:34 PM
2878	Some of the proposed scenarios feel overly complicated. I would switch the grade bands to PK–4 for elementary school, 5–8 for middle school, and 9–12 for high school. This model has been successful in many private schools, and even in DeKalb, some of the highest-achieving schools follow the middle school model in 5 grade. would absolutely keep grade bands consistent across all of DCSD to make it easier to follow the same curriculum and avoid discrepancies for both students and teachers. The only exception would be special programs.	2/16/2026 5:11 PM
2879	Lakeside cluster - not in favor of grades 6-12 at the same school.	2/16/2026 4:55 PM
2880	Still not sure what is happening	2/16/2026 4:47 PM
2881	I believe the proposed grade band scenarios could be beneficial in reducing the number of transitions students experience between schools. Fewer transitions may help students build stronger, long-term relationships with their peers and minimize the social pressures that often come with repeatedly adjusting to new environments and friend groups. However, I do have safety concerns. I feel more comfortable when students are grouped primarily with others in their own age range, as this helps ensure age-appropriate interactions are established and maintained.	2/16/2026 4:19 PM
2882	Traditional grade bands are desired.	2/16/2026 4:06 PM
2883	Traditional grade band programming works best for the Lithonia Cluster.	2/16/2026 3:53 PM
2884	Currently, Druid Hills has 1200 students and will have 1400 or so next year. The school is sized for no more than 1200 even after the renovations. So the school is overcrowded but it is not listed on the overcrowded list. Most of the students come from the area near 285 and is	2/16/2026 3:30 PM

	much closer to Lakeside HS and to Clarkston HS yet they are being bused all the way to Druid Hills and there is no provision for the students to be re-districted. Many live close to Towers HS but Towers HS is being converted into a middle school. The entire situation is a disaster and parents in Dunwoody and Brookhaven are planning to leave the district for private schools.	
2885	Bands definetly need to be split up more	2/16/2026 3:27 PM
2886	The existing grade bands have made sense for years and proven to work. Every decision should not be made base on optimizing enrollment capacity. 6 graders should not be with 12th graders. Kindergarten should not be with 8th grade. K-5, 6-8, 9-12 have endured for a reason they also align more closely with stages of adolescence. At the same time bands that are too narrow like 4-5 make it almost impossible for siblings to go to school together and basically ensure parents are spending a large part of every day split between multiple schools.	2/16/2026 3:25 PM
2887	We are ok with many of the clubs at Robert Shaw theme School	2/16/2026 3:18 PM
2888	Change in potential grade band scenarios would add more chaos to existing bullying in middle school, when younger children (3rd grade to 5th grade) are included in the middle school the bullying might become worse. The current framework helps educators focus on grade level standards and reduces inconsistencies in grading across the district. Sticking with current band helps in providing better, more tailored feedback regarding how students are meeting specific learning goals rather than just numeric averages	2/16/2026 3:07 PM
2889	Oppose the proposed new banding. Would support the traditional.	2/16/2026 3:06 PM
2890	When rezoning the demographics matter. I wonder if that is being considered.	2/16/2026 2:55 PM
2891	A potential grade band to me would be PK-5th, 6th-9th, 10th-12th. 9th graders often struggle with the maturity it takes to navigate high school.	2/16/2026 2:54 PM
2892	I do agree that some may need to possibly close, but we need to strategically choose which locations. I don't think it should be over 20 schools. Cedar Grove Elementary have been serving my local community for years. All of my children attended school there. I believe that you'll lose some dedicated teachers/staff if this decision is made, which would not be good considering there's is already a teacher her shortage in Dekalb.	2/16/2026 2:52 PM
2893	You have to be very careful with grade bands. I don't think 6th graders should be in the same school with 12th graders.	2/16/2026 2:50 PM
2894	no feedback	2/16/2026 2:46 PM
2895	no feedback	2/16/2026 2:34 PM
2896	Middle Schoolers grades 5-7 do not belong in the same school as older children. 8th grade was part of HS when I attended Lakeside and that scenario works well.	2/16/2026 2:34 PM
2897	I think it could be very useful to have middle-high schools (6th-12th) as students can participate in accelerated, higher grade level classes and it creates a larger community of students and more opportunities for continuation in athletics and sports.	2/16/2026 2:34 PM
2898	Keep oak grove the same	2/16/2026 2:32 PM
2899	I would need more information	2/16/2026 2:29 PM
2900	I don’t agree with grade band clusters middle high and elementary should be separate facilities due to safety concerns.	2/16/2026 2:16 PM
2901	No issues.	2/16/2026 2:11 PM
2902	My child attends Sagamore and I believe there could be benefit to a k-8 program there or a closer middle school option. Henderson Mill middle feels very far away. I have also appreciated the connected nature of a K-8 school.	2/16/2026 2:08 PM
2903	I think with the 4 grade band model, we could make the most out of the spaces.	2/16/2026 1:57 PM
2904	I believe that Prek, K and 1st shouldn't be in with 4th, 5th and above. Their needs are different. Younger students are learning the basics of being in a learning environment. Older students should be preparing for middle school and beyond. And lets be honest, older students often exhibit behaviors that shouldn't be around our younger students. I have experience with prek-2,3-5 (tested grades), 6-8, and 9-12 model and it was very effective.	2/16/2026 1:16 PM

2905	I like the current grade band structure, mainly so that age groups are around comparable age groups. Should we have broader age brackets in a school (ie 6-12) want to ensure there is proper separation and infrastructure to support the younger classes.	2/16/2026 1:06 PM
2906	Will you be creating more Early Learning Centers?	2/16/2026 12:45 PM
2907	Don't close the schools.	2/16/2026 12:32 PM
2908	6-12 for a school is just wrong! 6th graders are in no way emotionally, developmentally, or mentally compatible with 9-12 graders. The gap is just too far and wide!	2/16/2026 12:30 PM
2909	I don’t recommend having students with a large age gap. Students thrive with likewise peers and benefit from similar age groups. What I fail to understand is how the logistics of doing this. More building in a school ? A different time slot	2/16/2026 12:23 PM
2910	I am not sure it if is wise to separate grade bands as that would be harder for parents, but combining grade bands may work well. In fact, even though it wasn't a scenario it may work well to have multiple sets of 6-12 schools so that parents have fewer schools to worry about, ESPECIALLY since so many of the current middle and high schools are very far apart.	2/16/2026 12:07 PM
2911	Keep the current grade bands. Children develop differently and there is no reason to put elementary school kids with middle schoolers and high schoolers.	2/16/2026 11:41 AM
2912	I do not think middle grade students should be merged with high school students. We could consider schools with a PK-2 or 3-5 grade band. I really do not think 6-8 grade students should be with high school or elementary students, unless it is a theme or IB school.	2/16/2026 11:36 AM
2913	The grade bands are fine the way they are. I disagree with the potential of Grade 6-12. Keeping pre-teens together with 17 and 18-year-olds is not appropriate.	2/16/2026 11:24 AM
2914	In the Tucker Cluster there is a great need for more Pre-K 3 & 4 spots. Make Livsey a PK 3/4 school, which it is perfectly suited for, move those classes away from Brockett and Midvale, and keep Midvale and Brockett open, absorbing the displaced 1-5 students at Livsey.	2/16/2026 11:05 AM
2915	Let's stick with traditional. I haven't seen definitive studies that says there is a better way to do it.	2/16/2026 11:02 AM
2916	I agree with consolidation and hope for more co-taught classrooms. This would assist with support to behavioral students which reduce disruption of class instruction.	2/16/2026 10:55 AM
2917	I support the traditional grade band scenario.	2/16/2026 10:51 AM
2918	Regarding consolidation, my main concern is increased traffic in the Hawthorne neighborhood. If the consolidation occurs, traffic would only seem to be balanced with the school bands being changed from Pre-K to 5 to Pre-K to 3rd. The excess volume from consolidation will definitely overwhelm the neighborhood setting. It seems that it would make more sense to consolidate students into a school that is not inside a neighborhood.	2/16/2026 10:46 AM
2919	For our cluster, I believe the proposed grade band scenario (e.g., K-5, 6-8, 9-12) supports smooth academic transitions and aligns well with students’ developmental needs. Keeping these grade bands consistent within the schools in our cluster will help maintain continuity in instruction, social-emotional support, and community engagement.	2/16/2026 10:34 AM
2920	i feel strongly that the area divisions should stay as they are currently.	2/16/2026 10:31 AM
2921	I like the grade band scenario because personally the middle school gives some scholars and families a false sense of completion. I believe we would see graduation rates continue to climb with changing grade bands	2/16/2026 10:20 AM
2922	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove’s enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/16/2026 10:04 AM
2923	Other than the current grade band model, the PK-8 grade band model is one potential scenario to consider because it enables siblings to remain together in the same school for longer, which	2/16/2026 10:02 AM

	I believe is an important factor in enabling younger siblings to more smoothly transition into school, for siblings to support one another, and for families to be equally engaged in each of their children's schools. The PK-8 model is preferable to the 6-12 campuses, because 4 year olds in the same building as 12/13 year olds is not as concerning to me as 12 year olds in the same building with 18 year olds in the 6-12 grade model.	
2924	6th through 12th grade is not a reasonable idea when dealing with cognitive, behavioral, educational and safety concerns. An 11-year-old and an 18-year-old are at vastly different psychological and social stages, middle schoolers are at puberty level and need more emotional support while high schoolers are being taught more independent. There is also the risk of more bullying and sexual intimidation from older students.	2/16/2026 10:01 AM
2925	Concerns: Imbalance risk Transportation impact Staffing distribution Cluster-based grade bands can work if enrollment projections are stable and staffing models are guaranteed. Without firm hiring commitments and enrollment caps, this model risks inequity between clusters.	2/16/2026 9:46 AM
2926	I don't agree with this for zip code 30087	2/16/2026 9:45 AM
2927	As the developmental needs of elementary, middle and HS students are so different, I believe keeping the PK-5, 6-8, and 9-12 bands together makes the most sense. Making some schools in a cluster PK-8 and others 6-8 spreads the resources too thin.	2/16/2026 9:43 AM
2928	Please be sure that paying teachers appropriately also is a part of the plan. They already have so many stressors placed on them. Resources stretched thin, parents having to pay for classroom supplies. My child trying to get access to speech therapist the district for three years.	2/16/2026 9:40 AM
2929	Traditional	2/16/2026 9:39 AM
2930	PreK-5, 6-8, 9-11	2/16/2026 9:37 AM
2931	For the Lakeside Cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. This cluster is experiencing growth, not decline. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization corridor.	2/16/2026 9:34 AM
2932	The potential grade band would really tear apart families whose mutliple kids of different ages are attending the same school. Why force families to have to go to multiple schools and put that kind of burden on hard working families.	2/16/2026 9:30 AM
2933	We do not need to cram as many kids into a classroom to "save money". There are other ways the district can reallocate money, such as paying the superintendent less, so as to not sacrifice the quality of student education and the community feel of our schools.	2/16/2026 9:29 AM
2934	I don't understand what you are saying when grade band scenarios. You are not being clear.	2/16/2026 9:28 AM
2935	For the Dunwoody area elementary schools, this makes sense. We have schools that are so close together and small and it makes no sense. With Vanderlyn, the community would love to see that space converted into classrooms for DHS and get rid of the trailers there. This would be a big draw for DHS and eliminate the eye sore of these trailers. I think the community would be disappointed to see Vanderlyn just turned into a green space when the high school needs it so bad!	2/16/2026 9:28 AM
2936	The teachers are not qualified to teach the material from the curriculum and they are lazy, they call out of work a lot	2/16/2026 9:27 AM
2937	I like the idea of having PK-2 and 3-5 schools. 3rd grade should be separate from PK-2. Testing grades should be in the same band with 3-5. There is a huge difference in PK, K, 1 and 2 curriculum from 3, 4, and 5. This is done in many other school system and it has many benefits, especially for elementary.	2/16/2026 9:22 AM
2938	This would be disruptive to parents with multiple childen. Too may drop offs and traffic would become even worse.	2/16/2026 9:22 AM
2939	If the grade band scenarios are the reason for shutting down the proposed schools, then I feel that another option should be examined.	2/16/2026 9:16 AM
2940	At the moment the Lakeside cluster would not benefit from banding. The county does not need to apply a one-size-fits-all approach here. There may be clusters were it's a good idea.	2/16/2026 9:07 AM

2941	N/A	2/16/2026 9:06 AM
2942	HS Concerns: The feeder disruption: how will this affect the GA athletic alignment. The program stability: No clarity on how AP, magnet, IB, athletics, or CTAE programs relocate after HS status is removed. The justification: DCSD cites “low educational adequacy” and “proximity,” but needs to show detailed adequacy and cost data. MS Concerns: Families need timelines, staffing plans, and feeder reassignments. ES Concerns: The issue for overcrowding and traffic due to having fewer elementary schools will increase congestion at remaining sites; parents are already concerned with traffic issues. This will cause more attendance infractions. The closures are mostly concentrated in South Dekalb, raising concerns of equity and disproportionate impact. There is a lack of school-level rationale. Stakeholders need to see adequacy scores and enrollment projections for each ES targeted.	2/16/2026 9:05 AM
2943	The k-8 and 9-12 grade bands are most ideal. For the obvious reasons stated, but also, if the middle schoolers are in athletics, and the younger siblings are able to stay in the aftercare program they can both be dismissed at the same time. Also consider bringing back the after school activities bus route and the tutorial routes. May be the district can contract out some of the routes to professional transport companies like medicaid does.	2/16/2026 9:00 AM
2944	I don't have a strong opinion on this one way or the other.	2/16/2026 8:58 AM
2945	If all children can be taught to read, any grade bands would be sufficient.	2/16/2026 8:55 AM
2946	I see more benefit with a scenario of k-5 and 6-12 than other changes to the current k-5, 6-8, 9-12. Many middle school students are already involved in high school sports activities and some magnet schools had middle school students able to participate in high school courses. These groupings make sense for the maturity of students and the building up of programming across the board - sports, theatre/ band, academics.	2/16/2026 8:52 AM
2947	I think the current set up makes the most sense.	2/16/2026 8:47 AM
2948	I want to know your plans for increasing the enrollment in Theme schools, which are your highest performing schools in South Dekalb. Why are you moving an elementary school into Champions building? The school is old and needs major work. Are there no better schools into which you can move students. Where will the Champion theme program move to?	2/16/2026 8:46 AM
2949	I think options for a variety of band scenarios is good for diversity.	2/16/2026 8:42 AM
2950	Children are very different developmentally at different ages. For instance, the smallest children should definitely be together, as should teenagers.	2/16/2026 8:40 AM
2951	Traditional	2/16/2026 8:39 AM
2952	Therefore, Hawthorne, Sagamore, and Briarlake and other elementary schools in the Lakeside Cluster can apply to attend Oak Grove.	2/16/2026 8:36 AM
2953	NA	2/16/2026 8:33 AM
2954	Elementary could definitely benefit. This is where the foundation is developed.	2/16/2026 8:30 AM
2955	I believe the grade bands are too wide for grades 6-12. There needs to be a divisions and that’s much of an age gap. I would even propose grades 6-9 at one school and grades 10-12 at another.	2/16/2026 8:23 AM
2956	Personally I am uncomfortable with the thought of middle schoolers being around/influenced by high schoolers. Middle school is already formative years, and exposing them to more young adults can raise some concerns.	2/16/2026 8:18 AM
2957	Teachers should have the freedom to choose based on needs. Education shouldn’t be limited.	2/16/2026 8:17 AM
2958	6th graders and 12th graders do not need to be in the same school unless you plan to have an upper and lower campus.	2/16/2026 8:16 AM
2959	Just follow the latest research on what is best long term for kids. Have the back bone to make the right decision even if it is not popular.	2/16/2026 8:08 AM
2960	Elementary schools should remain small for the best experience of the kids, teachers, and parents. Prefer to keep K-5, 6-8, 9-12 based on developmental needs of kids at those ages.	2/16/2026 8:07 AM
2961	There is a significant shift from 2nd to 3rd grade that is not being addressed. It seems there is a lack of preparation or projections to assist children in adapting to this change in instruction.	2/16/2026 8:02 AM

	This transition is crucial for a child's development and learning. Altering standards appears to merely shift the goalposts, making it more challenging for most learners to catch up. What measures are in place to evaluate teachers and ensure that their shortcomings are not passed on to the students, thereby creating further gaps in their education? Pre-K and Kindergarten used to show strong proficiency numbers. Now, children are entering and leaving with learning deficits.	
2962	Bands are terrific	2/16/2026 7:58 AM
2963	As a PTSA board member of my school I see and hear more than most parents. Middle school needs to stay 6-8 because of developmental and physical growth at this stage. I do agree less schools with siblings spread out is inconvenient and causes transportation issues.	2/16/2026 7:55 AM
2964	As for the potential grade band scenarios, I do believe they should be the same District-wide. For instance, when I was in school, there was no such thing as middle school. I attended elementary school from grades K-8 and high school from grades 9-12. Perhaps, things could go back to this scenario. However, I do not think it would be a great idea to merge middle with high school because of the maturity level of high school students to middle school students.	2/16/2026 7:36 AM
2965	I have concerns about the proposed grade band scenarios, particularly those that shift schools from a traditional K–5 model to a K–2 and 3–5 structure within consolidated clusters. While this may create operational efficiencies, it introduces additional transitions for students before middle school, disrupting academic continuity, peer relationships, and family engagement. Schools that currently function successfully as K–5 communities provide stability during critical developmental years, and restructuring them could negatively impact both students and the broader school community.	2/16/2026 7:28 AM
2966	k-6th grade elm, 7-8th grade middle, 9th grade academy, then 10-12th grade high school.	2/16/2026 7:10 AM
2967	The safety of children is a concern when combining younger grades with middle schools and high schools.	2/16/2026 5:49 AM
2968	N/A	2/16/2026 1:35 AM
2969	I do not know enough about the cluster in which I am currently working, as far as the demographics, the number of students etc. However, I do think that in general, smaller groups are better and keeping the grade level bands aligned with the rest of the state is preferable.	2/15/2026 11:32 PM
2970	I like the idea	2/15/2026 10:49 PM
2971	I have no comments on the grade band scenario yet. I would need more information on how many and schools would turn into the grade configurations mentioned.	2/15/2026 10:35 PM
2972	It's a highly disturbing to treat and outcast our children to this extent. This is very disrespectful to the students,parents and teachers.	2/15/2026 10:26 PM
2973	It didn’t work when you tried it in Dunwoody. Why will it work now?	2/15/2026 10:13 PM
2974	Grade band scenarios does not work long term with the changing demographics of these neighborhoods. Children moving schools too often will be detrimental to their education and to the property values in the community. House in the OGE and lakeside HS districts are sought after and have continued to be that way for decades-changing this area will force homeowners out of Dekalb county.	2/15/2026 10:10 PM
2975	Little children shouldn’t be clustered with much old children.	2/15/2026 9:53 PM
2976	I think the tradition bands work well for the Lakeside cluster; I think other clusters need to evaluate what is best for them, which could be different.	2/15/2026 9:39 PM
2977	For the Lakeside cluster (which includes Oak Grove Elementary School), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove’s enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/15/2026 9:17 PM
2978	Consolidation is fine but not elementary to middle and middle to high schools. Reason being different age group kids have different emotional needs and vulnerabilities. It has to be well	2/15/2026 9:02 PM

	looked into.	
2979	I don’t think combining middle and high school is. Good idea .	2/15/2026 8:27 PM
2980	I think it would make sense to add more grades though 8th at elementary and lessen over crowding in middle school.	2/15/2026 8:13 PM
2981	I do like the idea of grade bands. Briarlake a near by school and OGE could do something like one e PK - 1 and the other 2 -6. Pulling more free preK spaces to increase enrollement from the private daycares that use resources that could be funneled into a more regulated PreK program	2/15/2026 8:11 PM
2982	I have seen grade bands be successful in school systems like Decatur. While I don’t like the approach for my family (having multiple children) I do understand the benefits of it	2/15/2026 6:50 PM
2983	Improve schools currently under perform, not to try to blend students from better performing schools to “improve” the under performing schools.	2/15/2026 6:43 PM
2984	Unless it’s a trade class room everyone needs to learn with their respective age groups. If you advance then you go up but as far as teaching the same subject with 2 or more grades isn’t productive at all. Now you have more opportunities for distractions from the ones who want to learn and who don’t.	2/15/2026 5:57 PM
2985	Put 6th grade in the middle school cluster	2/15/2026 5:42 PM
2986	Traditional grade bands (PK-5 remain appropriate). The Oak Grove district is adjacent to one of largest health care expansion with thousands of jobs and residential units.	2/15/2026 5:38 PM
2987	i'm not sure what you mean by this question. My reading glasses are missing and I can't seem to read like I did 50 years ago...	2/15/2026 5:20 PM
2988	I think the grade bands do not need to change.	2/15/2026 5:16 PM
2989	I prefer traditional grade bands.	2/15/2026 4:33 PM
2990	DO NOT CLOSE ANY SCHOOLS, DO NOT COMBINE SCHOOLS!!!	2/15/2026 4:27 PM
2991	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove’s enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/15/2026 4:23 PM
2992	For the Lakeside cluster (Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, Briarlake), stability should be prioritized. Oak Grove is projected at 96% utilization next year. Sagamore Hills is already at 91%. Briarlake is at 73%, but would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove’s enrollment if consolidation proceeds. This cluster is not experiencing structural decline. It is located adjacent to one of the largest healthcare and research expansions in Georgia, with thousands of jobs added and ongoing campus growth. Traditional PK–5 grade bands remain appropriate in a high-utilization, growth corridor. Structural grade reconfiguration should focus first on clusters with long-term, significant underutilization.	2/15/2026 4:19 PM
2993	I don't know which of these works best, but these scenarios scare me less than closing schools entirely.	2/15/2026 4:18 PM
2994	I vehemently disagree with moving children into a 6-12 shared space. Areas like Druid Hills High School being renovated and upgraded while the students in the lower income south side move into an older building like Towers together is unacceptable. My son is currently at Druid Middle on the IB scholarship and is on one of three 6th grade hallways which equates to him effectively being in a private school. His hallway does not interact with older students which eliminates the opportunity for bullying or the introduction of age inappropriate material. Is Towers High able to accommodate students in the same manner? What guarantees would parents have that their young children, an 11-12yr old, isn’t being influenced by an 16,17,18yr old on campus? Student safety is paramount to education and knowing young students in our neighborhood have experienced bullying at Bethune - to the point of leaving to homeschool - what can parents and students expect when the grades are blended together?	2/15/2026 3:34 PM

2995	Most scenarios seems logical, I believe that the cluster for PK-3 and 4-6, 8-12 makes more sense because these grad bands have specific requirements that would benefit the students to get on grade level performance track.	2/15/2026 3:24 PM
2996	Keep everything the same!	2/15/2026 3:22 PM
2997	When done in a small scale, we can understand the effectiveness of this, on a large scale, this could end up with lack of competitiveness in classrooms decreasing children's drive to do better, children feeling they are being singled out because they are "not as smart."	2/15/2026 3:13 PM
2998	Grade band should remain the same as they are Pk-5 /5-8/9-12 or Pk-3/4-5/6-8/9-12 because having student at the same clusters help kids to grow according to their age, and they won't be pressured or influenced by what the see in everyday basis since kids always look up to their elders.	2/15/2026 2:56 PM
2999	No comment	2/15/2026 2:16 PM
3000	I think the Lakeside cluster could benefit from having a Pk-3, 4-5, 6-8 type model. That would utilize more of the existing school buildings that are so close to Lakeside (Oak Grove, Sagamore, Briarlake, etc). It would allow focus on specific grade level needs and since the schools would be so close together, the bus routes would work better.	2/15/2026 1:36 PM
3001	I do not wish to change the grade bands in the Lakeside cluster.	2/15/2026 1:11 PM
3002	I think that having 6th graders in the same school with adult students (11th and 12th graders) is a recipe for disaster. Possibly exposing the younger students to things (drugs, sex, violence, etc) that a 11-13 yr old should not be around to at that age. Pk-7 and 8th-12th would be better.	2/15/2026 1:11 PM
3003	makes sense	2/15/2026 12:41 PM
3004	It was absolutely amazing and awesome at Dekalb Art Academy	2/15/2026 12:08 PM
3005	I think this is a good and efficient effort.	2/15/2026 11:55 AM
3006	The clusters will only stress students th more and make parents out their kids in home school.	2/15/2026 11:45 AM
3007	These are inportant for growth for children.	2/15/2026 11:42 AM
3008	I am concerned by the grade band scenarios, especially PK-8 and 6-12 grade bands. These configurations seem inappropriate to varying stages of development, and a safety risk for younger grades.	2/15/2026 11:40 AM
3009	Never should there be a 6th grade-12th grade scenario.	2/15/2026 11:15 AM
3010	While I think the traditional model definitely has some defects, it’s the closet to my preference (PK-6, 7-8, 9-12). Middle school both in general and in Dekalb is awful. From administration to kids. Too many, going through too many hormones with administration and staff that flat do not care is criminal.	2/15/2026 11:10 AM
3011	I'm more concerned about 9th grade students. I believe either an 8-9 or 8-12 model would work better to aid in the transition to where credits matter for students.	2/15/2026 11:09 AM
3012	I dont see how different grouping would be beneficial. Unless said child needs accommodations	2/15/2026 10:56 AM
3013	The current grade band transition from elementary to middle school send a confusing message to students as if they are on a different developmental stage that creates detachment from their childhood.	2/15/2026 10:27 AM
3014	For the Lakeside cluster (including Oak Grove, Sagamore Hills, and Briarlake), maintain flexible grade bands that avoid unnecessary closures in growing areas. Oak Grove's enrollment has risen for 6 years straight, hitting 96% projected for 2026-27, amid $2.5+ billion in local investments like the $1.5 billion Arthur M. Blank Hospital and Emory's $87.7 million expansions. This growth indicates we may not fully know the enrollment effects yet, potentially requiring expansions at Sagamore Hills, Briarlake, and Oak Grove rather than consolidations.	2/15/2026 10:25 AM
3015	We hope Ashford elementary stays open as is.	2/15/2026 10:18 AM
3016	K-5 schools should not be combined with anything higher than 6th grade.	2/15/2026 10:16 AM

3017	Oak Grove Elementary is a fabulous school and a cornerstone of the community. If this school closed, it would be devastating to the community. Many students would end up at private school, not another public school.	2/15/2026 10:08 AM
3018	Oak Grove's enrollment has risen for the last six years. With the major investments in the Druid Hills/North Druid Hills area, we may not know the full enrollment effects yet, potentially requiring expansions at Sagamore Hills, Briarlake, and Oak Grove rather than consolidations. Traditional PK-5 bands suit high-utilization, high-performing schools like Oak Grove, top-tier CCRPI scores. Changes should be applied to underutilized clusters elsewhere, not at Oak Grove.	2/15/2026 10:03 AM
3019	I am currently in favor of maintaining the K-5, 6-8, 9-12 structure as it stands. While I recognize the potential advantages of implementing an approach similar to that used in the City of Decatur, it could be perceived as divisive if applied selectively to certain areas within the county but not others.	2/15/2026 9:56 AM
3020	I support thoughtful grade band adjustments where they strengthen programs and balance enrollment without eliminating community schools. Any grade band shift should be cluster-specific, data-driven, and aligned to feeder pattern stability. A 6th grade academy housed at an under-capacity elementary campus • 7–8 consolidated at an existing middle school site This would also support smoother academic transitions and targeted behavior supports at the 6th-grade level.	2/15/2026 9:52 AM
3021	The earlier kids are put together, the better. Starting middle school in 6th grade is good	2/15/2026 9:21 AM
3022	Miller Grove Middle School-Will there be considerations for a K-8?	2/15/2026 9:21 AM
3023	I personally attended a K-6 elementary and 7-11 high school in Canada. I thought this was a perfect way to do it. It separates younger kids from older kids, while also limiting difficult transitions between schools. For 7-8 we had first period homeroom teachers that taught 2-3 classes. This eased the transition to high school. High school had different wings for different grades to separate ages. Younger kids (7-8) had the first of two lunch periods. Older kids (9-11) had the second.	2/15/2026 9:08 AM
3024	I can accept consolidation, but I do not like grade bands of P/K-8, etc. I prefer traditional K-5, 6-8, 9-12. PK can have it's own location regionally, 1-2/region.	2/15/2026 8:31 AM
3025	Please do not close Ashford park elementary	2/15/2026 8:21 AM
3026	I think the grade bands should stay as they are. They are age and development appropriate.	2/15/2026 8:01 AM
3027	I think the grade bands should stay as is. Again this isn't a numbers game these are kids we are talking about.	2/15/2026 7:03 AM
3028	When has less space with more people ever been beneficial (other than to save money)? You're proposing to revamp the facilities platform using the counties money, and are seemingly trying to get the residents to buy into this premise.	2/15/2026 6:21 AM
3029	6-12, I believe I read it's too steep of a stretch. The kids already experience so much so having grave band clusters isn't in the best interest in my opinion. Puberty and maturity plays a big part in that as well so I don't foresee that option being a good decision.	2/14/2026 11:33 PM
3030	I have concerns about grade band scenarios, specifically those with 6th-12th grade schools. I take issue with younger children being placed with much older teenagers especially in today's society where there is the potential for exposure to so much more negativity and things outside of their age group.	2/14/2026 10:51 PM
3031	In full support	2/14/2026 10:42 PM
3032	Not sure	2/14/2026 10:41 PM
3033	Not 6-12. There is something special, something that feels like its been earned when you FINALLY get to HS and its separate from all other schools.	2/14/2026 9:47 PM
3034	If anything maybe k through 8 would be a good option but to get rid of high schools all together is really detrimental to the community and a loss for the alumni of the high schools.	2/14/2026 9:42 PM
3035	NA	2/14/2026 9:11 PM
3036	Don't really want my 6th grader in school with HS seniors	2/14/2026 8:46 PM

3037	I think that grade bands are great. My children attended school in a district that adopted this concept many years ago.	2/14/2026 8:32 PM
3038	Huge schools on any level are asking for trouble. Combining schools with no structure to require parent engagement and tight structure, strong leadership teams per grade level is a disaster waiting to happen.	2/14/2026 8:10 PM
3039	I do not like the idea of elementary and middle or high school mixing, even if it is only to share buses. Sharing buses makes me extremely concerned too.	2/14/2026 8:00 PM
3040	Close towers	2/14/2026 7:46 PM
3041	I have 2 9th graders at Lithonia High with a 3rd who will be in the 9th grade next year. Graduating 2029 & 2030. We live in walking distance to the school. Closing LHS for high schoolers in the area may cause issues with students getting to school. Lithonia High School should continue to operate as a 9–12 grade school only to ensure strong academic continuity, student readiness, and improved graduation outcomes. A 9–12 model also promotes equity, strengthens school culture through mentorship and long-term relationships, and reduces unnecessary transitions that can disrupt student progress.	2/14/2026 7:10 PM
3042	I strongly believe that maintaining the current grade bands of Pre-K to 5, 6-8, and 9-12 is essential for fostering developmentally appropriate learning environments for our students. Each grade band serves a distinct purpose in addressing the unique needs of students at different developmental stages. The Pre-K to 5 band provides foundational skills and socialization opportunities crucial for young learners. As children transition into middle school (grades 6-8), they face significant developmental changes and benefit enormously from an environment tailored to their specific growth needs. Similarly, high school (grades 9-12) presents critical academic and social experiences that prepare students for adulthood and post-secondary education. Aligning students with their peers within these designated bands not only supports their academic growth but also nurtures their social and emotional development. Mixing age groups outside of these established bands could lead to disparities in learning experiences and result in difficulties for both students and teachers. Additionally, maintaining these grade bands aligns with best practices in education and ensures that both curricular design and instructional strategies are appropriately tailored to the age and developmental characteristics of the students within each group.	2/14/2026 6:59 PM
3043	Socially 1-5, 6-8, 9-12 makes sense but some varieties are fine. My concern is breaking things down to 1-3, 4&5, etc. More school changes are disruptive & put increased burden on parents.	2/14/2026 6:15 PM
3044	I am open to other grade band scenarios, but would prefer the traditional band.	2/14/2026 5:42 PM
3045	My children went to DESA at one point. The k to 8 model can work remarkably well. If children are allowed to move up if they demonstrate proficiency there is an opportunity for accelerated learning	2/14/2026 4:27 PM
3046	I prefer maintaining the existing grade band structure. I do not think 8th graders should be grouped with younger kids and similarly do not think 6th graders should be in facilities with 12th graders. I also do not think it is necessary to separate 4-5th graders, causing an unnecessary transition.	2/14/2026 4:20 PM
3047	Middle school clusters should include STEM/STEAM curriculum and high school clusters should include dual enrollment and STEM/STEAM curriculum in order to offer and provide realistic and practical learning experiences to succeed in a changing and innovative job market.	2/14/2026 3:44 PM
3048	The current grade bands should remain in place. Changing the grade bands would NOT be good for the Lakeside cluster. Frankly, this is something that would lead to parents removing their children from Dekalb schools. Residents would also leave Dekalb for other counties or send their children to private schools. How would any of this be beneficial?	2/14/2026 3:06 PM
3049	Bands should be developmentally appropriate	2/14/2026 2:46 PM
3050	Traditional needs to stay the same.	2/14/2026 2:31 PM
3051	I am happy with how the grade bands currently are PK-5, 6-8, 9-12. I like that my kindergartener and 4th grader can go to school together. Changing the grade bands will make it harder for parents to take their younger kids to school. Middle schoolers and high schoolers do not need to go to school together. It is not appropriate for a 12 year old and 18 year to be at the	2/14/2026 2:22 PM

	same school. If school bands change or Evansdale is shut down, my family will change school districts.	
3052	I would be horrified for my 6th grader to be in the same school as high schoolers	2/14/2026 2:12 PM
3053	I believe that the team should review what City Schools of Decatur did years ago regarding grade bands. I believe that allowing teachers to focus intensely on tighter grade bands always for greater differentiation with student learning needs. A school focused on PreK-2 can have up to five 1st and 2nd grade classroom. If vertical alignment work is built into professional learning and pre/post planning, instruction across grade bands can be powerful.	2/14/2026 1:15 PM
3054	In my opinon new grade configuration combining schools (Full K-12 model) will offer expanded programs like STEM/STEAM due to the larger student body, allowing for more diverse extracurricular activities.	2/14/2026 1:15 PM
3055	I am still trying to understand the grade band. Leadership at these locations would be detrimental to the success. Current leadership at many of the schools is questionable.	2/14/2026 1:13 PM
3056	That is an interesting approach - I like the idea of grouping appropriate ages together - 6-12 as suggested is to broad - seems better	2/14/2026 1:12 PM
3057	Confused by Ashford Park ES is in the closure list when it is running at 171% of capacity. If anything we need to keep that open AND expand nearby schools to offer relief.	2/14/2026 1:07 PM
3058	I would be interested to learn more about potential K-8, 9-12 progressions for some or all areas. Did the SAP committee map out how this could work? I would strongly advocate for movement to K-8, 9-12 model where possible even you are not able to apply this district-wide. School transitions are know to have a negative impact on student outcomes and minimizing transitions should be a priority. Conversely, I would be very against adding more school transitions by creating upper/lower elementary schools as was done in City Schools of Decatur.	2/14/2026 12:50 PM
3059	As an educator, middle school age children should never be with high schoolers. The traditional model works best so that the appropriate learning and developmental environment can be established and done well for all students at each stage.	2/14/2026 12:45 PM
3060	I could see the benefit of expanding grade level bands within the elementary schools. Could some middle school grades be added to elementary clusters for increased attendance.	2/14/2026 12:29 PM
3061	Would clustered grade bands mean inclusion of all the grades as one united school? Or Would there be a sort of Upper school and Lower school but on one campus? The upper/lower split seems more ideal than having 6th and 12th graders in one student population	2/14/2026 12:28 PM
3062	6-12 will never be an option I'd choose for students. Larger schools and the wide age ranges create	2/14/2026 12:23 PM
3063	Focus on the parents not forcing their children attend schools. Some receive federal financial support and housing. Benefits should stop. This will increase sttendance.	2/14/2026 12:11 PM
3064	I think testing grades and non testing grades should be separated.	2/14/2026 12:09 PM
3065	I'm NOT in favor of PK-3/ 4-5/ 6-8/ 9-12 as this requires a lot drop offs and pick-ups for families, especially for those with multiple younger children.	2/14/2026 11:49 AM
3066	I believe the traditional grade groupings are still good, as splitting into more bands will cause more logistical issues than possibly expected. As a student who attended dekalb academy of technology and environment from 1st thru 8th grade, I helped build and wqs supporrted by a foundation and community that has benefitted me tremendously even to this day	2/14/2026 11:41 AM
3067	I am comfortable with all the proposed grade bands.	2/14/2026 11:41 AM
3068	I've worked in schools with PK-8. It led to younger students being exposed to behaviors they should not be exposed to.	2/14/2026 11:35 AM
3069	Dunwoody and vanderlyn elementary. Putting 6th grades with 12th graders is ridiculous. The age of maturity of students. Exposure to drugs , alcohol and mature content. Shows a lack of what's best for our children's education, mental heath health and overall success.	2/14/2026 11:34 AM
3070	I have no feedback on the grade clusters.	2/14/2026 11:23 AM
3071	Bands should be traditional	2/14/2026 10:54 AM

3072	6-12th graders should not be placed together. You will be placing immature children with upper class students. Problems with younger students imitating older student is a problem with 8-12th graders.	2/14/2026 10:52 AM
3073	If this improves classroom/ratio sizes for Avondale and druid hills we support it	2/14/2026 10:03 AM
3074	This concept only works in smaller communities. In reality 92,000 is still a high capacity community. I'd need to see plans for separation within these schools. Sounds like an increased potential for access to inappropriate age relationships/friendships etc. in key developmental stages.	2/14/2026 9:59 AM
3075	I don't think that this is a good option. It not only opens the door for inappropriate, large age gap interactions, but could have developmental consequences on the younger children.	2/14/2026 9:55 AM
3076	6 th graders are still too young to be with 8th graders	2/14/2026 9:28 AM
3077	K-8 schools are a better grade band consolidation than 6-12. 6th graders should not be in a high school, even if kept in a separate wing of the school.	2/14/2026 8:55 AM
3078	Would need clear separation between the lower and upper grades so the students are not interacting across such a large age range	2/14/2026 8:51 AM
3079	I believe the population of children should be the driving factor for any scenario and I don't believe that's the case	2/14/2026 8:40 AM
3080	Current bands PK-5, 6-8, 9-12 need to remain in place. Grouping them by development stages is necessary	2/14/2026 8:38 AM
3081	The potential grade band scenarios are interesting. Because special services sometimes need patterns and time to be seen, it is important for those years to be under one tier. I would like 6 grade to remain there also.	2/14/2026 8:24 AM
3082	Most interested in k-8 scenarios.	2/14/2026 8:21 AM
3083	Combining middle and high school to for 6-12 schools is disastrous for the younger students, who need more nurturing, not less.	2/14/2026 8:20 AM
3084	I believe that the bands needs to be consistent and need to align to private school bands. It would be really great if elementary and middle could be combined where possible as most people want to transition out of public and into private at the high school level.	2/14/2026 8:18 AM
3085	K - 5th	2/14/2026 8:17 AM
3086	Please do not place 6th grade with 12	2/14/2026 7:59 AM
3087	If grade band changes are considered, the district should clearly communicate how these changes will improve academic opportunities and student experiences. Any adjustments should prioritize: • Expanding access to advanced courses, electives, and specialized programs • Strengthening extracurricular and athletic opportunities • Supporting teacher staffing stability and course availability • Minimizing disruption to students and families during transitions Families will want to understand how grade band changes will strengthen school communities and improve long-term outcomes for students. Clear communication about the educational benefits of these changes will be essential for building trust and community support.	2/14/2026 7:46 AM
3088	I am not in favor of the changes.	2/14/2026 6:48 AM
3089	Grade Band & Facilities Scenarios Lithonia Cluster Evaluation Prepared for District Consideration ——— I. Current Cluster Structure Lithonia Cluster • Lithonia High School — Grades 9–12 • Lithonia Middle School — Grades 6–8 • Elementary feeder schools within Lithonia attendance zone Current Enrollment • Lithonia High School: 1,500+ students • Historical capacity (1996): 1,800+ students Observation: Enrollment levels support continuation of a comprehensive high school model. ——— II. Scenario Comparisons ——— 🔹 Scenario A: Status Quo (9–12 Model Maintained) Lithonia HS: Grades 9–12 Middle Schools: 6–8 Impact • No feeder disruption • No transportation changes • No staffing restructuring Strengths • Stable enrollment • Strong alumni/community identity • Predictable budgeting Limitations • Freshman transition challenges • Facility modernization needs remain ——— 🔹 Scenario B: 9th Grade Academy Model (Within Lithonia Cluster) Lithonia HS: Grades 10–12 Dedicated 9th Grade Academy: On-site (separate wing or lower level) Middle	2/14/2026 6:03 AM

	Schools: 6–8 Impact • No cluster boundary changes • Minimal transportation adjustment • Requires targeted renovation Academic Benefits • Focused freshman intervention • Improved attendance & graduation rates • Reduced discipline referrals Operational Considerations • Additional staffing structure • Renovation cost allocation Assessment: High academic upside with low cluster disruption. 1. Lithonia High School does not demonstrate an enrollment deficiency. 2. Grade band restructuring should prioritize academic improvement, not consolidation. 3. A 9th Grade Academy model provides measurable benefits without cluster disruption. 4. Consolidation presents disproportionate community and operational risk. 5. Reinvestment at Randall Avenue provides the strongest long-term growth capacity. ——— V. Recommendation for District Consideration If grade band adjustments are being evaluated within the Lithonia cluster, the most viable options are: • Maintain 9–12 with facility modernization OR • Implement a 9th Grade Academy within a reinvestment framework Both preserve enrollment stability and cluster continuity.	
3090	Lithonia shouldn't be closed because it has a LARGE community dating back years that will be affected.	2/14/2026 6:01 AM
3091	No big issues with this plan as long as it makes sense for the zone/community you are in. I worry about the 6-12 combined school as I believe 6-8 would be more appropriate for middle school aged kids. There should be no reason for 6th graders and 12th graders to share the same facility and be exposed to each other, as that could create its own set of unique challenges associated with the larger age difference of the students	2/14/2026 5:32 AM
3092	I do not like the idea of my very impressionable, soon to be 11 year old walking the halls with 18 year olds	2/14/2026 5:24 AM
3093	The traditional grade bands should remain in place. 6-8 graders should still have the excitement of transitioning to from middle to high school.	2/14/2026 1:42 AM
3094	I do not support Towers High School being converted into a middle school. The district must understand that demographics in the area will continue to shift where more young families will soon occupy homes and will desire schools closer to their residence.	2/14/2026 1:00 AM
3095	My children attend a theme school what would be the feeder school for Middle school	2/14/2026 12:10 AM
3096	As a former teacher, combining middle and high school could be a challenge. I would still suggest separating them in the same building if that is the solution.	2/14/2026 12:08 AM
3097	The reason why we have less enrollment is after 5 is very hard to find another school parent they wasted to same school from k to 8 grade easy for parents and children	2/14/2026 12:02 AM
3098	For Ashford Park cluster, leave elementary as K-5	2/13/2026 11:28 PM
3099	With Rainbow, Bob Mathis and Chapel Hill so close, moving those clusters into Chapel Hill Middle will free up those older buildings for demolition(larger space to build out CHM) or repurpose. CHM could then move to SWDH and become either 6-12 or 7-12. Early learning PreK3, PreK4-2nd, 3rd-6th, 5th-8th, 9th-12th grade bands	2/13/2026 11:21 PM
3100	I would prefer to avoid a k-3, 4-5 scenario because of siblings going to different schools.	2/13/2026 10:49 PM
3101	na	2/13/2026 10:24 PM
3102	N/a	2/13/2026 10:07 PM
3103	I'm more comfortable with the traditional grade bands. Socially there is great difference between kindergarten and 8th grade students where I would be uncomfortable. I'm more open to combining 6th-12 but that would require very large facilities however I attended a side by side middle school and high school which shared outdoor recreational facilities.	2/13/2026 10:07 PM
3104	Have not read up on it or followed it	2/13/2026 10:04 PM
3105	It seems as though all of these are on the south side of Dekalb County. I don't think the scenario of 6th graders being in an environment with 12th graders is at all a good idea.	2/13/2026 9:50 PM
3106	7	2/13/2026 9:39 PM
3107	Not sure I understand the question, but I tend to prefer including 8th grade with elementary students vs the high school students. Evansdale and Oak Grove closures would unfairly impact that neighborhood.	2/13/2026 9:34 PM

3108	I like 6-12 - I've worked in one before and the school is organized in grade pods.	2/13/2026 9:14 PM
3109	Combining high school to middle schools in the black community would unfair and put student in the 6 to 8th grade in a position that wouldn't be mature enough to handle. Also leaving middle school and highschool separate allows for the students be matriculation with their classmates within an appropriate time.	2/13/2026 9:14 PM
3110	I'm challenged with the Lithonia HS cluster as well as Cedar Grove. The community should receive additional insight regarding the financial and geographic impact.	2/13/2026 9:00 PM
3111	My children attended a K-8 school (Museum School of Avondale Estates) and thrived there. Such combinations must take many variables into account, including library space/use.	2/13/2026 8:59 PM
3112	Traditional middle schools work! They help students become adaptable for high school.	2/13/2026 8:50 PM
3113	The greatest band and teachers.	2/13/2026 8:48 PM
3114	I'm not in favor of putting grades 6 through 12 in the same school. The differences in maturity level leaves the younger students exposed to things they shouldn't be exposed to.	2/13/2026 8:40 PM
3115	not familiar	2/13/2026 8:36 PM
3116	I think worst case scenario it could be an option To do grade bands. We are in the McNair cluster. McNair DLA is the newest school of all of them and had a recent MedCura clinic added on allowing access for students and the community to see medical and mental health professionals during school hours and free to low costs. I could see a scenario of splitting the elementary grades into two or three of the schools listed to close like Kelly Lake which has recently undergone structural improvements. I do not believe having middle and high school together is a positive choice. I've attended a school like this myself and it was an increase in the younger youth getting pregnant and engaging in inappropriate activities since they are around the up to 18 year old crowd. They should be separated.	2/13/2026 8:30 PM
3117	Hawthorn and briar. Cliff elementary	2/13/2026 8:26 PM
3118	making some High schools 6-12 may be problematic given the adult-like behavior of many High schoolers and the vulnerability of some early-age middle schoolers. a K-8 model might be more successful	2/13/2026 8:26 PM
3119	I believe middle school can be combined with high school or elementary as long as it is operated as it's own part of the school.	2/13/2026 8:22 PM
3120	Grade bands in the traditional way are best. I live in district 4 with theme schools. Age maturity will affect learning.	2/13/2026 8:16 PM
3121	Rock Chapel and Lithonia	2/13/2026 8:03 PM
3122	Closing the high schools is not the way to go, maybe middle schools. Make the listed high schools 6th-12th if feasible. Or do pk-8th then 9-12	2/13/2026 8:02 PM
3123	I do not like it. The schools will be too large.	2/13/2026 7:56 PM
3124	Whatever is best for the kids	2/13/2026 7:54 PM
3125	Do what is best for the children	2/13/2026 7:53 PM
3126	Think outside the box - other configuration	2/13/2026 7:44 PM
3127	I do have an issue with the 6th to 12th graders being together. The question would be are they going to be seperated?????	2/13/2026 7:39 PM
3128	Grade bands need to remain traditional, Pre-K -5th, 6-8, 9-12	2/13/2026 7:25 PM
3129	Kids are maturing earlier and faster. It's better to recognize age and stage changes that have further emphasized the need for the traditional system. Protecting the naive PreK-5 and formative 6-8 as much as possible, while supporting the adolescent and career development needs of 9-12.	2/13/2026 7:19 PM
3130	I love the idea of the 6-12 school. I really think that gives older kids a chance to mentor and the younger to see how far they can go. I love this idea.	2/13/2026 7:04 PM
3131	I think it's fine but again my worry is you guys are looking at a bottom line when you should be trying to be competitive with making the schools the best they will be . People move out of	2/13/2026 6:51 PM

	DeKalb because of the state of the school system being so bad . Improve the schools and you will have no issue with enrollment .	
3132	Through my partnership with the City Schools of Decatur for afterschool programming, I've seen firsthand how their grade band structure creates a strong academic foundation and smoother transitions for students. Their model is something I believe DeKalb County School District should seriously consider adopting. The way Decatur organizes its grade bands eliminates multiple structural challenges while creating immediate opportunities for student success. The transition from 3rd grade into a dedicated 4th–5th grade school provides the kind of milestone and sense of progression that today's students respond to. That shift creates motivation, excitement, and a feeling of growth — something many kids need. This structure also allows teachers greater flexibility in using school facilities more intentionally. Principals can narrow their focus, giving targeted attention to the developmental stage they serve rather than spreading their efforts too thin across wide grade ranges. Elementary school is the most critical stage in a child's education. A focused grade band model creates more room for strategic planning, intentional teaching, and expanded opportunities to help students reach their educational goals. In my opinion, this approach represents a stronger, more intentional brand of schooling — one that prioritizes development, structure, and long-term success	2/13/2026 6:50 PM
3133	the band is great.	2/13/2026 6:30 PM
3134	Traditional grade bands work for the chamblee cluster. Montgomery elementary should stay just that. With traffic and the age of the building, there is no reason to over populate the school or build a new facility to accommodate expanded enrollment.	2/13/2026 6:13 PM
3135	I am uncomfortable with the prospect of having 6th graders in the same school as high school but am otherwise open to alternative grade band proposals.	2/13/2026 6:02 PM
3136	In the Dunwoody Elementary, Peachtree Middle School, Dunwoody High School, I am comfortable with the traditional grade bands. I like when the schools are broken up to cater the needs for the different age levels.	2/13/2026 5:49 PM
3137	Grade banding could be beneficial to areas that support a smaller community where kids could attend a 'local' school. On the other end, allowing the crowded areas to have a condensed population of a smaller age group would also allow for a great teacher success rate with helping struggling students.	2/13/2026 5:43 PM
3138	My children are currently at all grade levels and I think it is appropriate to keep the ages separate. The middle and high school level challenges I do not think are conducive to younger children.	2/13/2026 5:33 PM
3139	Well, my child is in the 6th grade and has autism. The classes are already full, and with all these schools closing, the situation will only worsen. This is about funding, not about what will benefit the children.	2/13/2026 5:28 PM
3140	I do not mind the idea of grade bands, but I think it is highly disruptive for families with multiple children. Lots of OGE students are at our school for seven years. I'm a fifth grade teacher, but I know kids at every grade level. They look forward to coming up. Please leave us alone. Please.	2/13/2026 5:22 PM
3141	They should have the pre-k up to third then 4th-5th then 6-8th and the high-schoolers the same	2/13/2026 5:21 PM
3142	Terrible idea. While some change is good, that change is unnecessary in my opinion.	2/13/2026 5:13 PM
3143	The Southside and Eastside schools for middle and high school has declined over the years. The Northside middle and high schools are fully staffed and engaged parental involvement.I would recommend 50% of middle schools and high school in the south should be closed and bus the students to other high performing schools, Transfer your staff as well.	2/13/2026 5:05 PM
3144	When reviewing the potential grade band scenarios for DeKalb County School District, it is important to carefully evaluate how each configuration impacts academic continuity, student development, and community stability. Grade band adjustments affect more than scheduling. They influence curriculum alignment, staffing, transportation, and the emotional well being of students.	2/13/2026 5:04 PM
3145	NA	2/13/2026 5:01 PM
3146	Please consider combining k-8 on one campus.	2/13/2026 4:52 PM

3147	Traditionally school setting is best	2/13/2026 4:36 PM
3148	Do not mix the 6-8 graders with high schoolers.	2/13/2026 4:32 PM
3149	No opinion on this - as a product of K-7th grade, keeping the older children with the younger kept them more innocent - we chose to send our children to Catholic school for this reason	2/13/2026 4:32 PM
3150	6th and 7th graders should not be in high school. I do understand having first through 7th grade as an elementary school.	2/13/2026 4:19 PM
3151	The grade band models are all worth discussing. But without details about specific schools and clusters, it is impossible to get a robust discussion going.	2/13/2026 4:18 PM
3152	Unless the schools are completely seperated, I see this being complete chaos especially when it comes to combining middle and high school. I am all for keeping the traditional clusters.	2/13/2026 4:11 PM
3153	KEEP EVERYTHING THE WAY IT IS NOW!! NO NEED FOR CHANGE!!	2/13/2026 4:03 PM
3154	The smaller cluster bands would be better (PK-2/3-5/6-8/9-12). The PK-8 grade band does not seem like a good idea. 4 and 5 year old students do not need to be in schools with 12 and 13 year old students.	2/13/2026 4:00 PM
3155	Grade bands should remain the same: Traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12	2/13/2026 3:54 PM
3156	I think that the proposed closures will require extensive fleets of buses to be purchased (or leased) and the transportation costs will negate the savings by closing schools that are already paid for.	2/13/2026 3:46 PM
3157	There are too many elementrys schools, bob Mathis students usually show up late	2/13/2026 3:32 PM
3158	I would like to hear more about the plan for the Columbia Cluster. I'm assuming that with Towers HS closing that means those students will be coming to Columbia HS. What is the plan for this consolidation? What is the plan for leadership helping to facilitate this consolidation?	2/13/2026 3:23 PM
3159	Traditional PK–5: B / 6–8: C / 9–12: B–C – reflecting literacy strengths and areas for improvement in math and other subjects.	2/13/2026 3:17 PM
3160	I am not sure what the advantage is of the grade banding except maybe utilizing smaller buildings. I do not think it was laid out as clearly as the closures/cascading approach. My main concern would be separating siblings. For my own children, I know that my pk'er will be starting K next year and would be very sad to lose the support of her older brother who will be in 4th. I also do not think that there is much benefit to having 13 year olds in the same building as 4 year olds. I think there are places where this makes sense (smaller charter schools, etc.) but with the larger student body, I do not think that will make sense.	2/13/2026 3:13 PM
3161	La escuela brockett es muy buena y es de nuestra comunidad no deberían quitarla	2/13/2026 3:03 PM
3162	La escuela que donde va mi sobrino es y estoy a -5 minutos de la casa y es importante por que si.llega a pasar eso por que el edificio es más y la escuela es de pre k to 5 grado .	2/13/2026 2:51 PM
3163	Grade bands with fewer grades and more buildings can be really hard on famlies with multiple children. It is also really hard for some students to constantly make transitions. My first job was at a K-12 school and it was so amazing to be all in one building and see the kids grow and to have whole families together. Attendance was good even though we have 93% free and reduced lunch families. It was a lot easier for parents to get kids to all school a whole family in one drop off. Right now we are in a place that is K-6, 7-8, 9-12 and I think the short middle school time is weird.	2/13/2026 2:49 PM
3164	I think grade bands in the younger years is great - pk-2 3-5. 6-8 9-12. I don’t mind the idea of 6-12 but would be concerned with developmental differences between the youngest and oldest grades. I attended Tucker High 8-12 and it was intimidating to be in school with 18 sometimes 19 year old men.	2/13/2026 2:48 PM
3165	Ashford park should remain Pre-K to 5 or Pre-K to 3. If the school is over capacity, it can either be renovated to accommodate pre-k to 5 or potentially convert to pre-k to 3 if there is not enough capacity for students there.	2/13/2026 2:45 PM
3166	grade band scenarios	2/13/2026 2:38 PM
3167	I prefer the current grade bands, however, if it would mean being able to keep kids in smaller schools, I would be willing to switch to smaller grade bands.	2/13/2026 2:32 PM

3168	If middle schools are eliminated, return to former grade structure: K-7 Elementary and 8-12 High School. Primary considerations are emotional intelligence and not exposing to more mature scenarios too early.	2/13/2026 2:32 PM
3169	I think it would be good for toney elementary to stay an elemetary school	2/13/2026 2:31 PM
3170	Lakeside cluster already has one abandoned school within its boundaries. There is an early childhood center within the cluster now (Coralwood). Briarlake elementary has a smaller footprint, and is on a major road, making it less desirable for walkability and expansion without negatively impacting the community.	2/13/2026 2:17 PM
3171	This is not a great idea. It’s a reason grades were disbanded from presvious years. I worked at Pk3-8th grade campuses in Baltimore City Schools and it was not the best environment. I know we are exploring 6-12 but it’s the same thing. No parent in their right mind wants their 6th grader being exposed to 12th grade behaviors at an early age. This will be a major failure in climate and behaviors for our students.	2/13/2026 2:16 PM
3172	This is a bad idea	2/13/2026 2:15 PM
3173	No	2/13/2026 2:09 PM
3174	My position is that schools on the densely populated northern part of the county should not be closed. In particular, Sagamore Elementary already has numerous teaching trailers in its back yard. Adding Oak Grove students will only worsen the overpopulation problems in Sagamore. Unless of course the intent of the County and the School Board is to reduce the population of children in the public schools by causing parents to have to remove their children and send them to private schools.	2/13/2026 2:01 PM
3175	I think that transitioning from a school so often can be challenging, particularly for SPED students who often stay with the same teachers for multiple years. At the same time, I do believe that the junior high model - PK/1-6/7-9/10-12 is great for students and keeps older high school students (who are basically young adults) separate from freshmen who can be as young as 14. It allows elementary school kids in sixth grade to "stay kids" a little longer.	2/13/2026 1:50 PM
3176	I am be open to grade band clusters HOWEVER my biggest concern would be what type of extra curricula would be available for the younger students in the bands. Example..... if we were to move to 7- 12 what will be open to the younger students that aren't just sports.	2/13/2026 1:17 PM
3177	Whatever changes to grade bands should leave high schools as 9-12 grades only, as young adults and pre-pubescent children in the same facility presents unmanageable difficulties. Additionally, I do not want to be assigned to teach middle schoolers.	2/13/2026 1:16 PM
3178	I have no preference and would support whatever you decide as far as the clusters.	2/13/2026 1:07 PM
3179	I only like the banding scenarios in elementary schools - a lower level school and an upper level school. I feel the greatest con in this case is having siblings being split to different schools, but I also feel at the elem level there is the greatest amount of support from the community and the kids don't have as many diverse activities, meaning parents have more support from other parents in coordinating schedules of kids across campuses. I do not like the idea of K-8. While it gives advanced students in elem school greater opportunity to middle school classes I feel it is more detrimental to those middle schoolers. I prefer for there to be more challenging classes for the 7th & 8th graders than for in the younger grades. In a traditional middle school environment I feel many 8th graders have outgrown their environment and are not being challenged by the 8th. I think that problem will only be worse with a K-8 campus. I also dislike the idea of 6 - 12. Sports have been a large sport of both of my kids high school experience in less traditional 'popular' sports. Some of these sports would not be supported at a 6-12 level school. I know schools could be combined, but having been on a team that pulls from 2 high schools, the camaraderie and benefits of team building are not as great as when pulling from one school. I also do not like the idea of the socially immature 6th, 7th graders in the same school as 11th, 12th graders. I fully believe that middle school is 70%+ social growth vs. academic growth. I strongly believe in a more protected space for that growth than a 6-12th school.	2/13/2026 12:55 PM
3180	Ok	2/13/2026 12:48 PM
3181	I think we need to keep it traditional. Other methods don't work as well.	2/13/2026 12:40 PM
3182	I think the tradition grade band is good just the way it is, and I think that offering students	2/13/2026 12:35 PM

	opportunities to be bused between north and south DeKalb should become more of an option.	
3183	Grade band scenarios should be considered based on the needs of the cluster. Because the Tucker cluster has such a high population of ESOL student, the K-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12 grade may work well to improve student reading levels.	2/13/2026 12:31 PM
3184	I do not under any circumstance want 6th graders in same school with 12th graders!	2/13/2026 12:13 PM
3185	Fit the kids needs	2/13/2026 12:09 PM
3186	Students are vulnerable. Unless you all plan to completely separate campuses for these grade mixes, then NO!	2/13/2026 12:09 PM
3187	I do not want to see any model of putting 6-12 in one building. Keep the middle school format or go to K-8. High schoolers need space for teenagers and cannot manage pre-teens. I am agnostic about 4-5 academies, in my experience the K-5 elementary model already supports the 4-5 grades	2/13/2026 11:59 AM
3188	Even dumber.	2/13/2026 11:52 AM
3189	Grade band changes would be interesting, but I don't have strong opinions about this, as I have worked in other districts/states that have these differing grade bands. However, I don't think 6-12 is a good idea in one building. Too many different hormone levels/maturity levels that students are more aware of.	2/13/2026 11:50 AM
3190	In my area of zip code 30021, Brockett Elementary and Idlewood Elementary, provide ease of access to multi-family units that have more than one child in attendance. These schools are in walking range and provide the best possible opportunity for parents.	2/13/2026 11:45 AM
3191	I am interested in and supportive of different grade bands. For example, and early elementary school for preK-3 would be very welcome for my 2 young kids (currently in preK and K).	2/13/2026 11:42 AM
3192	I have been in a k-7 cluster in the past and do not see any issues with reasonably changing clusters. I do think there are benefits to expanding the cluster to look 6/7-12 since younger students can see older students excel.	2/13/2026 11:37 AM
3193	For SEL reasons alone grade clusters should be revised.	2/13/2026 11:34 AM
3194	I would need to see more data and research to understand how this would benefit students but not opposed.	2/13/2026 11:31 AM
3195	I think any grand band scenarios except the traditional will be hard to implement. If it is done, there will need to be alot of education and communication to everyone involved as to why and how these changes will take effect.	2/13/2026 11:14 AM
3196	If the grade band scenario is used, parents will not like having their children going to different schools. This might work if all the schools are located together and have the same start time, but parents will not like having kids in different schools, starting at different times.	2/13/2026 11:11 AM
3197	I'm concerned about young children around significantly older students.	2/13/2026 10:55 AM
3198	The facilities that are currently in existence are tailored to the grade bands that the buildings currently serve; it would be a huge financial expense to move resources, and in many cases purchase new equipment. Not to mention, create a lot of disruption for families that are used to the curtain model. If a grade band change must be made, the least disruptive one would be Pre-K -5, 6-12. This scenario potentially minimizes the awkwardness of " Middle School", and help children find their social footing with a cohort they will have for a longer period of time. It would also mean that there would be a lot of buildings made available; I would hope this would mean that savings in operations cost would be diverted to better programming.	2/13/2026 10:54 AM
3199	The plan to consolidate some high or middle schools to a campus for 6-12 could be feasible, but concerning for the safety of kids ages 10-19 being together. These are difficult times socially and developmentally for kids and they need safe, supportive schools environments. Take a look at Ericksons stages of development and consider how you can cluster grades to also support healthy family life cycle.	2/13/2026 10:51 AM
3200	APES is a neighborhood school with an exceptional location. Given it's small size and footprint, it may be better repurposed as a PK-3 or other school serving a smaller grade band. This may contribute to less overcrowding.	2/13/2026 10:49 AM

3201	What does it look like to go back to K-7th and 8th-12th because things kind of worked back then? Why make huge elementary and middle schools in Lithonia while closing the high. Claiming Miller Grove is newer? It's like two years newer. It would also be a killer commute for the kids in the Norris Lake area unless they get sent to Stephenson. The 6-12 schools seem like a lot to put on an 11-year-old. I need more current seat numbers and attendance map because there is no way you are talking about transportation cost with no idea of where you are transporting children to all these different bands.	2/13/2026 10:40 AM
3202	i like the preK-6 th grade , 7-12 the best.	2/13/2026 10:29 AM
3203	Keep grade bands the same as they are now.	2/13/2026 10:23 AM
3204	Mcnair	2/13/2026 10:19 AM
3205	Looks good	2/13/2026 10:17 AM
3206	I would not change the grade bands either. There needs to be a middle school and high school due to the maturity levels of the students to meet their individual needs at their grade levels.	2/13/2026 10:13 AM
3207	A 6-12 grade band is a disaster waiting to happen. There is a significant deficit in disciplinary action not just in DCSD, but nationwide in 6-9 grades most commonly. More students experiencing behavioral issues packed into one place will never be the answer. If PK-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12 grade bands better utilize the school buildings and staff the district has, I am more in favor of this grade band option. However the isolation of 4-5 I don't think will be beneficial long term. I think there is a welcoming and supportive culture in PK-5 schools that is beneficial to the older grades.	2/13/2026 10:09 AM
3208	I do not like the idea of middle school and high school being combined. Especially 6/7 grades should not intertwine with high school.	2/13/2026 10:08 AM
3209	I believe it should stick to traditional grade band, depending on the schools needs. I think DeKalb School of the Arts is a really good example of a different grade band that seems to work though.	2/13/2026 9:58 AM
3210	Can't even consider this question in a 'vacuum' -- if you are considering this scenario, you need to provide a tangible example to the community as to what this would look like from a school realignment perspective. The concept alone may be 'fine', but without understanding how it practically will impact the community and education is an empty exercise.	2/13/2026 9:47 AM
3211	My perspective on grade band offerings may be somewhat limited, as my experience has only been within traditional grade band structures. Based on that experience, I believe traditional grade bands appropriately address student needs. I do have concerns about models that would place students with significant age gaps in the same building. These factors should be carefully considered when evaluating alternative grade band configurations.	2/13/2026 9:40 AM
3212	I don’t feel comfortable with my child being around middle and high school students when he can barely comprehend things or defend himself. I have had severely bulling incidents at Redan elementary school this school year alone and they have only been in school 6 months so far. I don’t feel these kids will be protected in these environments.	2/13/2026 9:36 AM
3213	I am sure this would be fine and allow for constant ebb and flows of students to be better managed.	2/13/2026 9:33 AM
3214	Please add ISS room to all schools. Discipline will drive how effective any of these models work.	2/13/2026 9:27 AM
3215	The grade band scenario allows for easier future changes based on population.	2/13/2026 9:21 AM
3216	I strongly prefer keeping traditional grade bands: Elementary (K–5), Middle (6–8), and High (9–12). I do not support converting schools into K–8, 6–12, or shifting campuses between elementary/middle/high configurations in the [YOUR CLUSTER / YOUR SCHOOLS] area. Grade-band changes create unnecessary disruption, complicate scheduling and staffing, and can create developmental and safety issues by mixing very different age groups. Middle school and high school students have distinct academic, social, and extracurricular needs that are better served in purpose-built schools. If utilization needs to be addressed, do it within the traditional grade-band structure (K–5 / 6–8 / 9–12) by balancing attendance zones, improving program offerings to retain/enroll students, and using underutilized space for Pre-K, student supports, and community partnerships—rather than reconfiguring grade bands.	2/13/2026 9:21 AM

3217	I wasn't able to fully understand this part of the proposal for its applicability to my children's cluster.	2/13/2026 9:15 AM
3218	I'm indifferent to grade banding outside of having 6th graders in the same school as seniors. My children are small and on the younger immature end of the grade level. The thought of having my kids who are already lightly bullied in with 18 year olds is terrifying. However, for the grades prior to puberty, I don't really think it matters	2/13/2026 9:11 AM
3219	A lot of families leave elementary school early because of middle school fears. Therefore, you loose a lot of students to either Kitteridge or Private. My son lost the equivalent of an entire 4th grade homeroom because of this. It resulted in consolidation of classrooms, losing a homeroom teacher and disrupting consistency during the school year. If you offered parents a 6-12 grade school option or a K-8th school option it would considerably change the view that you need to leave public home schools in 3rd or 4th grade.	2/13/2026 9:10 AM
3220	As I mentioned, I have many concerns for this scenario. 6-8 graders are not on the same level mentally, physically, emotionally, or overall maturity wise as high school students. They should not be put in a school together that will leave room for chaos in may different aspects.	2/13/2026 9:06 AM
3221	Grade bands could work for some schools, but there would have to be major support from Admin and paid teacher certification training. Also, the infrastructure of the schools would have to be updated of modified to accommodate for the ages of the students. turning a middle school into a large elementary school	2/13/2026 9:05 AM
3222	Traditional, K-6, 7-12	2/13/2026 8:56 AM
3223	I do not think 6th graders should be in the same building as high schoolers. When I was a DCSD in the 1990s, we had K-7 elementary schools and 8-12 high schools. No middle schools. That seemed to work fine, honestly, but I strongly believe 6th/7th graders are too young to be in the same building as 9-12.	2/13/2026 8:55 AM
3224	Ashford Park transitioned from Pre-K-6 to Pre-K -5 when my children were there years ago and Chamblee Middle School came on line. Also, only one of them was able to attend Pre-K at Ashford Park because of the lottery. I feel that better utilization could be obtained at Ashford Park through expansion of grade bands (including more Pre-K)	2/13/2026 8:53 AM
3225	The idea of the band scenarios should consider that the rest of the state currently has the same grade band. We should again consider an advisory board with not just administrators but students and maybe community partners including social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists to consider the impact of the band changes.	2/13/2026 8:46 AM
3226	In reviewing potential grade band scenarios across clusters, careful consideration must be given to developmental appropriateness, staffing strengths, and program continuity. Clusters serving communities with higher mobility or greater student needs may benefit from tighter grade band groupings at the elementary level (PK–3 and 4–5) to strengthen foundational skills and transitions. Middle and high school grade bands should prioritize consistency in programming and staffing expertise to avoid instructional gaps that currently exist when teachers are placed outside their content strengths.	2/13/2026 8:43 AM
3227	See below	2/13/2026 8:40 AM
3228	It makes sense to us. Though we're not necessarily impacted due that our children attend to a school that is not included in this first phase analysis and would potentially attend to a high school not impacted by this first phase.	2/13/2026 8:40 AM
3229	The grade band should stay traditional. The schools I am referring to are Cedar Grove High School, Cedar Grove Middle School, Oak View, and Cedar Grove Elementary School. In my opinion, all 4 of these schools are thriving with their current grade bands.	2/13/2026 8:36 AM
3230	All Cedar Grove school have a strong community behind them and it will be devastating to see them go	2/13/2026 8:33 AM
3231	Redan elementary, grade band, PK-2	2/13/2026 8:28 AM
3232	Similar to my response above in #4, this reduces the locality and neighborhood basis of schools and reduces the connection in the community at a critical stage in development of children, families and the resulting impact on neighborhoods.	2/13/2026 8:25 AM
3233	Can't really provide feedback on this without knowing what is happening with our kids at	2/13/2026 8:21 AM

	Ashford Park.	
3234	Grade bands PK-8/9-12 is a good option for parents especially those with special education programs. I do think its even better to split out PK-3. This was the previous grade designation many years ago with fewer transitions for the students.	2/13/2026 8:21 AM
3235	I am open to 6-12 or K-8 schools. I would not want to see K-12.	2/13/2026 8:17 AM
3236	Terrible idea to combine these grades. 6th graders should not be in the same school as 12th graders.	2/13/2026 8:12 AM
3237	Traditional band grade	2/13/2026 8:12 AM
3238	I think that traditional grade bands (preK-5th, 6-8, and 9-12) work best to be able to provide the resources/sports fields/etc necessary for each of those age spans. Kids need consistent routines so splitting up the schools into too many different level schools will cause difficulty for kids with transitioning. On the other hand, adding too many grades into one school takes away from opportunities for middle school sports and puts 14 year olds on the same bus at 5 year olds which is totally inappropriate.	2/13/2026 8:07 AM
3239	With the increasing number of young children in East Atlanta, I think mc nair should 100% reman open and serve the younger children in preK and earlier grades.	2/13/2026 8:02 AM
3240	My specific question is why is the staff finding out these schools finding out at the same time parents and stakeholders. I feel that staff should have been told about this projection prior to is being communicated within the media. I would like to know how this will affect the staff that is currently employed with the district and how this vision will affect certified and classified staff members. I'm concerned how staff will be selected to remain if the current school closes or combined to another location. How much advance notice will staff receive.	2/13/2026 7:42 AM
3241	Two 4-5-grade band schools would be ideal for this area. Kelley Lake or Toney could be turned into those schools, so the impression is not that this area is being abandoned.	2/13/2026 7:35 AM
3242	I would love to see Kittredge expanded to cover grades 4–8. Chamblee middle has a good program, but the Kittredge kids can handle so much more and are bored in the Chamblee MS honors program. Otherwise I think most schools should stick to traditional K-5/6-8/9-12 programs. Combining sixth graders with 12th graders in the same school sounds like a bad idea.	2/13/2026 7:35 AM
3243	Pk-3 and 4-5 is too much. Siblings are broken up too soon. 6-12 may increase bullying issues and these are critical puberty and maturity times. 6-8 adequately focuses on that critical time of transition for children.	2/13/2026 7:29 AM
3244	none	2/13/2026 7:16 AM
3245	no comment	2/13/2026 7:05 AM
3246	I don’t think any changes to the grade band need to be made.	2/13/2026 7:03 AM
3247	honestly pk-3/4-5/6-8/9-12 is the perfect band. it prevents the younger ages from being influenced by the older kids. obviously, there will still be influence but it will be fewer negative influences from those older groups who are more mature to be around that type of influence. it could also keep our kids more interested.	2/13/2026 7:01 AM
3248	A 6-12 grade band may be difficult to manage operationally without a substantial facility renovation. A 4-5 grade band seems unsustainable and may contribute to enrollment decline as there is a rise in charter options for this grade band.	2/13/2026 7:00 AM
3249	I do not think kindergarteners should be in the same school as anyone greater than grade 5	2/13/2026 6:51 AM
3250	Having large 6-12 schools seems like a poor idea. There is a large developmental difference between 12yo-18yo. I think they are best served in the current grade bands. 6-12 may work in a smaller setting, not with thousands of students	2/13/2026 6:40 AM
3251	I do not agree with making a school 6-12 will be a good solution. It’s tough enough to transition to middle school from elementary, but sending them into an environment with kids much older can create a chaotic scenario for teachers and administration.	2/13/2026 6:36 AM
3252	The school children in the neighborhoods close to Brockett has decreased in the past few years; however, there are a lot of babies now living in the neighborhoods so this is important to	2/13/2026 6:32 AM

	know in planning for future years like pre-school and early education.	
3253	The traditional grade band works and no changes are needed.	2/13/2026 6:28 AM
3254	I also do not agree with merging schools into K-9 or K-12 models without clear evidence that it benefits students academically or socially.	2/13/2026 6:26 AM
3255	Grade bands will force more bullying and potentially increase school violence.	2/13/2026 6:25 AM
3256	Not a fan	2/13/2026 6:17 AM
3257	Merging schools in close proximity makes better sense. Teachers and students would continue to have familiarity and strengthen new learning relationships that will support better outcomes. Not to mention more available resources for students.	2/13/2026 6:07 AM
3258	Even within South DeKalb, communities differ in socioeconomic status, neighborhood history, access to resources, and exposure to trauma. Simply combining populations because overall numbers are lower does not mean those groups will automatically integrate smoothly. Any model that merges schools without significant investment in climate, supervision, and mental health infrastructure risks increasing: • bullying • conflict between neighborhoods • student disengagement • staff burnout • loss of community identity K–8 / 9–12: While fewer transitions can be positive, placing very young children in the same environment as adolescents requires major safeguards. I have not yet seen a clear operational plan for how that would occur. K–3, 4–5, 6–8, 9–12: This structure may match developmental stages better, but it increases transitions. Every move requires children to rebuild peer groups, relationships with staff, and a sense of belonging. For vulnerable students, that disruption can be significant. Larger consolidated schools in any band may offer more programming, but they also increase the risk that students feel unseen unless adult capacity is expanded. Right now, I do not see evidence that the level of staffing and resources required to make these models safe and effective will be available. PK–5 / 6–12 This structure keeps elementary students together longer, which may support foundational development. However, a 6–12 environment places early adolescents with much older teenagers, and that can intensify social pressure, exposure to mature behaviors, and bullying unless carefully managed. I have not yet seen a detailed plan explaining how this would be prevented. PK–3 / 4–5 / 6–12 While separating early childhood from upper elementary may align with developmental differences, it introduces another transition point. Students must repeatedly rebuild peer groups and relationships with adults, which can be particularly hard for children already coping with instability. Adding a large 6–12 consolidation again raises concerns about younger students mixing with much older ones.	2/13/2026 6:06 AM
3259	Schools were not built for non traditional grade bands. Show us the cost ratio for keeping things as is vs all the renovations needed for this plan including renovations regarding different grade bands. Will cost tax payers more money in the end while district is unbothered.	2/13/2026 5:57 AM
3260	Brockett	2/13/2026 5:49 AM
3261	Ashford park is a great elementary school and closing it will be devastating	2/13/2026 5:47 AM
3262	This is a great idea that’s it that’s all	2/13/2026 5:43 AM
3263	I think the pk-8 could work well if the schedule for elementary students was changed to start closer to 8.	2/13/2026 5:36 AM
3264	Traditional bands	2/13/2026 5:04 AM
3265	Don’t close the school	2/13/2026 4:54 AM
3266	I prefer the current grade bands. I am concerned transportation would be difficult if we split them up more. I’d be willing to hear more but with three young children that at one point would all be K-5 I worry about logistics, bus routes and carpool for multiple young kids.	2/13/2026 4:48 AM
3267	I don’t think the potential grade band scenarios are beneficial to any cluster.	2/13/2026 4:43 AM
3268	Rowland elementary has been one of my best choice of school and will be involve every one to be part of this school	2/13/2026 4:42 AM
3269	I love the idea of PK-3 school models in SOME areas. As a teacher, certified in grades PK-8, I like the PK-8 model. I am concerned with what consolidation means for our schools with special programs - IB, Dual Language, High Achiever, Montessori.	2/13/2026 4:20 AM
3270	Columbia Middle School has the best staff who already engage in sports activities with both	2/13/2026 3:02 AM

	middle and high School students building a community of minors who look up to their peers instead of bullies.	
3271	N/A	2/13/2026 1:35 AM
3272	No comment	2/12/2026 11:58 PM
3273	I attended high school at Dunwoody HS. At that time, it was an 8-12 school. It was difficult to make the transition to a school with so many age groups at grade 8. The current grade bands make more sense.	2/12/2026 11:43 PM
3274	I don't feel this would be safe for the younger students regarding bullying and influence.	2/12/2026 11:32 PM
3275	Ashford Park Elementary School should not be closed.	2/12/2026 11:19 PM
3276	We do not like the proposal to break schools into smaller grade bands, as that will not allow siblings to attend school together, in turn making it more difficult for our transportation/schedules.	2/12/2026 11:17 PM
3277	Of the proposed bands, the traditional ones seem the most realistic.	2/12/2026 10:59 PM
3278	I think the grade band should remain as it is now for Kelley Lake Elementary. Traditional*	2/12/2026 10:50 PM
3279	Students from prek to 5th grade	2/12/2026 10:48 PM
3280	I like the seperation of k-3, 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12,	2/12/2026 10:47 PM
3281	No specific feedback, but I have heard great reports of PK-3/4-5 split from parents in City of Decatur Schools.	2/12/2026 10:41 PM
3282	The schools clusters were just recently clustered to resemble that of an elementary middle and high school with theme schools that provided private school curriculum with public school funding.	2/12/2026 10:38 PM
3283	Midvale: Do PK-6 instead of PK-5. Do this at Livsey and other Tucker cluster schools to reduce crowding at Tucker Middle.	2/12/2026 10:26 PM
3284	I think grade bands should be prek to 5, 6-9, 10-12. I don’t like the current or proposed band systems.	2/12/2026 10:25 PM
3285	In the proposed grade band scenario that would relocate 6th–8th grade students from Cedar Grove Middle School to the Cedar Grove High School campus (creating a combined 6–12 configuration), I have concerns about the facility decision-making process. Cedar Grove Middle currently operates in a comparatively newer building, while the high school campus is an older facility with known infrastructure challenges. It is unclear whether building conditions, long-term maintenance needs, and student learning environments were fully evaluated before proposing this shift. Moving middle school students into an older high school facility raises concerns about safety, space allocation, and age-appropriate environments. Additionally, this change may signal a gradual reduction of investment within the Cedar Grove cluster rather than a strengthening of it. Any grade band adjustment should clearly demonstrate that facility quality, equity, and long-term sustainability were central to the decision.	2/12/2026 10:24 PM
3286	I personally as a parent would not like to see any scenarios that include grades 6 -12 all together in one school setting, I honestly think that a very bad plan.	2/12/2026 10:20 PM
3287	Prefer K-8 . I don't think 10 yr olds should be with teenagers	2/12/2026 10:17 PM
3288	It it not a wise idea to put 6th graders in the same school as 12th	2/12/2026 10:11 PM
3289	Middle school was horrible for both of my children in Dekalb. Willing to try PK-8 and 9-12.	2/12/2026 10:01 PM
3290	One of my children attends the a K-8 school and some of the logistics are difficult but I do think it helps to build community and curb some behavior issues in the middle school grades; however, I think these need to be capped in size for this to be a benefit and I wonder if the kids will be fully prepared for high school. I don't think 6th graders should be in school with 12th graders in the 6-12 scenario, and I don't love the k-3 //4-5 separation because it doesn't build leadership skills enough. I'd prefer staying the same or moving to K-8 but the k-8 will need A LOT of logistical support in terms of scheduling, curriculum , etc.	2/12/2026 9:54 PM
3291	Increasing the number of times students change schools is disruptive to establishing communities within schools and will result in a decrease in community.	2/12/2026 9:44 PM

3292	Frankly, I think the K8 proposal is being driven by the buildings we have - something that Tracy of HPM said should NOT be done. Why should the Cross Keys cluster be the ONLY cluster that has a MS choice of either split feeder (to Sequoyah, Chamblee, Druid Hills) or K8? Cross Keys kids have been ill treated for decades. Why must the district continue this? No evidence has been presented that CK cluster parents want this. I'm not opposed to offering K8 as a CHOICE to parents, but to give residents in some areas the K5/6-8 experience while others get K8 is unfair. Clearly Globe Academy, The Museum School, and DATE charter schools in DCSD have lots of demand for K8. But it's a choice made by parents - not something that is driven by a child's zip code.	2/12/2026 9:42 PM
3293	I am a product of Dekalb county traditional school system. But the Pre-K-3 would help get students on the right track	2/12/2026 9:36 PM
3294	I'm interested in better understanding how schools, such as Cedar Grove HS, will be repurposed. Particularly since the building recently had an expensive addition built. Is it possible to further evaluate how schools are selected for renovations etc. or perhaps pause such projects until decisions about closures and repurposing are made?	2/12/2026 9:36 PM
3295	Again, documentation please. Studies. Analysis. White papers. Etc. that is your job	2/12/2026 9:34 PM
3296	Lithonia High School 9-12	2/12/2026 9:30 PM
3297	Don't do nothing	2/12/2026 9:27 PM
3298	Regarding the Lakeside/Chamblee cluster, I am concerned about splits like PK-3 and 4-5. For families with young children, adding an extra transition between 3rd and 4th grade creates unnecessary "educational hurdles." We should prioritize keeping K-5 or PK-5 models to provide stability for early learners and working parents.	2/12/2026 9:25 PM
3299	If you grow vertically, I would recommend pk-8 together before 6-12. Socially speaking, I think the younger kids are less likely to get in trouble or hurt or bullied in that scenario than in the 6-12 scenario. Specifically I would be affected by Sagamore, Henderson middle, and Lakeside.	2/12/2026 9:20 PM
3300	I am against changing grade bands because it can disrupt academic consistency and student development. Students benefit from stable transitions between school levels, and restructuring grade groupings may create adjustment challenges and gaps in instructional alignment.	2/12/2026 9:16 PM
3301	My kid goes to Allgood Elementary School. I believe that they could be either a PreK-3 or a 4 & 5 school. They have a great administration and staff so I'm sure they would be great either way. My kid will be at Freedom Middle next year, but I love Allgood.	2/12/2026 9:05 PM
3302	K-5	2/12/2026 9:01 PM
3303	I don't think 6th graders need to be with 12 graders. Those age groups at that number are hard to manage. They both have different issues and needs I fear a personal touch is going to be lost.	2/12/2026 9:00 PM
3304	Elementary schools grade band need to remain the same	2/12/2026 8:55 PM
3305	Middle school students should not go to school with high schools students.	2/12/2026 8:54 PM
3306	I believe students should remain in traditional grade band structures such as elementary, middle, and high school rather than being grouped in combined grade configurations like 6–12 campuses. Mixing middle school and high school students in the same setting can create developmental, social, and safety concerns, as these age groups have very different academic and emotional needs. This is particularly important in clusters where schools may be converted or repurposed, such as those involving potential reconfiguration of existing middle or high school facilities. Maintaining traditional grade bands helps ensure students receive age-appropriate instruction, support, and environments that are better suited to their stage of development. I encourage the district to prioritize stability and developmental appropriateness when evaluating grade band scenarios across all clusters.	2/12/2026 8:48 PM
3307	I think I need more information on this topic	2/12/2026 8:42 PM
3308	Grade band configurations that convert neighborhood schools into specialized or theme schools may unintentionally introduce financial barriers if participation requires additional materials, fees, or travel. These scenarios could limit equitable access for students across clusters.	2/12/2026 8:42 PM

3309	We love our district school, Henderson Mill Elementary. The teachers are supportive and thoughtful, the school is proud of their STEAM program, our sports and test averages excel and are always improving. This school is culturally diverse. Losing Henderson Mill would be detrimental for many families in the area who may not have access to a charter or private school and those who live in close proximity who may not have other means of transportation. Our kids deserve access to a good public education. The next school closest to us is Evansdale which is also on the closure list. That school has even better ratings on paper although I have no personal experience. Losing both these schools would displace more than 1000 kids in our area.	2/12/2026 8:42 PM
3310	Keep it k-5	2/12/2026 8:39 PM
3311	I'm open to grade band changes, but do not believe we should look at increasing the age difference in schools. Younger students do not need to be brought into school environments with more mature students. Keeping children surrounded by similar age/development levels/milestones seems like a healthier environment. I do not like the idea of 12 and 13 year olds being in the same school as 16-18 year olds.	2/12/2026 8:33 PM
3312	Keep the grade band scenario as is. It clearly is working at Ashford Park Elementary, Chamblee Middle, and Chamblee High.	2/12/2026 8:22 PM
3313	Y'all just like to change stuff. We don't have regions but when you complete other surveys, it's still by regions.	2/12/2026 8:21 PM
3314	6 graders should not go to school with 12 graders to much going on in the middle schools	2/12/2026 8:11 PM
3315	As a parent in the Chamblee cluster (30341) with children in French DLI, and as a licensed K-12 French teacher with an MA in Second Language Acquisition, I see the grade band question as inseparable from program continuity. For DLI students specifically, Concept C's model of standalone PK-5 DLI facilities feeding into 6-12 thematic pathways is the most research-aligned option. Research consistently shows that DLI students need 4-7 years minimum in both languages to close achievement gaps (Thomas & Collier, 2002), and cohort preservation through secondary school is essential for both linguistic development and social-emotional well-being. A 6-12 pathway would formalize what I advocated for in my November 2025 letter to the Board: guaranteed continuation from elementary DLI through AP/IB French, regardless of residential zone. For our cluster specifically, Chamblee High School already offers AP French but has had enrollment as low as one student. A 6-12 model could consolidate DLI middle and high school students into a cohort large enough to sustain robust advanced French programming.	2/12/2026 8:06 PM
3316	I have no feedback here other than we need a uniform grade bands across every cluster!	2/12/2026 7:55 PM
3317	2nd and 4th grade	2/12/2026 7:54 PM
3318	I prefer a grade band of pk-6, 7-9, 10-12. But this isn't an option listed below. I think this model would serve the Lithonia cluster well.	2/12/2026 7:54 PM
3319	I would never send an elementary aged child to school with middle schoolers. And I also wouldn't be comfortable sending my middle schooler to school with high schoolers. The developmental difference, size and maturity seems incredibly risky and dangerous.	2/12/2026 7:50 PM
3320	Why change something that's not broke. I did go to a school that was 6 through 12. It was not the greatest way of learning. One thing that should be standard is all kids wear uniforms. I am sick of high school kids looking like sluts and thugs.	2/12/2026 7:49 PM
3321	I believe Dunwoody high school desperately needs the space being utilized by Vanderlyn elementary and while it will be difficult will ultimately benefit those students in the long run.	2/12/2026 7:46 PM
3322	The weakest school in our cluster is Tucker Middle. Many people, my family included, put their children in private schools for grades 6-8, then send them to Tucker High for an excellent education.	2/12/2026 7:46 PM
3323	Six through 12 is not acceptable. Middle School could include the through eighth. However, six through 12 I think is too large of an age gap to be in the same school and have a community feeling.	2/12/2026 7:44 PM
3324	None of these grade band scenarios alleviate the over crowding at Peachtree Middle and Dunwoody High.	2/12/2026 7:44 PM

3325	Please stick to the K-5 and traditional bands. My child should experience this same bands we did.	2/12/2026 7:40 PM
3326	I believe that the traditional middle and high school bands (6-8 and 9-12) remain highly efficient and best for our students. However, could we consider having separate pre-k through 3rd grade schools in a consolidated structure? With this, you can have 1-2 early learning centers per high school cluster and could consolidate further among the 4-5 grade students. This could also create opportunities to introduce SLCs to their 4-5 graders due to them being in dedicated facilities. These SLCs can carry over into middle and high school, while allowing the early learning schools to focus solely on basic education to prepare our students for more rigorous learning.	2/12/2026 7:30 PM
3327	I think the bands should be consistent so there's more flexibility around potential moves, etc. I also think there isn't anything inherently wrong with the current banding - except I could see value in the Pk grades being separated from the 4-5th grades due to how much growth/maturity happens at that age.	2/12/2026 7:26 PM
3328	Allows more vertical access to curriculum (advanced middle school students can take high school coursework). I think this is a better opportunity for students.	2/12/2026 7:25 PM
3329	K-3 4-5 6-8 and 9-12 sound like good grade band solutions.	2/12/2026 7:07 PM
3330	Keeping magnet schools/programs on edge by not releasing our scenarios is not fair to those students/parents/staff.	2/12/2026 7:07 PM
3331	I think clustering elementary & middle schools would be more appropriate. High school students are more mature and should have an independent facility which specifically serves their advancing needs.	2/12/2026 7:04 PM
3332	No Chesnut Give us other outlets AUSTIN Elementary can acomodate kids. What about the library/ Art school why can move the school there???? Can we move my kids to Chamble middle school instead of dunwoody peachtree middle school. Explain how kids will be divided. Not possible to pretend to put kids in trailers they will stay there forever like Peachtree Middle School	2/12/2026 7:01 PM
3333	It does not make sense to go with smaller grade bands if you are closing schools or hoping for efficiency. Only traditional would make sense at this point. I think my cluster would like k-8 but the schools buildings are not built for this. The gyms do not have locker rooms, there are not lockers, additional specials space, athletics programs etc.	2/12/2026 6:59 PM
3334	As a proponent of small schools with a close-knit community, I have always been in favor of PK-8th grade schools. I feel that children in middle school are made to grow up too quickly, and if they were to stay with their younger peers, support the lower grades, and still play on a playground like the children that they are, we'd have far fewer behavior problems and mental health issues with those grade levels. Smaller is better for PK-8th and 9th – 12th education.	2/12/2026 6:57 PM
3335	McNair Cluster - Kelley Lake	2/12/2026 6:54 PM
3336	I'm glad to see Livsey will remain a part of the Tucker cluster. Will Midvale feed into it.	2/12/2026 6:50 PM
3337	As a career educator spanning the grade bands, I am opposed to a 6-12 program, and believe that a 4-8 program can only be successful if the building can be meaningfully utilized to keep hunger and older kids separate.	2/12/2026 6:44 PM
3338	I would not want to see younger children mixed into a middle or senior HS. This exposes them to gangs, drugs and other influences that they are not prepared for. That is a key benefit of traditional elementary, middle and high school structure. Pk-8/9-12is the next best option.	2/12/2026 6:41 PM
3339	I'm fine with the current traditional or Pk-8 and 9-12. I don't like the others. Def not for kids to change schools 4 times. Do not like middle schoolers with high schoolers. They do not need to be exposed to kids who may be smoking, drinking or doing drugs. Middle schoolers is hard enough. Don't make the younger kids grow up too fast, just to fit the needs of the school board.	2/12/2026 6:36 PM
3340	No comment	2/12/2026 6:35 PM
3341	I don't love the 6-12 options bc 6th graders are so different from 10-12th graders. I think it would be best to have middle school separate.	2/12/2026 6:35 PM
3342	Traditional seems to work best. It's important to have 6-8 and 9-12 be separated.	2/12/2026 6:35 PM

3343	May be more beneficial for siblings	2/12/2026 6:31 PM
3344	Traditional model is best. The other grade bands don't make sense. As a parent, I wouldn't want my child going to school with High schoolers and vice versa. Now maybe one 6-12th school might work at a school the size of Arabia but most schools don't have the capacity to support grades 6-12 so this model isn't feasible	2/12/2026 6:29 PM
3345	I will move anywhere...	2/12/2026 6:26 PM
3346	I would never send my elementary aged child to school with middle/highschoolers.	2/12/2026 6:16 PM
3347	I'm speaking globally, so understand that please. I think that school should try to be more aware of what happens to elementary students when they enter middle school. They are often introduced to behaviors that are not good for that age. If they stay in an elementary school environment, they may pay more attention to education and less attention to older teen behaviors. If there is a desire to gradually change their environment, cluster within the elementary level: pk-4 5-7. This should allow students to make better choices as they mature in an appropriate environment.	2/12/2026 6:04 PM
3348	I hate the idea of middle schoolers being with high schoolers. I don't mind a PK-3 band scenario. However I thought the grade band scenario being thrown on us at the meeting was quite surprising and confusing. How do we determine grade bands when we don't know boundaries and needs of those boundaries?	2/12/2026 6:01 PM
3349	Even though my daughter goes to DATE where the grades are pre k - 8th, I say keep prek-5th together, 6th-8th and 9-12th. Maturity levels, change and school times are my main concerns.	2/12/2026 5:57 PM
3350	i like it the way it is even though i feel 9th graders not muture enough to be with the upperclassman	2/12/2026 5:50 PM
3351	Just like in a classroom why make everything the same when it has been said for years that students would get what they need.	2/12/2026 5:46 PM
3352	When I was a student, we had elementary and high (8-12). This seemed to work very well. I don't think 6-12 would be good for the younger students. Decatur has split some of the elementary schools, you should investigate how well (or not well) that is working.	2/12/2026 5:45 PM
3353	Ashford Park should remain K-5. We are over-capacity, but a building upgrade has been "apparently" in the works for close to three years now. That is what needs to happen.	2/12/2026 5:26 PM
3354	It's dumb as hell	2/12/2026 5:22 PM
3355	I don't agree with 6-12. You will have 10 year olds in school with 18 year olds.	2/12/2026 5:17 PM
3356	Clustering works well in many instances provided that there are sufficient resources to appropriately address the various age groups.	2/12/2026 5:16 PM
3357	All scenarios are awful. Closing schools because you don't want to pay to repair them is disgusting. God forbid these teachers have a decent ratio of students in their class instead of cramming in 30 for 1 teacher. Deplorable.	2/12/2026 5:14 PM
3358	I prefer the traditional grade clusters. I also like the P-3 & 4-5 option but 6-12 is not favorable.	2/12/2026 5:04 PM
3359	Convert Vandelyn into a 9th grade academy.	2/12/2026 4:57 PM
3360	I am in favor of flexibility in the early year grades. All options make sense. I also Ike the idea of changing the band scenarios for older grades. Has 8-12 been considered?	2/12/2026 4:53 PM
3361	I am not sure what middle school McNair students would attend.	2/12/2026 4:51 PM
3362	I live in the Lithonia 30058 area and the school system here is atrocious my child presently attends champion themed Middle School and that is the best I could find in the area of my residency. The schools in the North DeKalb area have better funding teachers school facilities etc as the schools in the South dekalb areas are poorly funded poor teachers and the students are not learning the schools are out of control	2/12/2026 4:45 PM
3363	If high schools are often over capacity why not consider pk-6, 7-9, 10-12? Of the options I think that the ones that have pk-8 probably is too large age difference in one school. Dunwoody cluster	2/12/2026 4:45 PM

3364	I have no opinion on the grade band.	2/12/2026 4:40 PM
3365	I remember when the children in our neighborhood went to Oak Grove for grades 1-8 and on to Lakeside for high school. By the time our daughter was in 6th grade, Oak Grove students had to go to Henderson Middle School. Henderson Middle School was not a good experience at all because it did not have enough accelerated programming. If we returned to the K-8 model, Oak Grove could certainly be at more than full capacity and probably offer better programming.	2/12/2026 4:39 PM
3366	I do not like the grade bands that require more than 3-4 transitions. That is a lot for growing children. The transitions to middle school and high school are hard enough, and now increasing that to more than 2 is way too much for the average child. Let alone neurodivergent learners. Sixth to eighth graders should not be with high schoolers. Middle schoolers are mean enough as is, and high schoolers are typically worse. They need that transition time during the main ages of puberty with out 17-18 year olds around.	2/12/2026 4:35 PM
3367	Pk-8 could potentially work.	2/12/2026 4:31 PM
3368	I'm not a fan of changing the bands as it creates logistical issues for my family and many others with multiple kids.	2/12/2026 4:30 PM
3369	see below	2/12/2026 4:30 PM
3370	I support the adoption and continuation of the traditional grade band structure of K–5, 6–8, and 9–12. This model aligns with students' developmental stages and provides a structured progression from elementary to middle to high school. Grouping students in these bands allows schools to better tailor academic programming, social-emotional supports, and extracurricular opportunities to age-appropriate needs. In the K–5 setting, younger students benefit from a nurturing, foundational environment focused on literacy, numeracy, and core learning habits. The 6–8 middle school model recognizes the unique academic and social transition of early adolescence, offering targeted supports and exploratory opportunities. Finally, the 9–12 high school structure prepares students for postsecondary education, careers, and adulthood through specialized coursework, athletics, and leadership development.	2/12/2026 4:30 PM
3371	I like traditional grade bands, especially for 6-12.	2/12/2026 4:29 PM
3372	PK-3 4-5 grade band makes sense. Specifically in Ashford Park where the school is over-utilized.	2/12/2026 4:24 PM
3373	SWD cluster	2/12/2026 4:14 PM
3374	Elementary students should NOT be exposed to potential bad influences from middle schoolers until they are old enough to understand the consequences of their actions. As they get older, their brain develops to get a better understanding between good and bad. Same with middle school and high school. There's already teenage pregnancies that are on the rise. Why would y'all even consider risking exposing younger ages to things that they shouldn't be exposed to until they're older to understand. Keep K-5, 6-8, 9-12.	2/12/2026 4:13 PM
3375	I think the grade bands should be standardized, at least within a cluster.	2/12/2026 4:09 PM
3376	I have a student at KMS, so the 4-6 band makes sense in specialty school scenarios. I don't really have strong opinions if the grade bands make sense for staffing educators. I do think that sixth graders in the same space as 12th graders is too much of a difference.	2/12/2026 4:08 PM
3377	I'm not interested in "grade band scenarios." The DeKalb County School system is making up bad ideas based on years of failed leadership. The interim superintendent should not be the person to put forward such an aggressive -- and bad -- idea when he'll ultimately not be the one responsible for the results. Get a new interim superintendent because the current one doesn't understand he's only in a temporary position and serves as a caretaker.	2/12/2026 4:02 PM
3378	In general I do not believe that grades 6-8 benefit from being in the same school as grades 9-12. I also do not believe that having 8th graders in an elementary school is appropriate.	2/12/2026 4:01 PM
3379	I am interested in learning more about the smaller grade band scenarios - especially in the younger grades where so much development is happening.	2/12/2026 4:01 PM
3380	We need to prioritize against split feeders. I see that Cross Keys may have split middle schools/no middle school. Can they not benefit from another facility, like the Kittredge facility (renovated/enlarged)? The school program could stay within that local facility, just like it operates for 7-8 at CMS and CHMS, and 9-12 at CMS and SDHS. If program embedding	2/12/2026 4:00 PM

	"works" well enough to exist for for those facilities, why wouldn't it work for Kittredge and Wadsworth? This would also enable middle school sports, which is a key reason many eligible students do not accept their earned seat at Wadsworth.	
3381	I do not support grade band changes that would result in my child's elementary school being consolidated or repurposed. Keeping elementary grade bands intact within existing schools provides consistency, age-appropriate learning environments, and stronger family engagement. Moving younger students to larger or unfamiliar campuses, or separating siblings across multiple schools, would negatively impact student well-being and family logistics. Grade band scenarios should prioritize continuity, safety, and stability for elementary students and avoid consolidations that disproportionately affect younger children.	2/12/2026 3:58 PM
3382	I do like the change in grade banding. I've always felt it is hard to have pre-K with fifth graders.	2/12/2026 3:58 PM
3383	I believe our grade bands are remaining the same. I wouldn't mind seeing K-6 grade bands at Vanderlyn and Dunwoody elementary schools and then having Peachtree Middle just be 7th and 8th grades.	2/12/2026 3:58 PM
3384	smaller neighborhood schools and smaller class sizes are better, especially when inclusion is being followed— and the younger the grade the more important	2/12/2026 3:55 PM
3385	No way, the younger children do not need to be mixed with the older students. Terrible influence.	2/12/2026 3:53 PM
3386	I am EXCITED by the idea of a 6-12 grade band at McNair. Quite frankly, our students are not being adequately prepared by their middle schools. If we could co-plan across developmental levels, that might improve. I am concerned that formerly 9-12 teachers will be required to fulfill middle grades duties. I chose to teach high school because I am not interested in micromanaging bathroom trips and hallway transitions. Nor do I want to struggle with hallways arranged by grade band. It has never once worked in my experience. Meanwhile, arranging by subject often silos teachers and prevents cross-subject collaboration, in particular in support of efforts to improve literacy. (McNair is currently thoroughly intermixed for classroom placement, which has been quite enjoyable to date.)	2/12/2026 3:50 PM
3387	The grade bands need to remain as they are — or a primary/elementary school level. However, there is no way that I'd want my elementary school aged children attending schools with a middle or high school student who could negatively impact their primary years.	2/12/2026 3:47 PM
3388	As a graduate from DeKalb County School District, I matriculated from 1st - 12th grade. I was a part of the last 7th grade class at Chapel Hill Elementary and last 8th grade class at SWD. I believe K-7th grade and 8th-12th grade should be options for Elementary and High school.	2/12/2026 3:46 PM
3389	I believe certain schools should have certain grade bands depending on the need and recreations offered.	2/12/2026 3:41 PM
3390	I think the grade bands will give students more responsibility in a sense. Also bridge the gap of students when transitioning to higher grades.	2/12/2026 3:38 PM
3391	Rowland Bethune towers	2/12/2026 3:30 PM
3392	I would like more information about the closing elementary schools. For schools like kingsley, where would the students be relocated to? How will you help manage the increased capacity? And please don't say trailers. That won't go over well	2/12/2026 3:29 PM
3393	Get rid Middle schools	2/12/2026 3:27 PM
3394	Kids need to be in prek thru 4th. Those smaller and younger children do not need to be in a building with middle school kids. That environment is not appropriate for smaller younger children. Maybe you want to go to 6th grade at most but once they reach 7 or 8th grade it is a whole new world for kids. Amd Hugh school kids are not the same as middle school.	2/12/2026 3:27 PM
3395	Disagree. Why are we going back on something that was so painful to implement 30 years ago	2/12/2026 3:12 PM
3396	I do not have a strong feeling about grade bands. If anything- maybe do pre-k through sixth, and then 7th through 12th.	2/12/2026 3:12 PM
3397	If grade bands are implemented, I believe it should be grades K-7 and then grades 8-12. Putting 6th and 7th graders with high school kids is not a good idea on a maturity level. This could potentially increase the number of juveniles being seen in juvenile court due to undue influence, exposure, and pressure to "be like" or "impress" the older kids.	2/12/2026 3:10 PM

3398	I’m not sure how you can assess facility needs without first finalizing grade bands. This seems out of sequence.	2/12/2026 3:08 PM
3399	I do not like combining middle and high schoolers. This day in age, we need to allow kids to have a child-mindset and exposing them to more mature clusters of kids early on may have detriment, especially now that tech is so rampant.	2/12/2026 2:58 PM
3400	This seems like a better idea to me than straight consolidation. However, I do wonder what class sizes we're solving to; wouldn't lower enrollments allow us to return to more ideal class sizes than what we've dealt with for years (presence of trailer classrooms at nearly every school would suggest so).	2/12/2026 2:55 PM
3401	n/a	2/12/2026 2:54 PM
3402	I would prefer livsey be k-8. If we are expanding it to be huge, let the kids stay for more years.	2/12/2026 2:53 PM
3403	I went through DCSD when there were no middle schools. I did not like being in school with 12th graders when I was in 8th grade, so I cannot imagine it working well to have one school serve 6th through 12th grades. The idea of having such young, impressionable middle school aged students in a school with high schoolers does not sit well with me. However, if they had totally separate buildings on the same campus, that would sit better with me.	2/12/2026 2:44 PM
3404	I have viewed all grade bands and understand that high schools are only losing three, middle school are losing five, and elementary are losing more. Statistically, people are not having children like they have in earlier times.	2/12/2026 2:43 PM
3405	Ig grade bands are changed, there needs to be a way to keep the younger grades away from the influence of the older generation.	2/12/2026 2:39 PM
3406	keep elementary schools local and small this is were kids make life long friends and learn the fundamentals	2/12/2026 2:39 PM
3407	The idea of breaking PreK-3 and 4-5 into separate bands may be the only feasible solution. I'd caution against shifting the bands for older students.	2/12/2026 2:34 PM
3408	I don’t support putting 6th graders in high schools as developmentally, this is not good. Merging 4-8 th grades is likely ok as there are already models in the district that do this.	2/12/2026 2:30 PM
3409	No way an 11 year old 6th grader needs to be on campus with 17-18 year old seniors in high school!	2/12/2026 2:26 PM
3410	Stephenson has a strong zone system and this may work in our community	2/12/2026 2:26 PM
3411	No real opinion	2/12/2026 2:24 PM
3412	Keep the schools the same.	2/12/2026 2:24 PM
3413	Terrible! Loop hole for under performing schools!	2/12/2026 2:20 PM
3414	I prefer the traditional PK-5/6-8/9-12 grade band, but I understand it may be more efficient to adopt alternative bands in areas based on population and demographic needs.	2/12/2026 2:20 PM
3415	I don't have opinions on specific grade bands. However, it seems like it will simply cause more headache and confusions for parents and students to transition through additional schools and having to learn new teachers/routines.	2/12/2026 2:17 PM
3416	It seems like school band clusters are better for students, but the traditional model is better for families.	2/12/2026 2:16 PM
3417	No comment.	2/12/2026 2:16 PM
3418	I think the grade bands should be the same as what has normally been done. This makes the most sense for children during the different stages of development.	2/12/2026 2:11 PM
3419	You've identified large clusters of elementary schools (27) and it is not clear how many you will eventually close and what this will look like. Yes grade band sould be kept the same. (K-5) (6-8) and then 9-12 unless you were considering a true Junior high model of K-6 ES and then 7/8 Junior Highs.	2/12/2026 2:09 PM
3420	PK-3 is not ideal, but is acceptable if it keeps Ashford Park open.	2/12/2026 2:07 PM

3421	I don’t think more grades should be added to a high school due to developmental differences	2/12/2026 2:07 PM
3422	No feed back	2/12/2026 2:06 PM
3423	I'm concerned with the PK-8 and 6-12 scenarios based on the wide range of ages that would be in close proximity.	2/12/2026 2:05 PM
3424	No comment	2/12/2026 2:05 PM
3425	This is regression to me. Back in the 90s, the grade bands were on a similar system. Then, they were reorganized into Jr High/ Middle School bands. This served a crucial gap between the ages/stages. It not only aided the younger kids in their progression into high school but it also gave the parents a little reassurance that their middle school child/children were with kids of a similar age.	2/12/2026 2:00 PM
3426	I'm curious what school additions mean and how this process is mentioned to be gradual over the next 6-8 years. Does that mean schools will close in phases? When will grade bands be discussed?	2/12/2026 1:54 PM
3427	Younger students do not need to be around those who are much older. The 2 band system would not be beneficial at all	2/12/2026 1:52 PM
3428	As long as the consolidations affect the scholars and teachers positively, I'm for it.	2/12/2026 1:50 PM
3429	NO on that ideal. Mixing the older children with the younger vulnerable children is just to much. The issues of being bullied is hard enough with younger groups then to add on older groups in the mix, NO. DCSD needs to do way more in the lower valued/ low income areas, give the community a better education struction just has the inner areas have, such as Decatur school system has; Buckhead; Atlanta City areas. By not pouring into these schools has parents applying for School Choice programs and fighting for the seats just so scholars can achieve a better education. How long will this mess continue?	2/12/2026 1:45 PM
3430	I am in the Chamblee cluster but my feedback applies to all clusters. I'm opposed to PK-8 and 6-12 grade bands unless they involve separate buildings and completely separate administration. As a former educator, I cannot imagine the administrative inefficiencies that would be created by principals overseeing such a wide age range. Teachers of different ages also have very different understandings of what the teacher/administrator relationship should be like, and I feel these expanded grade bands would result in chaos that ultimately trickles down to the students. I think 4-5 clusters are totally fine as they don't carry those concerns.	2/12/2026 1:43 PM
3431	I work in SPED, and with a lot of mental and physically needs and challenges, being in certain buildings, puts more care, knowledge and experienced staff in those buildings to not only have a better safety net, but parents will feel appreciated-due to better control of its environment/ Paras need to be paid MORE not only bc it's a MUST, but to help teachers out when it comes to paperwork, etc, teachers do a lot alone. So, by all the buildings being lost, put that $ in staffs' pockets, so we can continue to stay healthy, happy, focused and ready to go on teaching, guiding and securing the future for the students, who will become our next generation of doctors, lawyers, scientists and TEACHERS!!	2/12/2026 1:40 PM
3432	If serving 6-12 in a Cedar Grove Cluster will be helpful to the community instead of dispersion of the students to other schools	2/12/2026 1:37 PM
3433	You didn't have Druid Hills middle in the scenario	2/12/2026 1:33 PM
3434	I like the idea of K-8 and 9-12 but realize this wouldn’t align with keeping Vanderlyn open, which would be my preference. It would also be nice to have a gifted magnet school closer to Dunwoody.	2/12/2026 1:33 PM
3435	I would be in favor of the higher grade bands if the middle school and high school students were not on the same wing. Like have the middle school students on different halls and the high school students on a different hall. Keep the hours the same for high school and middle school to keep the grade bands separated.	2/12/2026 1:24 PM
3436	I think generally adjusting great bands would be preferable over closing facilities entirely.	2/12/2026 1:24 PM
3437	In the Dunwoody cluster, I support keeping the traditional PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 model. The current PK–5 structure at Vanderlyn works well and provides stability during critical early learning years. I do not support shifting to PK–3 / 4–5 or PK–8 configurations if those changes	2/12/2026 1:21 PM

	lead to closing a successful neighborhood school. Stability and continuity for students should remain a priority.	
3438	Traditional, as I would not like a student much older being in the same building as my younger kids.	2/12/2026 1:12 PM
3439	I appreciate the district exploring multiple grade band scenarios and being transparent about the benefits and challenges of each configuration. My feedback is specific to the Tucker Cluster, particularly Midvale Elementary. For our community, maintaining a traditional PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 structure provides the greatest educational stability for students. Early-grade students at Midvale benefit from consistent relationships, targeted supports, and a school environment designed specifically for younger learners. Adding additional transitions—such as a PK–3 / 4–5 model—may disrupt academic progress and reduce the continuity that is especially important for early elementary students. While I understand the operational efficiencies of PK–8 or 6–12 models, these configurations may dilute middle-grade program offerings when student cohorts become too small. Midvale and other Tucker cluster schools are not currently sized or designed to operate effectively as PK–8 facilities without significant renovation. The district notes that PK–8 schools require enrollment of at least 900 students to be operationally efficient, which is not feasible for most Tucker-area elementary schools. In addition, the district has highlighted that increased transitions and mixed developmental stages within a single building are key challenges of nontraditional configurations. These concerns are particularly relevant for families in the Tucker cluster because the proposed grade band changes may create scenarios where siblings are spread across more buildings, and where students face more transitions during foundational academic years. Given these considerations, I believe that the traditional PK–5 model remains the most developmentally appropriate and educationally stable option for Midvale Elementary and the wider Tucker cluster. I encourage the district to prioritize minimizing student transitions, maintaining age-appropriate learning environments, and ensuring that any grade band changes support both academic continuity and equitable access to programming. Thank you for considering this perspective as scenarios continue to be refined.	2/12/2026 1:11 PM
3440	Creating a grade band of 6-12 seems very irresponsible. Children in this band are at vastly different developmental stages. I would have strong concerns about children in 6-8 being grouped with high schoolers as it feels like it creates scenarios for younger children in that band to have exposure to issues they are not developmentally ready for. It particularly concerns me to have girls on the younger end of that band in a an environment with much older boys.	2/12/2026 12:58 PM
3441	I think pk-8 or 6-12 would need significant procedures and structures in place to ensure the emotional protection of the younger students. A 4 year old and a 13 year old are in vastly different places in terms of maturity and that must be considered.	2/12/2026 12:55 PM
3442	In general, I think PK-8 is a bad idea. As someone who works in a middle school, I don't think 7th or 8th graders need to be in the same building with little kids. Same for 6-12. The maturity difference between a 6th grader and a 12th grader is too great and I think these grand bands are potentially dangerous for younger students. I like the idea of having a 3rd/4th grade band or 4th/5th or 7th/8th in areas where it would make sense due to overcrowding/ under population.	2/12/2026 12:54 PM
3443	Having both PreK and 8th graders in the same building would make me uncomfortable, and I imagine I am not alone. Middle school has kids who are rebellious and schools already do things like locking bathrooms and taking preventative measures against adolescent teenagers that would not be appropriate to have four-year-olds involved in.	2/12/2026 12:51 PM
3444	I think having a variety of ages in the building benefits everyone. Younger kids get to go to school with older siblings. Parents have all elementary events in one place. Older kids get to mentor and read to younger kids.	2/12/2026 12:50 PM
3445	Spread the apt base evenly between Austin and dunwoody elementary when closing vanderlyn and Kingsley. Dhs and pcms are still overcrowded. Too many trailers.	2/12/2026 12:50 PM
3446	I have a strong preference for the traditional grade bands. I think transitioning from elementary school to middle school and then to high school is important for development and for fostering a sense of community. I'm currently zoned for Vanderlyn, Peachtree Middle, and Dunwoody High School. Really, I'd like to see zoning adjustments that reduce overcrowding at DHS and eliminate the need for the trailors.	2/12/2026 12:49 PM
3447	For the Dunwoody school cluster (Vanderlyn, PMS and DHS) I like the idea of keeping the	2/12/2026 12:48 PM

	current structure of PK-5, 6-8 and 9-12 or potentially pivoting to PK-3, 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12. I don't like the option to expand building to include either PK-8 or 6-12. The age ranges in these options are too great and do not serve the best interest of the students.	
3448	I do not believe it is safe for 12 year olds and 18 year olds to share the same facilities.	2/12/2026 12:47 PM
3449	As an elementary school teacher, I believe that elementary is best served with the traditional k-5 or PK-3/4-5/6-8/9-12	2/12/2026 12:44 PM
3450	Growing up in Indiana, districts used a variety of middle school configurations. Ours was a K-6; 7-8; and 9-12. I would like to know whether the 7-8 configuration was considered.	2/12/2026 12:42 PM
3451	I think the grade band should stay the same because students do well with students their own age or closer to there age. It would be LESS bullying. It would be easier for them to attend the schools with their siblings or family members.	2/12/2026 12:42 PM
3452	I currently teach PreK-5th grade art but if they change us to a K-6 school, I am not willing to teach middle school.	2/12/2026 12:41 PM
3453	Starting with Pk3 -9-12... class sizes should be small with great teachers, will give them more time to focus on their students versus being packed into a class room. All kids deserve it not just the Northside, with newer schools n up to date technology in training for the staff	2/12/2026 12:39 PM
3454	No feedback on grade bands	2/12/2026 12:39 PM
3455	I am against the combining of the schools from 6-12th grade. maybe 7-12 grade and put 6th grade back in elementary school, or pre K - 8th grade and 9-12th, the elementary school has to be big enough.	2/12/2026 12:38 PM
3456	I'm glad the district is examining this and laying out the pros and cons. I think PK-3 and 4-5 configurations would be most beneficial for my area of South Dekalb where more children live at or below the poverty line which negatively impacts early learning outcomes. I look forward to hearing more specifics on which grade bands will be offered at each school.	2/12/2026 12:35 PM
3457	N/A	2/12/2026 12:34 PM
3458	PK-8 is a TERRIBLE idea. The difference between a 5yo and a 13yo is enormous. I would not want my kindergartner in the same building as an 8th grader. 6-8 is already a nightmare to administer, why would you want to add k-5 into that social construct.	2/12/2026 12:31 PM
3459	ES grade bands are sensible if logistically challenging. 6-12 grade band is an insult to parents' intelligence, especially those like myself who have actually been teachers across many of these grade levels.	2/12/2026 12:31 PM
3460	I think some PreK-2 and 3-5 schools could be great!	2/12/2026 12:28 PM
3461	5th grade could move up to middle school but otherwise bands could stay traditional	2/12/2026 12:19 PM
3462	I think some of the younger grade banding makes sense. I am against the older sections. There is such a large difference in maturity and social interactions between what is traditionally middle school and the upper end of high school.	2/12/2026 12:15 PM
3463	Great idea	2/12/2026 12:13 PM
3464	I love the idea of a return to K-8. While the idea of middle school’s was to better serve young adolescence, in practice, they have they have become a place that really only benefits school districts, operationally. I believe most evidence favors fewer transitions for students, smaller school communities, and strong relationships between students and teachers. K-8 models often produce equal or better academic outcomes and smoother, developmental trajectories, largely due if you were transitions and stronger relationships. Middle schools generally lead to more transitions and fewer strong relationships.	2/12/2026 12:07 PM
3465	6-12 together is the least desirable option in my opinion because that mixes students of very different developmental stages.	2/12/2026 12:06 PM
3466	I support consolidation of grades (ES/MS or MS/HS) because I think they foster closer connections between the students, families, and schools. I don't know that this would really impact extracurriculars - in small school districts, for example, 5th graders can participate with 6th graders in athletics (if ES & MS combined) or 8th graders could participate in JV high	2/12/2026 12:04 PM

	school sports (if MS & HS combined). We compete with private schools who allow kids to play up, whether it's athletics or other extracurriculars	
3467	It would be helpful to know more specifics about timelines for specific consolidations/expansions. While programs come later, surely there is talk about how those will be impacted if/when these consolidations/expansions occur.	2/12/2026 12:03 PM
3468	All county schools	2/12/2026 12:02 PM
3469	Vanderlyn cluster. My preference is keep as is or PK-8 in one school. High schoolers are nearly adults and should be separate from all other grades.	2/12/2026 11:57 AM
3470	I do not think a Pre-K through 8 school is a great idea, unless some separation is included to keep the youngest kids separate from the oldest kids. It is already a lot to have a Pre-K or K child ride the bus with a 4th or 5th grader. Adding middle schoolers seems like a bad idea, specifically for the safety of the youngest children. In specific situations it might be the best of some not great options, but for the Doraville United/oakcliff elementary area I don't think it makes sense.	2/12/2026 11:54 AM
3471	Not a good idea. When I was a DeKalb student years ago, Chamblee high had an 8th grade. It was NOT a good mix having 17-18 year olds around 12-13 year olds (especially older boys/younger girls and older boy vs. older boys fight wise.	2/12/2026 11:51 AM
3472	I personally like a grade band of 8-12 for HS and PreK-7 for Elementary. That's what I had and it kept the crazy of puberty down since the kids were with "babies" in 6th and 7th grade, and they were with adults when they went to HS. Otherwise, I have no input to grade bands.	2/12/2026 11:48 AM
3473	Tough balance of minimizing operations costs and maximizing age appropriate safety and measures	2/12/2026 11:46 AM
3474	I'm amenable to changes in grade bands to keep commutes to school short and to ensure resources are available for the kids.	2/12/2026 11:46 AM
3475	Insanity.	2/12/2026 11:45 AM
3476	I do not agree with the theme middle school being closed or moved to another school. Why was the school going through all this construction over all these years just to close it. Seems like misappropriation of funds and inefficiencies	2/12/2026 11:39 AM
3477	I think Lakeside High School is too crowded. I am in favor of a scenario that relieves pressure on these large high schools while allowing community-based schools the opportunity to exist and continue to thrive.	2/12/2026 11:38 AM
3478	I think the grade band scenario with pk-3/4-5 could potentially be a solution to consolidate schools, particularly in an older building that may be smaller. I could see Henderson Elementary working as a pk-3 OR 4-5 but I am concerned about the more frequent moving of students from one school to the next and how that will affect the teachers actually getting to know the students. I'm not sure that grade banding would really work or solve anything when there's a large middle school down the road though, Henderson Middle.	2/12/2026 11:37 AM
3479	It's not clear in the scenarios shared what potential grand band scenarios you are applying to these proposed changes. In general, I do not support Pk-8 schools - the children are so developmentally different in elementary and middle school that I don't believe them being in the same school has benefits ... in fact probably more risks.	2/12/2026 11:36 AM
3480	As long as the inconveniences that go along with this are addressed, I don't see it as a problem As a music teacher, i would be more likely to apply to a K-3 elementary school than a K-5 or K-8	2/12/2026 11:34 AM
3481	Do not close neighborhood elementary schools, it is the only thing that makes Dekalb stand out from other districts.	2/12/2026 11:28 AM
3482	NA	2/12/2026 11:28 AM
3483	I have major concerns related to social-emotional well-being and developmental differences for 6-12 schools. I think this is a really bad idea. I think it's less of a concern for K-8 schools. I still think traditional PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 models are best, but I admit this is also just what I'm most familiar with.	2/12/2026 11:28 AM
3484	I do like the idea of redoing the grade bands to help with transportation but also see benefits in	2/12/2026 11:23 AM

	using the many buildings we have to re-envision the 4-tier band.	
3485	I do not believe younger bands should be mixed with older students. He traditional band cluster should remain, especially in today’s climate.	2/12/2026 11:20 AM
3486	Awful as usual Dekalb!	2/12/2026 11:14 AM
3487	PK-8- Currently my daughters are at Chesnut Elem and there is absolutely no room for that scenario to exist without building expansion. I do think that utilization of Kingsley into a potential 4-5 building could work if they brainstorm correctly.	2/12/2026 11:14 AM
3488	I have only seen one example of the grade bands. In terms of the Tucker cluster, I think it would be beneficial to group grades 5-8 together or 6-9 together.	2/12/2026 11:13 AM
3489	No comments	2/12/2026 11:10 AM
3490	That's not a bad idea, but it does stretch families thin with kids in many grade bands.	2/12/2026 11:08 AM
3491	I worry about mixing children of highly varied social and emotional maturity in the same building. Models that include 6-12 schools in particular are concerning. 11 year-olds don't need to be in the same building as 18 year-olds who can drive and legally buy tobacco products.	2/12/2026 11:01 AM
3492	I don't think it's a great idea to be mixing such a wide range of student ages. The younger kids tend to get picked on and including more of them isn't a good idea.	2/12/2026 11:00 AM
3493	Research shows that fewer school transitions are better for students both socially and academically. Of the scenarios provided PK-5 and 6-12 provides the best balance of grade levels.	2/12/2026 10:57 AM
3494	I have no real thoughts on the grade bad scenarios but I am generally with the camp that 7 year olds should be far away from 13 year olds. I also wouldn't want the elementary aged kids exposed to the level of bullying and fighting that happens at many of the middle schools	2/12/2026 10:57 AM
3495	Too much overlap.	2/12/2026 10:56 AM
3496	Depending on special programs, consistent banding would allow for more equitable instruction and after school activities. Consistent banding will also make movement between schools smoother for families.	2/12/2026 10:52 AM
3497	I like the way the schools are organized now, but also see opportunity to do PreK-3rd, 4th-8th, and 9th-12th as a good alternative.	2/12/2026 10:47 AM
3498	I like the smaller grade bands.	2/12/2026 10:45 AM
3499	fine	2/12/2026 10:40 AM
3500	I believe really young kids need to be separated from older elementary kids. Just like the middle school kids need to be separated from older teenagers. They should not be mixed. To many issues can occur with mixed younger kids with older kids.	2/12/2026 10:40 AM
3501	Keep it as it is	2/12/2026 10:36 AM
3502	Peachtree Middle, Dunwoody High and Vanderlyn should not be closed or redistricted	2/12/2026 10:35 AM
3503	I don't feel as though I know enough to speak to this.	2/12/2026 10:35 AM
3504	It’s not clear from the information provided what a potential grade band scenario would happen in the Tucker cluster. It’s not even clear that the proposed plan would mean Brockett merges with closed Midvale and expanded Livsey or if we would end up at Idlewood/Smoke Rise (please no). With that said, I see the value in both K-8 grade bands as well as smaller k-3/4-5 schools. I think there is value in keeping a larger cohort of students with the same teachers/admin for longer periods of time while they navigate emotional/hormonal changes that come with middle school years. We participate in extracurricular activities outside of school in addition to in school so this is not a big concern. I have more concerns about 6-12 grade bands than elementary/middle school clusters. There are too many opportunities for inappropriate influences (cell phones, social media, bullying, etc.) for middle schoolers interacting with high schoolers	2/12/2026 10:35 AM
3505	Grade band scenarios should be given strong consideration. Age appropriate programming and resources can be robust and critical for a child's learning and development.	2/12/2026 10:31 AM

3506	The pros are all the same , however the cons have more variables. if the variables are triaged due to level of importance and addressed sufficiently any of the scenarios can work. Standardization causes less variables and confusion. all should be done the same if the change is made.	2/12/2026 10:29 AM
3507	Schools combining prepubescent kids with more mature kids sounds like a potentially good idea, until I recall the positively prison-like, punitive nature of Henderson Middle School. The entire first week was spent signing enormous documents outlining the punishments students would receive for every possible infraction. After the first kid brought that ridiculous document home, looking so much less enthusiastic about school than when they first arrived, I tossed the next two in the recycle bin without a glance. DeKalb has a knack for crushing the spirit is even gifted, well-behaved kids who love to learn, with its preemptive threats. I sincerely doubt that the younger students would be treated more like the older students, enabling them to achieve more and learn more, rather, the older students would be treated like the younger students and the place even more closely resemble a prison. It would be great if we offered foreign language starting in kindergarten. It seems no one actually has a degree in education. If they did, they'd know that learning a foreign language becomes exponentially more difficult after puberty. They'd also know that learning a foreign language improves competence in one's native language. Yeah, only those who excel in ELA (even if it's not their native tongue) are permitted to take a foreign language. It's idiotic. So, I would be in favor of k through 4 and then 5 through 12, but I don't think it would be implemented in a positive and beneficial (to the kids and in the long term, society) way.	2/12/2026 10:26 AM
3508	N/A	2/12/2026 10:25 AM
3509	A 6-12 grade band is a NO GO!	2/12/2026 10:25 AM
3510	I personally prefer the tradition grade bands (PK-5, 6-8, 9-12). I don't like adding PK-3 because my kids will be spread across different schools more often. I think the traditional band works best and keeps kids developmentally in the right place.	2/12/2026 10:21 AM
3511	I prefer traditional grade band clusters but I don't have a strong preference either way.	2/12/2026 10:21 AM
3512	Ashford Park	2/12/2026 10:16 AM
3513	I am not sure about what a grade band is.	2/12/2026 10:15 AM
3514	I think it is prudent to consider options outside of the status quo. K-6; 7-9; 10-12, etc.	2/12/2026 10:14 AM
3515	I am a fan of PK-2 (or 3) and 3 or 4-5. That's how the schools are allocated in my home district. I like the bigger kids being separated since there is such a difference in children's needs when they are 4-5 vs 10-11. It would eliminate a lot of the crowding if the older grades were reallocated.	2/12/2026 10:13 AM
3516	I suggest the district consider transitioning Ashford Park into a PK–3rd grade school. Many students already transition from Ashford Park after 3rd grade to magnet programs, making this a natural and minimally disruptive point for the school to end. Fourth and fifth grade students could then be rezoned to Montgomery and Huntley Hills based on updated district lines. This approach would reduce the number of students required to travel to those schools each morning, lessen traffic and safety concerns, and decrease enrollment at Ashford Park. The current modulars on the field could be used to house students while any build repairs took place in phases. Eventually, the building would be in good enough shape to potentially completely remove the modular classrooms currently on the field while still utilizing a school building that is ideally located for the surrounding neighborhood.	2/12/2026 10:11 AM
3517	Grade band scenarios, as they stand today, seem to work well. My experience is in the Lakeside cluster. Henderson middle needs some attention, tho. The majority of the elementary schools in the cluster are high performing and Lakeside is high performing, but Henderson seems to be void of high performance, except for the STEM teams within each grade.	2/12/2026 10:10 AM
3518	I prefer high schoolers (9-12) to be separated from middle school students (6-8). So I am against a 6-12 grade band. I also prefer elementary (PK-5) to be separate from middle school.	2/12/2026 10:07 AM
3519	Proper age limits need to be in place.	2/12/2026 10:06 AM
3520	We want Clarkston High School have the newest school like Cross Keys.	2/12/2026 10:05 AM
3521	6-12 seems like an awful Idea. We do not need our 6-8the graders exposed to high school problems	2/12/2026 10:03 AM

3522	Leave it as it is. Do not band grades beyond the traditional band already in place	2/12/2026 10:03 AM
3523	9-12. Students need space to do co-curricular activities and clubs. Currently, the common areas are used for several purposes (Eg. Media center is used for Literacy/ Reading/ Clubs/ Meetings etc)	2/12/2026 10:03 AM
3524	I think it is important to keep neighborhoods together to provide a sense of community. If breaking the schools up into more bands would allow the district to utilize the smaller buildings in our cluster but keep the cluster together - I think that is preferable. The building on Nancy Creek Drive should come back to the Chamblee Cluster and can handle the excess students at the elementary school level - perhaps make it a 4th & 5th grade school. Again, closing Ashford Park seems far fetched without much thought behind it.	2/12/2026 10:03 AM
3525	Grade bands must be considered through a P3–12 lens, especially for students with special needs, especially with the increase of Autism Spectrum Disorder. If a preschooler (age 3) near Briar Vista or Woodward or Dunwoody needs an inclusion placement, the only option in the entire county is Coralwood, because no other school provides Preschool Inclusion programming for three year old students. If a preschooler (age 3) needs inclusion near Rock Chapel, Stoneview or Bob Mathis, Coralwood is the only location. This leaves families in many areas—North, Central, Stone Mountain, and South DeKalb—without accessible services. There is an urgent need to expand Preschool Inclusion options across the district so young learners are not forced to travel long distances for appropriate services. Some preschool students are on the Special Education bus for up to 2 hours. Every region of the county should have preschool inclusion programs support not just Coralwood. This should be a core part of the grade-band scenarios and facilities planning objectives.	2/12/2026 10:02 AM
3526	Makes sense as needed	2/12/2026 10:01 AM
3527	I don’t know that I have specific grade band feedback that is relevant to this discusion.	2/12/2026 10:01 AM
3528	There is no way for the safety of PK or K to be around 8th graders. The kids are way too small for the 8th graders.	2/12/2026 10:00 AM
3529	Need proper age gaps in schools.	2/12/2026 10:00 AM
3530	I think the current grade bands or modifying with a lower elementary/upper elementary split is ideal. As a former teacher in a K-8 environment, I am concerned about the proposal to merger schools to have either a K-8 or 6-12 option. I think it is essential that middle school remain separate as this is a major transition time for students and I do not think the middle school grades in a K-8 environment adequately prepared students for high school, at least in the system that I previously worked in.	2/12/2026 9:56 AM
3531	6-8 should not be in the same building with high school. This is a unique developmental stage. In addition, the activities, behaviors, dating etc is different in high school. Grade bands should be the same. this will help ensure equity in programing across the system and make it easier for families if they move within the district	2/12/2026 9:56 AM
3532	If moving away from the current model, I think this grade band option makes the most sense: PK-3 / 4-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 is a possible variation of this grade configuration. I think it is important to keep 6-8 separate from 9-12. A lot of maturing comes during these years and can be challenging for students. Giving 6-8 time to mature without olders would be beneficial.	2/12/2026 9:55 AM
3533	In my opinion, it's not a good idea to mix younger students with older ones because the older kids might not always show the best behavior, and that could really affect how the younger ones act and learn.	2/12/2026 9:55 AM
3534	PK-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12	2/12/2026 9:54 AM
3535	In addition to the proposed school closure, I am deeply concerned about the recommendation to implement grade band options across the district. While this approach may appear efficient on paper, it would introduce additional transitions for young students, forcing them to change schools multiple times during their elementary years. Research and experience show that stability, consistency, and long-term relationships with educators are critical to student success particularly for early learners. Grade banding would also create significant logistical challenges for families, especially those with multiple children who could be assigned to different schools with different schedules and transportation needs. This model weakens neighborhood school communities, reduces sustained parent involvement, and places unnecessary strain on working families. Without clear evidence of meaningful academic	2/12/2026 9:51 AM

	benefit, grade banding risks prioritizing operational restructuring over what is best for students and families. I strongly urge the district to reconsider grade banding proposals and instead focus on strengthening existing neighborhood schools and minimizing disruption to students and communities.	
3536	I believe the school cluster grade bands should stay the same as it is now. Prek-5, 6-8, 9-12	2/12/2026 9:50 AM
3537	I prefer the traditional model of Pre-K-5/6-8/9-12. Having 8th graders and 4 year-olds in the same building seems unfair to all. Younger students do not need to be exposed to some of the things older children might be. And older students need that middle school transition - where there's more responsibility, autonomy, and accountability - to make the move to high school smoother.	2/12/2026 9:50 AM
3538	6-12 is too large a grade collection to put into the same school	2/12/2026 9:49 AM
3539	Every scenario has almost an equal amount of pros/cons. However, I do think they all need to be the same.	2/12/2026 9:47 AM
3540	I'm not totally opposed but don't exactly understand how this is being executed with the current proposal. My concern would be how this affects kids socially. Having 6th graders with 12th graders seems awkward, unless you somehow had a split campus like private schools.	2/12/2026 9:39 AM
3541	As a parent and active PTA member, I strongly advocate for maintaining the Traditional PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 configuration for our cluster. My preference is based on three primary factors: Developmental & Social Alignment: This model ensures that school environments are tailored to specific cognitive and emotional stages. For example, a 5th grader in an elementary setting is a 'senior' leader, which builds confidence before transitioning. In a PK-8 model, the developmental gap between a 4-year-old and a 14-year-old in the same facility presents significant social and safety challenges. Operational & Extracurricular Robustness: From a club and programming perspective, traditional middle schools (6-8) provide the 'critical mass' of students necessary to sustain diverse electives, competitive sports, and specialized wellness programs. Smaller 'middle school slices' in a PK-8 or 6-12 model often result in diluted resources and fewer opportunities for students to find their niche. Logistical Stability for Families: The traditional model supports a three-tier transportation system, which is vital for minimizing bus delays and driver shortages. Furthermore, while the PK-3/4-5 model offers specialized instruction, it creates an 'academic disruption' and logistical nightmare for families with siblings in multiple elementary buildings, effectively splitting parent volunteer support and PTA resources.	2/12/2026 9:38 AM
3542	I am very concerned about the potential grade band scenarios that would separate traditional elementary grade levels (K–5) into different configurations such as K–2 and 3–5 or move 5th grade into middle school settings. For our cluster, particularly at the elementary level, maintaining a K–5 model is extremely important. Young children benefit from stability and continuity. Splitting elementary students across multiple buildings disrupts relationships with teachers, administrators, and peers during critical developmental years. If the proposed grade band scenario includes: • K–2 in one building and 3–5 in another • Moving 5th grade into middle school • Creating larger upper-elementary centers I strongly urge the district to reconsider. Specifically: K–2 / 3–5 splits create unnecessary transitions. Students would have to adjust to a new school environment twice before middle school. That increases stress and reduces consistency in instruction and support. Moving 5th grade to middle school concerns me deeply. Fifth graders are still elementary-aged children developmentally. Placing them in a middle school environment may expose them to older students before they are socially and emotionally ready. Larger consolidated upper-grade centers could increase class sizes and reduce individualized attention during important academic years when reading comprehension and math foundations are solidified. In our cluster, I would prefer maintaining neighborhood-based K–5 schools with manageable enrollment and class sizes. Stability, community connection, and age-appropriate environments should be prioritized over operational convenience. If grade band changes are being seriously considered, I request clear data on: • Projected class sizes by grade • Student-to-teacher ratios • Transportation impact • Effects on special education and support services • Research supporting improved outcomes under the proposed model Elementary years set the foundation for a child’s academic and social success. Please prioritize developmentally appropriate structures and minimize unnecessary school transitions.	2/12/2026 9:37 AM
3543	I do not want grade bands consolidated. The separation allows kids to maintain psychological safety and maintain limited exposure prior to maturity readiness. Social media is a big issue in middle/high school and the separation of these two is critical to delaying some exposure. If	2/12/2026 9:36 AM

	you were to consolidate, I would want separate buildings/admin who focus on each one and only standardized mixing.	
3544	I'm okay with the idea of 4-5 graders having their own grade band. At that point, they're more mature and are preparing for middle school.	2/12/2026 9:36 AM
3545	I think 4 levels is problematic for the increased number of transitions. That is asking a lot for parents with kids of multiple age levels.	2/12/2026 9:36 AM
3546	I do not support middle and elementary consolidation. Suggested consolidation: Pre-K 3, 4 and K, 1st-6th grade, 7-12th grade. Within 7-12th grade institutions, a transition academy hall for 7,8,9 that prepares for transition to 10th grade.	2/12/2026 9:35 AM
3547	Worth exploring, but I feel it will be very tough to uproot the existing system. I also worry about the inequity present if grade bands are adjusted for only SOME areas of the district and not standardized across the whole district. I'm not against it outright, but it's definitely something to think about.	2/12/2026 9:33 AM
3548	This will be counterproductive.	2/12/2026 9:31 AM
3549	I think grade bands make sense so that we can keep communities together. And I'd much rather prefer that over being split up. I have two kids, so I realize that that might mean I have to drive them to two separate schools, but I'm open to that if the alternative is being split up from their peers. I'm a little concerned about sixth graders going to school with seniors, but if they were still divided by buildings on a larger campus, that could work.	2/12/2026 9:31 AM
3550	I do not have faith you can execute a change in grade bands. Further, becoming more granular with tighter grade banding is a huge issue for parents with multiple kids in terms of getting them to and from school. Again, nonsensical approach to the problem.	2/12/2026 9:29 AM
3551	I like the idea of the more refined grade band scenarios (PK-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12). I do not support the K-8 or 6-12 scenarios as that will be too much difference in age and life experience for the kids.	2/12/2026 9:28 AM
3552	I LOVE the idea of grade band scenarios. PK-3, 4-5, 6-8, etc. This would create smaller schools which build community and are usually higher performing. This could easily be created using the current real estate, with some remodeling needed on the older buildings.	2/12/2026 9:28 AM
3553	Grade bands should remain as-is. If there are changes, the PK-3/4-5/6-8/9012 makes the most sense. Keeping children in schools with other children who are the similar age is best for their development.	2/12/2026 9:27 AM
3554	The campus needs to be large enough for separation. You would need a lower campus and a middle campus. Private schools do this well.	2/12/2026 9:26 AM
3555	I'm OK with consolidating into two bands, either PK-8, 9-12 or PK-5, 6-12, so long as student-teacher ratios and class sizes are kept in optimal ranges.	2/12/2026 9:22 AM
3556	Separating the schools amongst different grade bands is a reasonable choice. Have you considered making Ashford Park Elementary School PK through second grade and then making John Lewis elementary school third through fifth grade? Again, as a community we would like to stay together and not be split up amongst several elementary schools. Why has no money been invested into Ashford Park Elementary School to be expanded similar to what is happening at Dresden elementary school? We are severely overcrowded, which means that the need is there.	2/12/2026 9:22 AM
3557	Scenarios are fine. Druid Hills Middle School is not listed and Druid Hills High School is not changing; however needs the renovation process to start immediately.	2/12/2026 9:21 AM
3558	There are constant leadership and boundary disruptions. The focus of the Board does not seem to be on Education or property values that come with it. The focus of the board seems to be on some invisible political or social agenda at the expense of our kids. I would bet most or none of you have kids that are affected by your choices. EDUCATE OUR DAMN KIDS AND STOP WITH THIS SHIT	2/12/2026 9:17 AM
3559	Generally this makes sense.	2/12/2026 9:14 AM
3560	This is an interesting concept. I like the idea of changing it up - especially with the pk3-3, 4-5 idea. Younger kids have different needs. This could be a good use of some of the smaller schools.	2/12/2026 9:14 AM

3561	NA	2/12/2026 9:13 AM
3562	I am most interested in keeping it prek-5, 6-8, 9-12 OR Prek-8, 9-12. The option to have prek-8 gives a good transition for the middle school age to act as mentors for the younger kids, allowing them to have more confidence and learn independence in a productive way. Middle school can be hard when isolated together and I've seen other school districts and private schools do this option well.	2/12/2026 9:13 AM
3563	my initial feelings on changing the grade bands is negative. I appreciate the pro's and con's laid out and believe the status quo balances transitions, transportation, offerings, and keeping siblings in the same building	2/12/2026 9:12 AM
3564	I would prefer PK-8 band.	2/12/2026 9:12 AM
3565	I do think the traditional K-5, 6-8, 9-12 is best. I would consider 8-12 because it would give 8th students the opportunity to take high school level classes AT a high school. Perhaps K-6 and 7-12 would be best.	2/12/2026 9:11 AM
3566	Complicated. Decatur does this, I know parents who love it and who hate it.	2/12/2026 9:10 AM
3567	Middle schoolers and high schoolers are in such different places developmentally - mentally and physically - they should not be in the same school together.	2/12/2026 9:09 AM
3568	I agree that the proposed grade band reconfigurations are a necessary evolution to ensure students have access to specialized resources that smaller, traditional models can no longer sustain. Moving away from the status quo is the only way to modernize the DeKalb County School District.	2/12/2026 9:08 AM
3569	I don't know enough about Peachtree Middle or Dunwoody HS to comment on school bands.	2/12/2026 9:08 AM
3570	I haven't properly explored the pros/cons of the 6-12 model, but my main concerns is having smaller 6th graders with 12th graders. Will there be a separate building for them?	2/12/2026 9:07 AM
3571	The grade bands need only apply to the southern districts.	2/12/2026 9:07 AM
3572	The changes in grade bands is one of the least reasoned ideas I have seen recently. Who in the hell thinks that 6-12 graders should belong in the same school. Was this scheme devised by a high ranking gang member seeking to expand recruitment opportunities in our schools? Notably, this scenario would help DeKalb County Public Schools continue to do what they do best: Creating the gang leaders of tomorrow, today!	2/12/2026 9:07 AM
3573	There is no need for bands	2/12/2026 9:06 AM
3574	Middle school is hard wherever it takes place. Removing students from the community where they are known and placing them into a very large middle school adds upheaval at a time when stability matters most. Adolescents need more connection with trusted adults, not less. In giant schools, it becomes easier for students to feel invisible. I would strongly favor K–8 or 6–12 models that create continuity, strengthen relationships, and support students through these pivotal years rather than resetting everything right when they are most vulnerable.	2/12/2026 9:06 AM
3575	I don't have a specific cluster or school in mind, but I do not believe middle school and high school should be combined. 1. Developmental appropriateness concerns Students in grades 6–8 are at a significantly different developmental stage than students in grades 11–12. Housing them in the same building raises concerns related to social maturity, behavior modeling, and age-appropriate school culture—particularly in shared spaces such as hallways, cafeterias, and extracurricular settings. 2. School culture and climate challenges Middle school and high school operate with fundamentally different instructional models, disciplinary structures, and student expectations. Combining them risks diluting intentional middle-school supports (team structures, advisory models) or, conversely, undermining high school rigor and independence. 3. Safety and supervision issues Managing supervision, scheduling, and behavior across such a wide age range may create logistical challenges, especially in larger clusters. Ensuring appropriate separation and monitoring could require additional staffing and resources. 4. Impact on extracurriculars and leadership opportunities Middle school students may have fewer leadership opportunities if extracurriculars and student organizations are dominated by older students. Conversely, high school students may lose age-specific traditions and experiences that contribute to school identity and engagement. 5. Implementation and cost concerns Any shift in grade banding would likely require significant investment in facility modifications, scheduling redesign, transportation adjustments, and	2/12/2026 9:06 AM

	professional development. Without sufficient planning and funding, the change could negatively impact instruction and student outcomes.	
3576	If you are having resourcing issues I don't understand why you would have MORE grand bands, but I also think consolidating from PK-8 OR 6-12 isn't the best interest of students growth as a whole.	2/12/2026 9:05 AM
3577	I do not agree with middle and high school being banded together. If anything, I would suggest a Pre-k3, Pre-k and kindergarten specific school. Example. Pulling those 3 grades to Oakgrove would open up 4 class rooms at Briarlake for 1-5grade classrooms and likely open up classrooms at other schools too.	2/12/2026 9:05 AM
3578	N/a	2/12/2026 9:04 AM
3579	The logic for transitioning schools makes sense. However, there is no mention of school choice programs and the impacts these will have on them. For example, Ashford Park has German immersion. If you close the school, where do those kids and the program get moved to?	2/12/2026 9:04 AM
3580	Oppose 6–12 (and concern with K–8): Wide age-range campuses create developmentally inappropriate social influence and supervision challenges; middle grades need their own environment and identity.	2/12/2026 9:04 AM
3581	Grade band scenario is an awful choice. Having kids transition more than the traditional 3 times is horrible. Many kids already have a hard enough time. The grade band scenario is absolutely not taking into account what is best for our children!	2/12/2026 9:03 AM
3582	While I am not a fan of the idea of transitions this feels more appropriate and potentially beneficial at the elementary age. I would be willing to hear more about a PK-3 and 4-5 option as teachers could specialize more and students could prepare for the transition to middle school. This would depend greatly on the student population numbers though.	2/12/2026 9:03 AM
3583	Columbia Elementary has been a staple in the community for many years and to see it closed would be heartbreaking. Many generations have attended Columbia.	2/12/2026 9:02 AM
3584	I strongly prefer keeping PK–5 students in their own building. Younger children thrive in environments designed specifically for their developmental and social needs, and separating them from older students helps build a safe, supportive early-learning community. Having bands that include just 4th and 5th grades would appear to increase the facility demands of the district without solving a specific need. I do believe that a one-size fits all approach might not be ideal, so implementing different bands across different clusters seems logical - but at the core of it all, the belief of smaller environments for younger students is key.	2/12/2026 9:00 AM
3585	I have very mixed feelings on changing grade band scenarios (truly mixed - I see benefits and drawbacks). My comments are general and are not specific to any particular school or cluster. I tentatively prefer the idea of PK-5 and 6-12. It does indeed provide more continuity, makes it easier for parents as kids are more likely to be in the same school for longer, and reduces the trauma of the MS experience where you only get there for 3 years. I know as a parent if often feels like the kid is at the MS for such a short time that you have just gotten to know everyone and feel like you can make a difference when they're moving on! I think 6-12 could also help sports because MS kids could get involved from a younger age. Moreover, kids with IEPs and special needs would have continuity with the counseling office and might have an improved experience. And, of course, your point about advanced classes for advanced MS kids. My main concern with this - which wasn't in your cost/benefit analysis - is that I worry about 6th grade kids in a school with 12th graders. Some 6th-7th grade kids are still really small/immature, and I can see potential for bullying at bus stops and other places where there are no adults to keep an eye on things. I also worry about younger girls getting themselves in a bad situation with an older boy who they wouldn't (necessarily) have been exposed to at a traditional MS. I don't know if there is research on these problems, but they are things to keep in mind. I do not like PK-3 and 4-5. I completely understand the benefits of having the younger kids in a school that can focus on literacy (and the little kids away from the 5th graders who develop early and are larger, as per my point above), but transitions are amazingly hard on kids and I think adding transitions, especially for kids that young, is a bad idea. Moreover, for kids with SLDs or other disabilities/challenges, a lot of them are diagnosed in 2nd and 3rd grade, so it would break up continuity in trying to diagnose and figure out the best pathway forward for these kids. I would be less concerned if the school moved as a unit (like our current MS-HS transition, where it's all the same kids with no additions), but that frankly doesn't make sense	2/12/2026 9:00 AM

	from an efficiency standpoint. Presumably you'd feed multiple PK-3 programs into a 4-5 academy situation, like Decatur does. I don't have a kid that young anymore, so it wouldn't affect me personally, but I'd be very concerned about this model. I am agnostic on PK-8 and 9-12. I think it keeps a lot of these benefits (more continuity, more options, fewer transitions) and might even make more sense than 6-12, but I worry about 3 year olds in the same building with 8th graders. But, depending on how the building is set up it might work just fine and would provide more options. I do think that whatever you do, you should keep the current situation where there are HS clusters that stay together. I grew up in a system where they zoned MS and HS with no accommodation for earlier grades, and it was awful. Kids would go to MS with just a handful of peers from their ES and be massively disadvantaged socially compared to the kids where most of the ES kids went together. Teams that had formed in MS were split up across 3 HSs. Parents started intentionally moving to houses where preferred districts overlapped in the ven diagram of schools that they wanted and it had a bad impact on housing. I realize it's trickier, and makes for some funky shaped districts, but whatever grade band distribution ends up being most efficient I am strongly, strongly in favor of keeping the current HS cluster model. To foreshadow one of your questions below, I think it's fine if the grade bands are different, and in fact, the flexibility to use different grade bands might really help with the redistricting, because it would allow you to use smaller bands in more densely populated districts and keep everyone in their current cluster. Obviously the less moving around of people you can do, the happier they will be and the less pushback there will be to these changes! I'm sure most people would trade off a grade band that wasn't their preferred if it meant they got to stay in their same cluster. Indeed, despite my reservations, I would even be in favor of Pk-3/4-5 split if it meant that a cluster could stay together. Another advantage of different grade bands in different districts is that it allows parents the flexibility to choose what band works best for them. If they prefer one over the other, they can move or school choice in. In my opinion, the best feature of DCSD - and why we have stayed for all our kids - is that we have so much choice (theme, IB, magnet, language immersion, art...) and adding the ability to choose the grade band that works best for your family would give parents more choice and flexibility.	
3586	Against it	2/12/2026 8:59 AM
3587	I think the grade bands could be beneficials. There is a big difference in the maternity and the needs of elementary school students, so splitting them up makes sense.	2/12/2026 8:59 AM
3588	I’m curious why you would close Kingsley and not Chesnut. Chesnut’s location is absolutely horrible and the mobility in the area is already greatly impacted. Capacity is equal between the schools, while Kingsley has more room to grow without impacting traffic.	2/12/2026 8:57 AM
3589	I prefer this model: Traditional PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 models PK-3 / 4-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 is a possible variation of this grade configuration since PK-8 brings more challenges than benefits.	2/12/2026 8:57 AM
3590	I think a PK-8 would be fine. I do not like 6-12. I think there are too many different developmental stages that would cause too many issues.	2/12/2026 8:57 AM
3591	This makes sense if elementary schools remain walkable and local, otherwise the distance impacts all students and buses are too early and unreliable. Walking creates a sense of community that we should protect wherever possible.	2/12/2026 8:56 AM
3592	I can not focus on the specific schools or clusters, I just feel that the needs of any school or cluster should determine same grade bands or not.	2/12/2026 8:56 AM
3593	Pk-3 and 4-5 grade bands seem like a reasonable possibility. 6-12 banding seems incredibly problematic. My 11 year old rising 6th grader is absolutely not ready to be included with 17 and 18 year old high school students. A middle and a high school student population are inherently very different and assuming that one leadership team could adequately manage both of those populations together is undervaluing what educational leadership does.	2/12/2026 8:55 AM
3594	Grades 6 through 8 will be challenging no matter what you do. My concern is that there is a greater disparity in regards to academic abilities and social skills than ever before. Liberal transfer decisions exacerbate the challenges by providing a moving target.	2/12/2026 8:55 AM
3595	My children are in the HHES Montessori program, so they have been in classes with older/younger students since they started PreK. My oldest currently (4th grade) has exceeded the educational offerings of his Elementary level and would greatly benefit from banding, or being able to take classes with 7th or 8th graders. So, I love the idea of having classes	2/12/2026 8:54 AM

	available for students at any level, meet the kids where they are, don't fit them into a box. (All general comments on banding, no specific schools or clusters referenced)	
3596	I'm not quite as concerned about the grade bands, but the consistency of the current structure makes commuting much simpler - especially as many of us are returning back to office.	2/12/2026 8:53 AM
3597	I am not interested in elementary students being able to take middle school courses to advance their learning while the curriculum and organization of the current elementary school and the available resources can't provide adequate and consistent grade-level instruction.	2/12/2026 8:52 AM
3598	Less transitions are better for families so siblings of different ages can be on the same campus.	2/12/2026 8:51 AM
3599	I would be more open to utilizing the schools for a lower school and upper. Why can we not utilize John Lewis as 3-5 and Ashford Park as PK - 2nd?	2/12/2026 8:51 AM
3600	I would love to see elementary schools split into lower and upper elementary schools. Lower school would be PK-3 and upper would be 4-6. Keeping 6th grade as an upper elementary school gives kids and extra year of more hands-on support before they go off to middle school and the challenges they'll face in that environment. Our twins are currently at Kittredge (grade 5), and we have an older child at GLOBE Academy (grade 7). Seeing the 4-6 graders at Kittredge has really opened my eyes to how helpful it is to give kids an extra year in this grouping before middle school. An ideal arrangement would be: PK-3, 4-6, 7-8, and 9-12	2/12/2026 8:51 AM
3601	Grade banding could be fine if you go the route of doing pk-3, 4-6, etc. but having the large range of pk-8 is too big and those young children do not need to be around the older ones.	2/12/2026 8:51 AM
3602	Whatever grade band keeps Vanderlyn is the one I support	2/12/2026 8:51 AM
3603	Creating giant elementary schools does not seem ideal (if I understand, there would be elementary schools the size of middle schools).	2/12/2026 8:50 AM
3604	I do like the idea of the PK-3 and 4-5 band in that teachers would spend more time on the basic fundamentals which i don't think they are getting enough currently. I also think this way they can focus on writing and cursive-which have been thrown out-much to my dismay and to the detriment of their future.	2/12/2026 8:50 AM
3605	I don't have an issue with this discussion. Pending seeing what schools would be assigned for our home.	2/12/2026 8:46 AM
3606	While I understand the potential desire to consider alternative grade bands as a way to optimize efficiency, the negatives of each situation really outweigh the positives in my opinion. PK-3/4-5/6-8/9-12 is just way too many transitions and requires families with multiple children to likely attend several schools at once. PK-5/6-12 when done in large numbers just further highlights the differences between potential 11-year olds and 18 year olds. PK--3/4-5/6-12 is still tough with additional transitions, but likely is the 2nd best alternative to the traditional model in my mind. PK=8/9-12 is also a bad option because having 4 year olds in the same school as 14 year olds just really doesn't mesh well in large numbers. The traditional model was designed for a reason and has proven to be successful for decades now in terms of age appropriate clustering.	2/12/2026 8:45 AM
3607	Sixth through eighth grades should stay in the same cluster.	2/12/2026 8:44 AM
3608	I would be uncomfortable having a school band of Henderson Middle and Lakeside. I'm not sure how appropriate it is to have middle schoolers in such close proximity to older students. My preference would be to have a grade band scenario of K-8, with some of the projected to close elementary schools (like Evansdale) to band to Henderson. This would allow DLI programs to continue.	2/12/2026 8:43 AM
3609	While Vanderlyn/Austin perform well, DES and Chestnut do not perform as well. Neither does Peachtree Middle. It would make more sense to me to consolidate Chestnut and/or DES than Vanderlyn. If there is an opportunity to fix Peachtree Middle through consolidation or different grade bands than that could be interesting.	2/12/2026 8:42 AM
3610	I'm very concerned about the 6-12 option. A child who just came from 5th grade doesn't need to be exposed to everything that 11-12th graders are doing/discussing, etc.	2/12/2026 8:41 AM
3611	At Oak Grove, the 4th and 5th grade classes are looked at as leaders in the school and help the lower grades throughout various activities during the year. Having them at the school is	2/12/2026 8:40 AM

	beneficial for the younger grades to understand they are working towards leadership roles as well. However, if we needed to change the band in order to keep Oak Grove, that would be considered.	
3612	Without having full knowledge of each Cluster its difficult to be spot on. However discovery of percentage gaps in each cluster should be used to determine how we consolidate grade bands.	2/12/2026 8:40 AM
3613	What's missing is a 9th grade band. Have you considered PK-6, 7-9, 10-12? Ninth grade is still not got their eyes on graduation and can use a little more help given in MS. I don't know that we have bldgs to handle 6-12 well and 6th graders should not be mingling with 12th graders. I don't feel strongly for PK-3 - in fact, I had read research that it didn't work. I have been in ES where the 5th graders work with 1st graders. This removes this possibility. Also, removes 5th graders learning how to be the example for the younger students.	2/12/2026 8:40 AM
3614	No changes to grade bands in my cluster that I saw.	2/12/2026 8:39 AM
3615	Keep Briarlake a small neighborhood school	2/12/2026 8:39 AM
3616	We need to do what will expand academic program offerings the most. If the "traditional" model with at capacity schools will offer the most rigorous programming for the most students, then that is what needs to be done.	2/12/2026 8:39 AM
3617	Based on developmental stages, I think it is a bad idea to have 6-8 mixed with 9-12. I do not like the idea of 3 transitions instead of 2 with the 4 band scenario.	2/12/2026 8:38 AM
3618	Consider making Peachtree Middle school a high school!! If you do 6-12 for high school, or K-8 for elementary school it could work! 2 Dunwoody high schools possibly? Or, keep it 6-8 for Peachtree Middle and 9-12 at Dunwoody High.	2/12/2026 8:38 AM
3619	Traditional clustering is still better. If teachers already feel overwhelmed with this number, making them bigger sizes would even be worse and more kids would again pull out from schools. This is in particular to most schools in Lithonia for instance that dont even want to put any effort in encouraging students. Tucker High and Middle schools are still doing better jobs! Please leave them that way.	2/12/2026 8:38 AM
3620	I would be very happy to see smaller elementary schoolss with smaller bands (k5-2 and 3-5).	2/12/2026 8:37 AM
3621	I would like KMS and Wadsworth to continue to exist in a stand alone so want to see the 4-6 or 4-8 grade band model continue. It does a lot for school culture and climate. For Montgomery I could see at PK-3 and 4-5 scenario with using the old Nancy Creek school site. I still like 6-8 and 9-12 for Chamblee. Unless the 4-6 or 4-8 could be more replicated.	2/12/2026 8:37 AM
3622	I think keeping pre-K-8 or even 9th grade away from older kids for as long as possible is the best idea. I think keeping prek-6 together as long as possible is also good. This preserves innocence and focus and builds readiness for middle school and high school	2/12/2026 8:36 AM
3623	Middle school should be preserved. The 6,7,8 grades for kids are particularly difficult. Giving them their own places, where they can be awkward is important. There's a good reason that middle-schools exist. These kids are too old to be with the youngsters, not quite mature enough to be in high school. Don't screw this up. I don't see any reasonable justification for breaking up the elementary schools. bus schedules should not dictate how schools operate. This is backwards. Bus schedules should accomodate the needs of the schools.	2/12/2026 8:36 AM
3624	My kids go to the AP, chamblee high cluster & are part of the German emergnce program, ending thsi cluster is stupid	2/12/2026 8:35 AM
3625	I think the Jr/Sr High has been successful in the past, but middle school years are tough for just about everyone.	2/12/2026 8:35 AM
3626	K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12	2/12/2026 8:32 AM
3627	Yeah I understand middle school not being separated I, but are you guys ready for high school seniors asking out 6th graders?	2/12/2026 8:32 AM
3628	High school kids absolutely shouldn't be with middle school kids. I think breaking up the elementary schools could have merit, but you really need to ensure high school is separate from middle school.	2/12/2026 8:32 AM
3629	The continuum we have for Ashford Park, Chamblee MS and HS is one of the best in the district. Disrupting that again goes against the goals for my kids to provide the best possible	2/12/2026 8:32 AM

	outcomes. This would lead to even more students moving from public school.	
3630	The grade bands for a few grades would be good but I don't think having grades 6-12 in one building is a good idea. That is a large age range to have all in one building.	2/12/2026 8:31 AM
3631	I think less transitions would be better	2/12/2026 8:30 AM
3632	Will need to understand our children’s new zoning to understand if I agree with the clusters.	2/12/2026 8:30 AM
3633	These scenarios should reflect the distinct needs of the communities. It should not be a one size fits all.	2/12/2026 8:28 AM
3634	I do not think 6-12 is a good idea, the changes kids go through in 6-8 need a separate learning space.	2/12/2026 8:28 AM
3635	I like the idea of being non-traditional though the of 6-12 together seems overwhelming. I would be interested in seeing the school size projections with all of these.	2/12/2026 8:28 AM
3636	The Tucker cluster seems to work ok except Idlewood elementary is the only elementary within the cluster to be over capacity and it's the smallest of the schools. [Though this year is different because of construction]	2/12/2026 8:27 AM
3637	High schools need to focus on preparing their students, at minimum, to be able to take the classes they need at the pace they need to be able to apply competitively to our state flagship universities. Currently, if a student is not "gifted", they will not be able to take the higher level courses they need to be a competitive applicant without taking extra classes in the summer. If expanding grade bands leaves high schools with less resources, then it shouldn't be a consideration.	2/12/2026 8:27 AM
3638	Vanderlyn is the only school nearby that fully impacts my family. I understand why it would be the school in our cluster to close.	2/12/2026 8:26 AM
3639	I think it would be detrimental to have sixth graders in the same school as 12th graders. That is too big of an age gap and I would not want my 12 year old going to school with 17-18 year olds.	2/12/2026 8:26 AM
3640	I do not have preference on grade banding. There are too many variants listed to give an opinion as this seems not flushed out enough	2/12/2026 8:26 AM
3641	I think that more transitions in the lower grades creates discomfort and difficulty for kids. I don't support creating lower and upper elementary schools. if there's room to have K-8 schools, that's fine.	2/12/2026 8:25 AM
3642	I believe the grade bands are fine. The closing and repurposing of schools on the south side will be the biggest issue.	2/12/2026 8:24 AM
3643	Leave things as they are!!! The traditional grade bands are working for the Ashford Park area.	2/12/2026 8:24 AM
3644	Considering the state of students going through puberty at the middle school level, I would not be comfortable with middle grades with younger students (K-5).	2/12/2026 8:24 AM
3645	The bands need to stay like they are. I think even pre k with fifth grade is to wide of a gap, but it doesn’t need to get any larger than that.	2/12/2026 8:22 AM
3646	I think the traditional is likely fine, however, I understand other scenarios may be beneficial.	2/12/2026 8:22 AM
3647	I think separating elementary into 2 groups would be very beneficial to those students and their education but I do think that in the chamblee HS cluster right now we are already short bus drivers we would need more as 4 school levels would make it harder for 1 driver to drive all the levels of the same route.	2/12/2026 8:20 AM
3648	NA	2/12/2026 8:19 AM
3649	We used to do elementary K-7 and high school 8-12. It was awful. The maturity level is not there.	2/12/2026 8:18 AM
3650	I dislike the various elementary grade band scenarios. When elementaries are split K-2, 3-5, no accountability is placed on K-2 in regard to standardized testing. When the split is more extreme, K-3, 4-5, parents check out of the school they are only going to attend for a couple of years. Lower grades do not have older students to look up to. Every time the students switch schools, behavior problems occur.	2/12/2026 8:17 AM

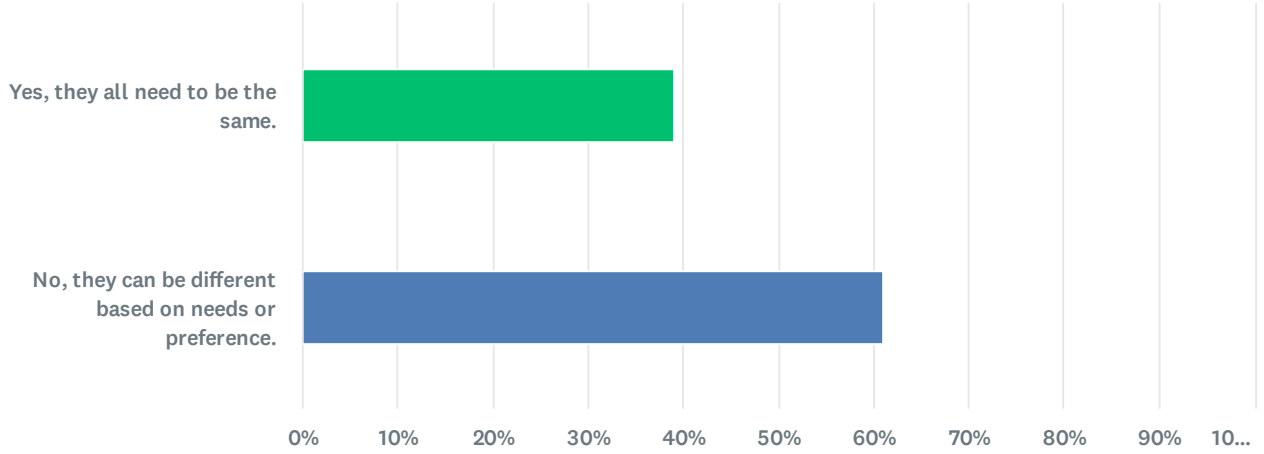
3651	There is no scenario where we want elementary kids with middle school children or middle school kids with high school children. There is serious concern about the safety of these kids given the potential for sexual abuse.	2/12/2026 8:17 AM
3652	I like the idea of smaller grade bands so that the schools can more closely serve a more specific population i.e. you have more students of a similar age together versus broader ranges which can be hard when managing programs like after school and bussing. My Pre-K student has been exposed to a ton of new things this year through interactions with older students in after school and more segmentation by age could be beneficial.	2/12/2026 8:17 AM
3653	I like the idea of smaller clusters. I think this could also be more beneficial for teachers because they have larger teams to plan with and more quality lessons would be provided.	2/12/2026 8:15 AM
3654	I want the school to remain open as it currently exists.	2/12/2026 8:14 AM
3655	We can do school like City Schools of Decatur K-3, 4-5 middle, and high	2/12/2026 8:14 AM
3656	Grade banding is fine and may even be necessary, but it should ideally be the same across the district.	2/12/2026 8:13 AM
3657	My initial feedback is the following. The people in the decision-making of hiring Superintendents who are under federal investigation are deciding on what's best for DeKalb parents, faculty, and students.	2/12/2026 8:13 AM
3658	Pre-K through 5 this is good as is. The littles and the big kids are great together and builds better kids and relationships with each other. The older grades could be banded better.	2/12/2026 8:13 AM
3659	Keep oak grove	2/12/2026 8:12 AM
3660	I support this idea as well.	2/12/2026 8:12 AM
3661	I think it’s a bad idea to have grade 6 with grade 12. Some of my HS students are 20-21 years old.	2/12/2026 8:10 AM
3662	Focus on schools or clusters that are low performing before addressing high performing but crowded clusters. Seem like a solution looking for a problem in specific areas.	2/12/2026 8:10 AM
3663	No opinion	2/12/2026 8:09 AM
3664	Dunwoody cluster-if vanderlyn closes please expand DHS. We've been told previously that it can't be done but no reason why. It could always be a much needed parking lot. The county was suppose to provide additional parking over the storm drain area years ago and it never happened.	2/12/2026 8:08 AM
3665	I like the idea of having smaller grade bands.	2/12/2026 8:05 AM
3666	A 6-12 is simply overcrowding the schools. Teachers are overworked and overwhelmed with all the access trainings as is. Making students teach even more students is NOT the solution. This is how students get overlooked and undiagnosed.	2/12/2026 7:59 AM
3667	Sure. We need to do things differently.	2/12/2026 6:59 AM
3668	SAP Member- where possible clusters should transition to K-8/9-12. This allows for the community building to continue on, building family trust over 9+ years, and allowing HS attendance with current level numbers. In practicality either a middle or high building closes, and elementary attendance zones are adjusted to maximize student volume to meet GA state funding requirements. Added programs to elementary foster community buy-in. An underenrolled elementary may not have an art teacher, but a metric meeting k-8 school gets fully funded. If a larger high school is eventually needed then again more programming becomes available.	2/12/2026 6:40 AM
3669	I believe HPM should consider reverting to DCSD’s former, pre-middle-school concept of PK-7 elementary schools and 8-12 high schools. Turn those middle schools back into high schools. This is a better situation for busy working families. Older elementary age siblings can assist in supervising their younger siblings after school. Also, 8th graders who struggle with transitioning to high school will not have their 8th grade class average included in their high school transcript. Parents with multiple children will only ever have to keep up with PTA/sports, concerts, etc… at 2 schools, not 3. This is a more family-friendly and community-focused grade band.	2/11/2026 11:19 PM

3670	It is strange that only one cluster wouldn't have a middle school. Data needs to be made available to the community to show the new Cross Keys HS, capacity 1600, could serve 6th-12th once Seqouyah HS, capacity 1600, is completed in 2029. Another option is to utilize the 11.24 acres of the Kittredge Magnet facility as the Cross Keys cluster middle school, or even a 4-8 one like Wadsworth; it is only 1.6 miles for Cross Keys HS. Brookhaven is building a pedestrian bridge across 85 too, providing alternative transportation options. What's more, the magnet program could continue to run in that new facility -- call it Kittredge -- as a local zoned school, and then continue within the Cross Keys HS, which both would have capacity to run the magnet program and attract high achievers. Having a magnet program at Chamblee MS and HS does not serve the needs of DCSD if they are overcapacity; how do you attract out of zone kids to an overcapacity facility? Rather, it's primarily benefiting the students already zoned for Chamblee MS and HS (which are my own kids); that is not equitable.	2/11/2026 10:43 PM
3671	Great band should be based perhaps on regions however I am not a proponent. I believe this district should be a K-5, 6-8, and 9 to 12 District. delving into the other models, create problems like the need for multiple buildings when we're trying to shut buildings down that are under utilize. This will be a ploy used by some to maintain buildings that we no longer need to use.	2/11/2026 10:08 PM
3672	I need more information, because things weren't too clearly explained tonight.	2/11/2026 9:41 PM
3673	2 grade bands only this will help consolidate resources and buildings	2/11/2026 9:39 PM
3674	I think it makes sense to keep Dunwoody with current grade bands. I'd like to see Kingsley repurposed as a Pre-K 3/4 for the Dunwoody cluster and Vanderlyn used to expand the DHS facility. I like the idea of Kittredge as a stand alone 4-8 to give Chamblee more capacity, but I'm worried about placement being far from most of the kids who attend.	2/11/2026 9:29 PM
3675	I am open to the grade band scenarios discussion but need more information on how buildings would be laid out to support any changes.	2/11/2026 8:25 PM
3676	I do not agree with the Grade Band Scenario. I think the bridge that middle school brings between elementary and high school is necessary and very important.	2/11/2026 8:23 PM
3677	Pk-2, and configure the rest because they are testing grades.	2/11/2026 8:20 PM
3678	The grade band scenarios you provided were informative and the way that you explained them I thought was excellent as well. Each cluster should have a different grade band based on need! As an example, the six through 12 grade band scenario works really well for fine arts and AP and IB and CTAE and stem related courses and programs.	2/11/2026 8:17 PM
3679	I would keep traditional grade bands with the exception of magnet schools and programs.	2/11/2026 8:16 PM
3680	I would need to see the grouping in person to wrap my mind around it.	2/11/2026 8:15 PM
3681	Traditional for Ashford Park area to accommodate varies stages for kids	2/11/2026 8:14 PM
3682	I worry about exposing sixth graders to seniors. There are too many fights.	2/11/2026 8:13 PM
3683	Thinking through the benefits and challenges of each scenario, I'm in favor of the traditional approach, particularly for the middle school grades. However, K-8 schools may work for clusters that have smaller enrollment sizes.	2/11/2026 8:05 PM
3684	As a south county resident I do think the Pk-3, 4-5 band scenario is preferable because we know those early years for reading are critical. I'm ok with 6-8, 9-12 for the rest of the county.	2/11/2026 8:05 PM
3685	I do think K-8 would make sense for the Cross Keys Cluster. I have a hard time envisioning different grade bands for other clusters. Some clusters could benefit from having a preK-3 to bolster literacy.	2/11/2026 8:04 PM
3686	I am in favor of the PK3-PK-4 and or PK-2 and 4/5 I'm not sure I'm in favor of K-8 yet.	2/11/2026 8:03 PM
3687	I believe in high traffic areas (Druid Hills & Cross Keys) there would be a benefit to having a different grade band.	2/11/2026 7:58 PM
3688	I'm curious about Cross Keys possibility of K-8. Is that to consolidate English Language Learner resources? To help build up the community or to segregate a largely immigrant community?	2/11/2026 7:56 PM
3689	I am a fan of any grand banding scenarios that get rid of seperated "middle schools." Middle	2/11/2026 7:50 PM

	school is a tough age/phase of life, for the kids and teachers dealing with them. And I am more for middle school going UP into high school vs. down into elementary school. Also, regarding grade bands and the various options... I'd think about parents with multiple kids and the more you have these schools with limited grades, you've got parents who have kids at 3 different schools in one year vs. just traveling to 1 or 2 schools. I just think having like 4 different schools for parents with kids of different ages to go to feels untenable.. and kids take time to adjust to new schools/buidlings too.. so kids being in a building for just 2 years feels not ideal for that reason, from the kids and paretns perspective.	
3690	I prefer clustering the grade levels into smaller segments.	2/11/2026 7:34 PM
3691	I prefer the traditional grade bands.	2/11/2026 7:28 PM

Q6 Do you believe that each cluster needs to have the same grade band?

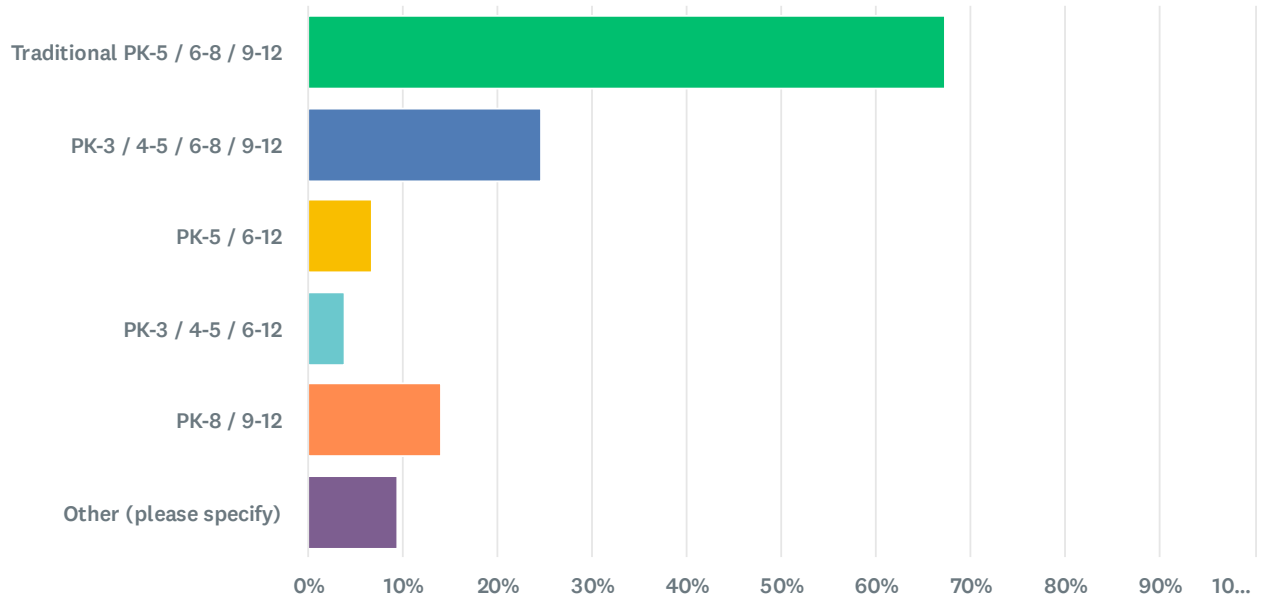
Answered: 5,074 Skipped: 3,930



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes, they all need to be the same.	38.94%	1976
No, they can be different based on needs or preference.	61.06%	3098
Total		**5074**

Q7 Which of the following grade bands do you think your cluster could most benefit from?

Answered: 5,227 Skipped: 3,777



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12	67.34%	3520
PK-3 / 4-5 / 6-8 / 9-12	24.58%	1285
PK-5 / 6-12	6.81%	356
PK-3 / 4-5 / 6-12	3.79%	198
PK-8 / 9-12	14.00%	732
Other (please specify) Show responses	9.47%	495
Total		**6586**

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	PK-3 / 4-6 / 7-8 / 9-12	3/9/2026 10:54 AM
2	PK 3-7, 8-12	3/9/2026 9:39 AM
3	Can’t answer in a vacuum. Depends on programming and size. Kittredge 4-6 model works because small size and nature of program. But might not work if it is the size of Chamblee High and not a theme or magnet	3/9/2026 12:31 AM
4	Pk-7th/8-12	3/9/2026 12:00 AM
5	PK-6/7-8/9-12	3/8/2026 11:52 PM
6	Pk-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12	3/8/2026 11:50 PM
7	PK-7/8-12	3/8/2026 11:49 PM
8	PK-6 / 7-9 /10-12	3/8/2026 11:44 PM
9	PK-6, 7-12	3/8/2026 11:38 PM
10	PK-3/ 4-8/ 9-12	3/8/2026 11:30 PM
11	PK-6 / 7-8 / 9-12	3/8/2026 11:30 PM
12	PK-3 / 4-8 / 9-12	3/8/2026 11:18 PM
13	There is not enough information available	3/8/2026 11:02 PM
14	The banding should align with stages of development	3/8/2026 10:16 PM
15	No. Gradey bands should reflect local enrollment trends and utilization levels rather than a uniform district-wide model.	3/8/2026 9:59 PM
16	Not sure. Like idea of pk-8	3/8/2026 9:47 PM
17	Pk-7 made sense when they built the schools in our neighborhood.	3/8/2026 9:40 PM
18	Pk-6th, 7 & 8, 9-12	3/8/2026 9:26 PM
19	N/A	3/8/2026 9:23 PM
20	I would take out the middle school, and go back to PK-8 and then 9-12.	3/8/2026 9:22 PM
21	PK-7/8-12	3/8/2026 9:18 PM
22	PK-6 / 7-9 / 10 - 12	3/8/2026 8:49 PM
23	I like our current grade band structure but I am open to discussions around change as this project progresses. I would need to understand why a change would benefit us.	3/8/2026 8:48 PM
24	PK-2,3-5 in adjoining buildings,6-8,9-12	3/8/2026 8:43 PM
25	One grade band scenario not mentioned is PK (early learning center) / K-6 / 7-8 / 9-12. This was used in the area we grew up in and I wondered if this is ever used anymore. More of a question than a suggestion - but something to share. Specific to my cluster, it is too early for me to know which would benefit us the most. We need more information about the boundaries, programs and expansions before I can answer this question.	3/8/2026 8:02 PM
26	PK-3, 4-8, 9-12	3/8/2026 7:45 PM
27	Pk- K / 1st - 8th / 9th-12th	3/8/2026 7:24 PM
28	Pk-6/7-8/9-12	3/8/2026 7:22 PM
29	PK-6/7-8-9/10-12	3/8/2026 7:16 PM
30	We need community schools, not mega schools.	3/8/2026 7:13 PM
31	Unknown.	3/8/2026 7:07 PM
32	PK - 6/ 7-9/ 10-12	3/8/2026 6:52 PM

33	second choice would be traditional pk-5, 6-8, 9-12	3/8/2026 6:49 PM
34	PK-7/ 8-12	3/8/2026 6:37 PM
35	PK-6, 7-8, 9-12	3/8/2026 5:12 PM
36	Open to ideas as long as the schools and attendance lines in the cluster remain the same. (Perhaps consolidating one or two elementary schools, but keeping the Lakeside cluster together.)	3/8/2026 5:10 PM
37	PK-2 / 3-5 / 6-8 / 9-12	3/8/2026 4:39 PM
38	Separate PK campuses	3/8/2026 4:14 PM
39	No tengo ningún grupo todo son buenos	3/8/2026 4:12 PM
40	pre-k-6	3/8/2026 4:02 PM
41	PK-7 and 8-12	3/8/2026 3:53 PM
42	A rigid, district-wide grade band is often less effective than a flexible, cluster-based approach. While uniformity can simplify administrative tasks like busing and curriculum planning, it frequently ignores the physical and demographic realities of specific neighborhoods. Each cluster has a unique "ecosystem"—varying in building sizes, population density, and community needs—that a one-size-fits-all model fails to address. As we discussed with Ashford Park, a K-8 model might be a great theoretical fit, but the physical footprint of the school simply cannot accommodate it without a massive, multi-story overhaul. Conversely, a different cluster might have a vacant middle school building nearby that makes a 6-12 or K-8 transition seamless. Forcing every cluster into the same band often leads to overcrowding in some areas and underutilized space in others. Some clusters, like Chamblee and Brookhaven, are seeing rapid residential growth, while others may be seeing a decline in student-age populations. A cluster with high density may need to stick to a traditional PK-5/6-8/9-12 split to manage volume, whereas a smaller cluster might find that a K-8 model helps keep a community school open that would otherwise be consolidated. Clusters often develop their own "identities"—some might focus on STEAM, while others focus on Dual Language Immersion (DLI) or IB programs. Grade bands that are tailored to these programs can enhance the educational outcomes. For example, a K-8 band might better support a continuous DLI track, while a traditional split might be better for a cluster focused on a high-intensity high school vocational program. Parents in Brookhaven often value the "neighborhood school" feel of a PK-5 environment. Imposing a 4-5 "academy" or a K-8 configuration just for the sake of district-wide symmetry can alienate families and disrupt the local support systems (like the PTA and "Room Moms") that make schools like Ashford Park successful.	3/8/2026 3:28 PM
43	Reject this proposal	3/8/2026 3:17 PM
44	Pk-7/8-12	3/8/2026 3:02 PM
45	PK-7/ 8-12	3/8/2026 2:48 PM
46	Depends on how programs will be considered/ are already decided by district.	3/8/2026 2:43 PM
47	None	3/8/2026 2:27 PM
48	Either the one above, or the traditional model. It does not make sense to me to put kids in middle school alongside high schoolers. They are just at hugely different developmental stages. Makes sense to keep middle school and high school smaller and more specialized, offering different levels of classes depending on needs.	3/8/2026 2:27 PM
49	PK3-PK4 / K-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 if space is needed to bring elementary schools up to capacity, PK4 can be served at early childhood centers.	3/8/2026 1:56 PM
50	10-12/7-9/K-6	3/8/2026 1:09 PM
51	4-6, 7-12	3/8/2026 12:56 PM
52	Don’t know	3/8/2026 12:53 PM
53	PK-K, 1-6, 7-8, 9-12	3/8/2026 12:00 PM
54	PreK-3 / 4-7 / 8-12	3/8/2026 11:57 AM

55	PK-7/8-12	3/8/2026 11:56 AM
56	Pk-4/5-7/8-12	3/8/2026 11:30 AM
57	PK-7 / 8-12 or PK-6 / 7-12	3/8/2026 11:16 AM
58	Prek-7 / 8-12	3/8/2026 11:14 AM
59	K-7 and 8-12 is the ideal configuration. DCDS changed in the mid 90s to get state funds. It was a mistake. Return to what worked please.	3/8/2026 9:55 AM
60	8-12	3/8/2026 9:41 AM
61	Or 8 to 12 for high school	3/8/2026 8:39 AM
62	Tucker closer would benefit from pk-k, 1-6, 7-9, and 10-12. I believe this would distribute seats among each school in a positive way.	3/8/2026 8:37 AM
63	Insufficient data has been release to be able to form an opinion on this. I want to learn more, and see the actual district lines of what that would look like for my community.	3/8/2026 8:28 AM
64	PK-6 / 7-8 / 9-12	3/8/2026 8:25 AM
65	4-8 Gifted / High Achievers	3/8/2026 7:33 AM
66	PK-4, 5-8, 9-12	3/7/2026 11:22 PM
67	Im not understanding the grade band	3/7/2026 11:18 PM
68	PK-6, 7-8, 9-12	3/7/2026 11:13 PM
69	A 6-12 grade school is completely absurd! Keep the grade bands developmentally appropriate!	3/7/2026 10:35 PM
70	None	3/7/2026 10:28 PM
71	PK-3 / 4-6 / 7-9 / 10-12	3/7/2026 10:21 PM
72	Pre k - 7 / 8-12	3/7/2026 9:13 PM
73	Prek-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12	3/7/2026 9:07 PM
74	N/A	3/7/2026 8:45 PM
75	PK-6 / 7-8 / 9-12	3/7/2026 8:20 PM
76	6-9 / 10-12	3/7/2026 5:32 PM
77	See note above - open to seeing more specific proposals on this piece of the SAP.	3/7/2026 5:19 PM
78	Pk-5, 6-8, 9-12	3/7/2026 5:06 PM
79	PK-5, 6 Academy - 6, 7 Academy - 7. 8 Academy - 8,9 Academy - 9, 10-12	3/7/2026 4:33 PM
80	see above answer and no middle schools	3/7/2026 4:16 PM
81	DeKalb County is a county, so having different parts of the county having one cluster and another partnering a different cluster…not good and problematic—no consistency.	3/7/2026 3:53 PM
82	PK-6, 7-12	3/7/2026 3:20 PM
83	Prioritize keeping elementary school populations small to support student well-being and learning.	3/7/2026 3:05 PM
84	PK-7, 8-12	3/7/2026 1:00 PM
85	PK-7/8-12	3/7/2026 12:48 PM
86	PK-7/ 8-12	3/7/2026 11:34 AM
87	Pk-4, 5-8, 9-12 (many private schools have gone to this model)	3/7/2026 10:43 AM
88	PK-6 / 7-12	3/7/2026 10:38 AM
89	PK-3, 4-6 (current Kittredge grade band), 7-8, 9-12	3/7/2026 10:17 AM

90	I am a community member and just want what's best for parents and children.	3/7/2026 10:13 AM
91	I was at Lakeside as an 8th grader. It was too much age difference between “subbies” and seniors and in today’s society putting high school students with middle school kids would be harmful to many younger kids who are exposed to things they don’t know how to handle.	3/7/2026 10:02 AM
92	Pk-4 / 5-8 / 9-12	3/7/2026 9:25 AM
93	I want facts and research there is benefit for our children to change this.	3/7/2026 9:23 AM
94	Pk to 7, 8-12	3/7/2026 9:02 AM
95	PK-6/7-12	3/7/2026 7:49 AM
96	PK-5/6-7/8-12	3/7/2026 4:56 AM
97	Pretty open other than not thinking 6-12 is a good idea	3/6/2026 10:51 PM
98	PK-6/7-9/10-12	3/6/2026 10:38 PM
99	PK-6 7-9 10-12	3/6/2026 10:25 PM
100	Pk-2/3-5/6-8/9-12	3/6/2026 9:57 PM
101	PK-6 was a prior model at Evansdale and was successful	3/6/2026 9:12 PM
102	Consider splitting off a single grade - 6th, 8th, 9th.	3/6/2026 9:02 PM
103	5/8	3/6/2026 8:21 PM
104	PK-6th, 8-9, 10-12	3/6/2026 8:15 PM
105	Groups that work for individual communities based on walkability, safety, needs, and community support.	3/6/2026 7:09 PM
106	Prek through 7th; 8-12th	3/6/2026 6:52 PM
107	1st Choice - Traditional; 2nd Choice PK-8 / 9-12	3/6/2026 6:50 PM
108	If you cannot have these PK-1/2-8/9-12, then PK-8/ 9-12	3/6/2026 6:37 PM
109	Pk-7, 8-12	3/6/2026 5:37 PM
110	Elementary schools should start from K-7 grades	3/6/2026 5:26 PM
111	PK-4 / 5-7 /8-9/ 10-12	3/6/2026 5:19 PM
112	I'm sure about all that just don't want to see Ashford Park elementary School closed	3/6/2026 4:53 PM
113	PK-4 / 5-7 / 8-12	3/6/2026 4:45 PM
114	6-8/9-12	3/6/2026 4:41 PM
115	Ok-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12	3/6/2026 4:38 PM
116	Another idea is to cluster schools based on their performance ratings. For example, schools with ratings of 7 or higher could form one cluster, and schools with ratings below 7 could form another.	3/6/2026 4:35 PM
117	PK3-K5, 1-5, 6-8, 9-10, 11-12	3/6/2026 3:18 PM
118	Na	3/6/2026 2:53 PM
119	PK-2- in order to limit disruption from testing that starts in 3rd grade; PK-3, 4-6, 7-12; or Pk-6 and 7-12 only if new buildings could separate younger kids from older ones. .	3/6/2026 2:20 PM
120	PK-3, 4-8, 9-12	3/6/2026 2:13 PM
121	PK-7 and 8-12	3/6/2026 2:12 PM
122	PK-3/4-6/7-8/9-12	3/6/2026 1:54 PM
123	I think the PK-3 program should be removed from DeKalb schools.	3/6/2026 1:42 PM
124	Closing high rated schools not helping my kids	3/6/2026 1:21 PM

125	PK-3/4-5/6-8/9-12 is second preference	3/6/2026 1:14 PM
126	Reverify addresses	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
127	PK-5, 6-9, 10-12	3/6/2026 12:22 PM
128	6 grade academies have shown to do well	3/6/2026 12:12 PM
129	Pk-7/ 8-12	3/6/2026 12:11 PM
130	I couldn't understand what cluster Clarkston would be in. I also don't know why this matters. By the time someone in PK gets to high school, you will likely have changed it again	3/6/2026 11:56 AM
131	As is	3/6/2026 11:39 AM
132	see suggestions in previous comments	3/6/2026 11:20 AM
133	Pre-K - 6	3/6/2026 11:13 AM
134	PK-6 / 7-12	3/6/2026 11:00 AM
135	I think the plans proposed are horrible	3/6/2026 10:55 AM
136	I can’t answer	3/6/2026 10:52 AM
137	None	3/6/2026 10:36 AM
138	Pk-6/ 7-9/10-12	3/6/2026 10:30 AM
139	Kittredge could be 4-8, I think that would work well as long as it fed into a high school with strong academic opportunities.	3/6/2026 10:29 AM
140	PK-3 / 4-7/ 8-12 or PK-7/8-12	3/6/2026 9:51 AM
141	Not sure	3/6/2026 9:48 AM
142	Evansdale should be PK through 6	3/6/2026 9:47 AM
143	None	3/6/2026 9:37 AM
144	PK-3 - 2, 3 - 5 or 6, 7-8 or 7 - 9, 9 -12 or 10 - 12	3/6/2026 8:45 AM
145	No expertise, will not answer	3/6/2026 8:32 AM
146	Pk-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12	3/6/2026 8:24 AM
147	PK-3 / 4-7 / 8-12 or PK-3 / 4-6 / 7-9 / 10-12	3/6/2026 8:08 AM
148	The Japanese and other Asian countries also benefit from the 1-6, 7-9, 10-12 model	3/5/2026 11:14 PM
149	PK-6/ 7-12	3/5/2026 11:13 PM
150	Consider separate Pre-K schools so elementary would be K-5	3/5/2026 10:43 PM
151	PK-7/8-12	3/5/2026 9:52 PM
152	PK-6 / 7-12	3/5/2026 9:26 PM
153	PK-6 / 7-12	3/5/2026 9:15 PM
154	PK-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12	3/5/2026 9:09 PM
155	All of these suck,frankly. Again, first day on earth?	3/5/2026 9:06 PM
156	Pk-6, 7-8, 9-12	3/5/2026 8:42 PM
157	I oppose any change	3/5/2026 8:30 PM
158	Cannot be established until a real, independent consulting firm is engaged, not HPM!	3/5/2026 8:11 PM
159	Na	3/5/2026 7:42 PM
160	PK-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12	3/5/2026 7:22 PM
161	PK-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-12	3/5/2026 6:53 PM

162	Pk-6, 7-9, 10-12	3/5/2026 6:48 PM
163	N/A	3/5/2026 6:44 PM
164	K-6/7-9/10-12	3/5/2026 6:31 PM
165	It doesn’t matter!	3/5/2026 5:43 PM
166	Pk-6/7-8/9-12	3/5/2026 5:36 PM
167	Pk-4, 5-7, 8-12	3/5/2026 5:33 PM
168	I was in dekalb when it went k-7, 8-12 and I thought that worked fine as well	3/5/2026 5:30 PM
169	PK-3 / 4-6 / 7-9/ 10-12	3/5/2026 5:19 PM
170	PK - 6 / 7-9 / 10-12	3/5/2026 5:12 PM
171	K-6. 7-12	3/5/2026 5:05 PM
172	Anything that works to prevent OGE from closing	3/5/2026 5:03 PM
173	I think the bands should be tailored to the individual areas or cluster schools and the facilities available.	3/5/2026 5:01 PM
174	I would be most interested in what the data say are most beneficial bans for children's education	3/5/2026 4:46 PM
175	PK-6th grade or 4-6th grade	3/5/2026 3:23 PM
176	K-6/7-8/9-12	3/5/2026 3:09 PM
177	P3-2, 3-7, 8-12	3/5/2026 2:45 PM
178	PK-2, 3-5, 6-8,9-12	3/5/2026 2:20 PM
179	(P-4) (5-8) (9-12) might be something to consider.	3/5/2026 2:19 PM
180	I don't understand this question.	3/5/2026 1:59 PM
181	PK-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12	3/5/2026 1:54 PM
182	NONE	3/5/2026 1:43 PM
183	If not all the same across the county, fear creation of an administrative and student nightmare if transferring schools for whatever reason.	3/5/2026 1:15 PM
184	PK-6/ 7-8 /9-12	3/5/2026 1:02 PM
185	combining too many grades is a terrible idea	3/5/2026 12:58 PM
186	I think it can depend on the needs of the programs.	3/5/2026 12:44 PM
187	PK-1/2-5/6-8/9-12	3/5/2026 12:17 PM
188	Please see comment #5 (PK-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12	3/5/2026 12:07 PM
189	Reconsider keeping eleven year olds (6th grade) in the lower bands.	3/5/2026 11:53 AM
190	Again I would like to see PK-6/7-12 as an option	3/5/2026 11:21 AM
191	undecided	3/5/2026 11:12 AM
192	PK-3, 4-8, 9-12	3/5/2026 10:48 AM
193	needs detail study by upper school management...they should know best.	3/5/2026 10:24 AM
194	PK-5 / 6-7 / 8 / 9-12	3/5/2026 10:05 AM
195	It depends on the needs of the area.	3/5/2026 9:54 AM
196	PK-6; 7&8; 9-12. This is I think optimal given child development. However bands could be adjusted to help address utilization concerns.	3/5/2026 9:53 AM
197	PK - 6; 7-12	3/5/2026 9:45 AM

198	Back home, we had PK&K centers to transition students to school life better. It kept 5th/6th graders from being on the same bus as PK/K students and preventing bullying situations.	3/5/2026 8:32 AM
199	Relating to grade bands above, expanding Druid Hills MS to be 6-12 could help with future Lakeside and Did Hills HS utilization percentages	3/5/2026 8:24 AM
200	PK-3, 4-7, 8-12, possibly	3/5/2026 8:24 AM
201	Prek3+Prek4+K-5th / 6-8 / 9-12	3/5/2026 7:27 AM
202	PK-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12	3/5/2026 6:53 AM
203	PK-6 / 7-8 / 9-12	3/5/2026 6:52 AM
204	None	3/5/2026 6:16 AM
205	PK-7 / 8-12	3/5/2026 5:20 AM
206	Pk-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12	3/5/2026 5:09 AM
207	All	3/5/2026 4:25 AM
208	PK-7 / 8-12	3/5/2026 2:22 AM
209	Traditional old school DeKalb K-7 / 8-12	3/5/2026 12:52 AM
210	Consider pk-7/ 8-12	3/4/2026 11:55 PM
211	pk-6th, 7-9th 10-12th	3/4/2026 11:18 PM
212	K-7 models solve 'empty seat' gaps by keeping 6th-7th graders in nurturing environments, addressing middle school safety concerns. Flexibility allows clusters to leverage local strengths like Midvale, keeping DeKalb competitive for families and the housing market.	3/4/2026 11:11 PM
213	PK-6, 7-8, 9-12	3/4/2026 10:38 PM
214	Pk-5, 6-8,9-12	3/4/2026 10:31 PM
215	I honestly do not think it matters to have a standard of grade bands - what matters is what makes sense to use the surrounding buildings in the best way. If that means each cluster has a different formation, than so be it.	3/4/2026 10:21 PM
216	(Pk-3/4-6)/7-9/10-12	3/4/2026 10:08 PM
217	I think it depends on the needs of the community. My community only has K-5 and middle and high school are in an entirely different neighborhood. Of a neighborhood has sufficient need, why wouldn't that neighborhood have its own resources?	3/4/2026 9:22 PM
218	PK-3, 4-8, 9-12	3/4/2026 9:18 PM
219	While I am most in favor of the traditional model I can see merit in the PK-3/4-5/6-8 and 9/12. The problem with that model is that you do not typically get parent buy in. They are only at one school for 3 years on average and they are not invested. With the traditional model you have much greater parent support.	3/4/2026 9:12 PM
220	Asi es	3/4/2026 8:42 PM
221	PK-6 / 7-8 / 9-12	3/4/2026 8:38 PM
222	I think the traditional structure but the standalone PK is great	3/4/2026 8:34 PM
223	Pk-3, 4-7, 8-12	3/4/2026 7:49 PM
224	PK-3/4-6/7-12	3/4/2026 7:41 PM
225	Not sure. Changing grade bands can have unpredictable results and may only exacerbate existing problems.	3/4/2026 6:47 PM
226	PK-7 / 8-12	3/4/2026 6:31 PM
227	PK - 6, 7-8, 9-12	3/4/2026 6:14 PM
228	None	3/4/2026 6:10 PM

229	Non of the above	3/4/2026 6:05 PM
230	Pk -6 /7-8/ 9-12	3/4/2026 5:26 PM
231	Prek-3 /4-6 / 7-8 / 9-12	3/4/2026 5:18 PM
232	This school has only PK-5	3/4/2026 5:14 PM
233	no change	3/4/2026 4:54 PM
234	K thru 8th grade	3/4/2026 4:53 PM
235	Kk	3/4/2026 4:49 PM
236	A model which addresses the commute to Henderson MS would be beneficial.	3/4/2026 4:42 PM
237	Is there a case for or conditions that bring K-7 and 8-12 school footprints back into the county?	3/4/2026 4:40 PM
238	smaller schools with more attention in the classroom has benefit, and it's not one size fits all per cluster. Dekalb is too big to operate as such.	3/4/2026 4:34 PM
239	PK-7/ 8-12	3/4/2026 4:30 PM
240	PK-3, 4-8, 9-12	3/4/2026 4:14 PM
241	PK-1, 2-5, 6-8, 9-12	3/4/2026 4:09 PM
242	pk-3 / 4-6 / 7-12 (4-6 works very well at KMS)	3/4/2026 4:05 PM
243	Oak Grove elementary school should remain as it is, not part of a cluster.	3/4/2026 3:53 PM
244	N/A	3/4/2026 3:33 PM
245	PK, 1st - 5th (Elementary school), 6-9 (Junior high school), 10 - 12 High school.	3/4/2026 3:33 PM
246	PK-4/5-8/9-12	3/4/2026 3:32 PM
247	Please do not close oak grove elementary school	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
248	No. Each cluster should have flexibility based on its enrollment, facility capacity, geography, and community needs. Different areas of the district face different challenges. Requiring every cluster to follow the exact same grade band model may limit the district’s ability to develop solutions that work best locally. Allowing some clusters to remain PK–5 while others explore PK–3/4–5 or PK–8 options could provide more creative solutions that preserve community schools and reduce unnecessary closures. A flexible approach would allow the district to better balance efficiency, programming, and community needs.	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
249	Pre-3, 4-6, 7-8 and 9-12	3/4/2026 3:15 PM
250	pk-7, and 8-12 is a viable option as well 8th graders are closer to high schoolers than elementary	3/4/2026 3:14 PM
251	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary	3/4/2026 3:06 PM
252	Magnet schools should keep their current grade bands.	3/4/2026 3:02 PM
253	NA	3/4/2026 3:00 PM
254	A flexible format that provides additional options for students—specifically an Open Campus model and exploration of a 4-day school week to improve engagement, attendance consistency, and credit completion for students balancing school with work, caregiving, or other barriers.	3/4/2026 2:59 PM
255	PK- K / 1-5 / 6-8/ 9-12	3/4/2026 2:50 PM
256	prek-3, 4-6, 7-8 and 9-12	3/4/2026 2:48 PM
257	k-5	3/4/2026 2:42 PM
258	A non-traditional open campus model with flexibility for different students.	3/4/2026 2:37 PM
259	As stated above	3/4/2026 2:20 PM
260	PK-4/5-6/7-9/10-12	3/4/2026 2:13 PM

261	local public or privatize pk and K. Public 1-5 6-8 and 9-12	3/4/2026 1:57 PM
262	No preference.	3/4/2026 1:52 PM
263	PK - 2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12	3/4/2026 1:43 PM
264	When I was a DCSD student in the 80's/90's (graduated Henderson High School class of 1995), K-7 & 8-12 made sense and was a great experience. My vote is a return to that scenario. Middle school structure is a nightmare.	3/4/2026 1:39 PM
265	P-7 in elementary, and 8-12 in high school has worked in the past.	3/4/2026 12:01 PM
266	Pk-12	3/4/2026 11:45 AM
267	PK-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-12	3/4/2026 11:21 AM
268	or PK-7 and 8-12 (former pattern)	3/4/2026 11:08 AM
269	PK-3/4-6/7-9/10-12	3/4/2026 10:32 AM
270	PK-5	3/4/2026 10:26 AM
271	Pre-K-2; 3-6; 7-8; 9-12	3/4/2026 10:08 AM
272	I think DCPS has enough problems within introducing another "moving part". This sounds like the recommendation of an expensive consultant more interested in their fees than improving the quality of teaching.	3/4/2026 10:01 AM
273	Although some of these options may be better for students, working parents need to be considered. Getting your kids to possibly 4 different schools and picking them up on time, could be an impossible task for some people. Even if one scenario would be better for children, which should be the first priority, if parents can't get the children to and from those places, stress at home and absenteeism could rise. A solution could be to allow siblings to wait at the earlier starting school for a bus ride to their school, that causes new expenses in transportation and staff and responsibility for these students	3/4/2026 9:54 AM
274	Do not change, alter, close or consolidate Oak Grove elementary school	3/4/2026 9:45 AM
275	I listed above. PreK-2nd; 3rd-6th; 7th-9th; 10th-12th	3/4/2026 9:27 AM
276	Pk-6 / 7-8 / 9-12	3/4/2026 8:53 AM
277	Children with disabilities do not get enough attention.	3/4/2026 8:30 AM
278	There is no known reason to continue upheaval in an unstable county.	3/4/2026 8:19 AM
279	PK-7 / 8-12	3/4/2026 8:09 AM
280	no of the above	3/4/2026 7:56 AM
281	Na	3/4/2026 6:00 AM
282	PK-3, 4-8, 9-12.	3/3/2026 11:12 PM
283	dont change anything- keep it as it si	3/3/2026 5:02 PM
284	See above	3/3/2026 1:01 PM
285	Pk-k/1-5/6-9/10-12	3/3/2026 12:44 PM
286	Pk-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12	3/3/2026 12:12 PM
287	Have Robert Shaw stay opened by adding Prek-3 year olds and extending the grade levels to 8th grade.	3/3/2026 11:34 AM
288	no strong preference	3/3/2026 10:52 AM
289	Pk-6th/ 7-8/ 9-12	3/3/2026 9:28 AM
290	See above! Definitely NO to 6 being with 12!	3/2/2026 7:58 PM
291	Autistic children and the moderate intellectual delayed students	3/2/2026 7:22 PM
292	PK-6, 7-9, 10-12	3/2/2026 6:13 PM

293	PK-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9, 12	3/2/2026 3:41 PM
294	This change will depend on schools opening times.	3/2/2026 3:21 PM
295	PK-5; 6-9; 10-12	3/2/2026 7:07 AM
296	PK-2 / 3-6 / 7-8 / 9-12 or PK-3 / 4- 6/7-8/9-12	3/2/2026 5:20 AM
297	4 bands ok too	2/28/2026 3:40 PM
298	Again i think its based on current numbers for all of the district. If you have less high schools students enrolled do to drop outs or parents choosing other school districts or private schools then thats one thing you have to think about for future but if you have again more -6-8 then make the adjustments accordingly that will maximize the learning opportunities for the students to ensure right programs(academic/social, supportive), right number of qualifed teachers and that transportation isnt an issue. if you stop using a building for a current puprose make sure you balance what future needs are or what it could be used to provide the right support for community needs to support students,	2/27/2026 3:36 PM
299	The grade band should be based on the capacity/size of the school. If Kingsley can accommodate more students, maybe consider adding a grade level and reduce the amount of students moving to Peachtree Middle? But, you HAVE TO FIX THE HVAC SYSTEM FIRST!!!!	2/27/2026 11:13 AM
300	It feels unwise to change the grade banding. Putting 4 year olds with 14 year olds feels foolish. And putting 12 year olds with 18 year olds is also unwise. Leave it as traditional.	2/27/2026 10:35 AM
301	PK-6/7-8/9-12	2/27/2026 6:50 AM
302	All options shown are reasonable and viable	2/26/2026 9:55 PM
303	There is some research suggesting elementary until 8th grade works well	2/26/2026 8:24 PM
304	PK-4/ 5-7/8-9/10-12	2/26/2026 6:58 PM
305	Pk-5; 6-9; 10-12	2/26/2026 6:38 PM
306	PK-7 / 8-12	2/26/2026 6:32 PM
307	PK-K/1-6/7-8/9-12	2/26/2026 5:42 PM
308	PK-6 / 7-8 / 9-12	2/26/2026 4:01 PM
309	(as described above) pk-3 / 4-7 / 8-12	2/26/2026 3:40 PM
310	not sure which is evidence-based	2/26/2026 3:35 PM
311	PK-2 / 3-5 / 6-8 / 9-12	2/26/2026 3:32 PM
312	Pk-6, 7-9, 10-12	2/26/2026 2:58 PM
313	K-6 / 6-7 / 9-12 with 9th grade academy	2/26/2026 2:42 PM
314	I am also in favor of a k-6 / 7-12	2/26/2026 2:15 PM
315	P/K-12	2/26/2026 12:31 PM
316	PK-6 / 7-12	2/26/2026 10:38 AM
317	This model reduces one major transition point, allows stronger academic continuity, and may better utilize under-enrolled high school facilities while maintaining high school culture and programming.	2/26/2026 7:02 AM
318	none	2/25/2026 6:54 PM
319	PK / K-6 / 7-9 / 10-12	2/25/2026 5:49 PM
320	Don’t know	2/25/2026 10:06 AM
321	nun	2/25/2026 10:06 AM
322	Pk-7; 8-12	2/25/2026 8:38 AM
323	Neither	2/25/2026 8:02 AM

324	13th grade	2/24/2026 11:21 PM
325	Prek-3/4-6/7-8/9-12	2/24/2026 10:21 PM
326	PK-7 / 8-12	2/24/2026 7:23 PM
327	Prek-7/ 8-12	2/24/2026 6:31 PM
328	High school needs to be separate from lower grades	2/24/2026 4:46 PM
329	You could do the Pk-5/ 6-12 if you were able to keep the 6-8 group really separate from the 9-12	2/24/2026 4:07 PM
330	Pk-2, 3-5, 6-12	2/24/2026 4:01 PM
331	PK-6/7-12	2/24/2026 3:44 PM
332	PK-K, 1-5, 6-8, 9-12 or 9-10 and 11-12	2/24/2026 12:46 PM
333	I would like to see more Early Childhood Centers. I think PK-3 schools and 4-5 (or 4-6) schools would be a good idea. I'd also like to see 8th grade back in high school. Too often, 9th graders struggle adapting to high school, and they fail their classes. Back in my day (because I'm old enough to say that), 8th grade was in high school. The 8th graders struggled the same way the current 9th graders struggled. But the difference is, 8th grade doesn't go on your transcript. Most students were able to recalibrate and begin succeeding in 9th grade when it actually counts. I don't know if that's a change the district is allowed to make, but I say, bring back Subbies!	2/24/2026 11:32 AM
334	Evansdale could include 6th grade also	2/24/2026 11:15 AM
335	PreK-7, 8-12	2/24/2026 7:54 AM
336	Pk-5/6-8/9-12	2/23/2026 10:32 PM
337	PK-4, 5-8, 9-12	2/23/2026 10:06 PM
338	Either of these are way more reasonable than 6-12	2/23/2026 7:08 PM
339	PK-2/3-5/6-8/9-12	2/23/2026 6:31 PM
340	PK-7 and 8-12 (grades 8-9 in one wing/building, and 10-12 in another).	2/23/2026 2:08 PM
341	PreK-6/7-8/9-12	2/23/2026 1:25 PM
342	PK-7th / 8-12th	2/23/2026 12:24 PM
343	Pre-k through 6th grade, 7-8(middle school) 9th-12 (high school)	2/23/2026 12:09 PM
344	1-4, 5-8, 9-12. McNair cluster	2/23/2026 11:42 AM
345	PK-2/3-5/6-8/9-12	2/23/2026 10:31 AM
346	PK--5 / 6 / 7-8 / 9-12	2/23/2026 9:02 AM
347	PK-2 / 3-5 / 6-8 / 9-12	2/23/2026 9:02 AM
348	Pk-6/ 7-8/ 9-12	2/23/2026 8:35 AM
349	Pre-k hasta 5grado	2/22/2026 10:34 PM
350	Or 4-6, then 7-8	2/22/2026 9:08 PM
351	Pk-2 /3-5/ 6-8/ 9-12	2/22/2026 3:17 PM
352	Non	2/22/2026 9:34 AM
353	I feel unable to answer this effectively at this juncture. But if I had to choose, I would suggest Prek-5; 6-9, and 10-12.	2/20/2026 10:27 PM
354	PreK-7 and 8th-12th	2/20/2026 2:30 PM
355	PK-2/3-5/6-8/9-12	2/20/2026 11:14 AM
356	Pk-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12	2/20/2026 11:05 AM

357	pk-5/6-9/10-12	2/20/2026 10:43 AM
358	I think it should be handled on an individual basis.	2/20/2026 8:49 AM
359	Pk-7, 8-12	2/19/2026 7:59 PM
360	PK-7; 8-9; 10-12	2/19/2026 7:49 PM
361	PK - 3, 4-8, 9-12	2/19/2026 7:08 PM
362	PK-6 / 7-8/ 9-12	2/19/2026 6:37 PM
363	Depends on the cluster	2/19/2026 1:49 PM
364	See comment above.	2/19/2026 12:56 PM
365	which ever one works to keep Vanderlyn open	2/18/2026 9:22 PM
366	PK-3/4-6/7-9/10-12	2/18/2026 4:57 PM
367	preferably PK-2	2/18/2026 4:41 PM
368	Me quedo con lo tradicional para no estresar los niños desde los 3	2/18/2026 4:33 PM
369	PK- 2/ 3- 6/ 7-12	2/18/2026 1:15 PM
370	PK-6 / 8-12 OR PK - 4 / 5 - 8 / 9 - 12	2/18/2026 12:58 PM
371	PK-4; 5-6, 7-8, 9-12	2/18/2026 11:17 AM
372	PK-6 / 7-12	2/18/2026 8:43 AM
373	Traditional Middle school is such a tough transitional range. I like the idea of consolidation into 2 bands but would consider opportunities to shift 7th and/or 8th grade up. Ie. pk-6,7-12 or pk-7,8-12. 6th grade (and possibly 7th) feels young to be grouped with high school	2/18/2026 12:10 AM
374	PK-6 / 7-8 / 9-12 works pretty well for the magnet program.	2/17/2026 11:32 PM
375	Pk - 6; 7-12	2/17/2026 5:27 PM
376	Some time ago, Oak Grove was also a middle school. Subsequently, kids went to Lakeside High School.	2/17/2026 4:50 PM
377	PK-4 / 5-8 / 9-12	2/16/2026 5:11 PM
378	Unsure	2/16/2026 4:47 PM
379	PK-3 4-7 8-12	2/16/2026 2:34 PM
380	PK-K / 1-3 / 4-6 / 7-9 / 10-12	2/16/2026 1:57 PM
381	prek-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12	2/16/2026 1:16 PM
382	PK-2/4-5/6-8/9-12	2/16/2026 11:36 AM
383	None	2/16/2026 9:30 AM
384	ALL , this is the problem with Dekalb. Everyone needs to learn.	2/16/2026 9:28 AM
385	PK-2. 3-5, 6-8, 9-12	2/16/2026 9:22 AM
386	We need more options for Age 3-PreK. Because there are too few options and it forces parents to go to private. If we can get them early, it is a higher likelihood they will remain. We especially need to increase seats in Theme schools.	2/16/2026 8:46 AM
387	Yes and no. Some clusters require more difficult support than others. If you concentrate on what is fair rather than merely what is equal, the children can achieve better results, leading to a more conducive learning environment for them and a significantly less stressful one for teachers. I believe the Board of Education that employed Horton should be dismissed immediately. Furthermore, all of Horton's initiatives ought to be paused until a permanent Superintendent is appointed to assess the situation with a fresh perspective and accountability. It is unacceptable to use an interim Superintendent as a scapegoat for yet another major initiative. We must tackle the resources that are being poorly managed in the Central Office. This should alleviate shortages and provide essential resources for more	2/16/2026 8:02 AM

	qualified teachers, paraprofessionals, and support staff. This would make families feel more at ease sending their children to public schools. We need smaller class sizes, a reduced focus on technology and testing, and enhanced instructional rigor with targeted teaching. Technology should enhance learning rather than overshadow it. This current approach is hindering children's creativity and their capacity to think independently. It is vital to prioritize more but smaller bands for Elementary education. Being proactive instead of reactive will greatly assist in ensuring that the bands are streamlined as they advance, but only if learning trends indicate improvement. A good beginning results in a good ending.	
388	PK-5 / 6-9 / 10-12	2/16/2026 7:55 AM
389	As mentioned previously, I don't necessarily see the need for a separate entity for middle school. I think the 6th - 8th grade students could remain in elementary school. However, I do realize the need for more social-emotional support for middle school students.	2/16/2026 7:36 AM
390	pk-5th/ 6th-8/ 9th grade academy/ 10-12 grade high school	2/16/2026 7:10 AM
391	N/A	2/16/2026 1:35 AM
392	Close the ELC location and combine their PreK-3's and 4's with ALL cluster K's into the DLA; 1-6 at McNair MS and 7-12 at the HS. Leave Obama as is.	2/15/2026 10:49 PM
393	preK - 1 early learning, 2-6 foundational, 7-9 exploratory, 10-12career/technical track	2/15/2026 8:11 PM
394	None	2/15/2026 5:57 PM
395	Pk-6/7-8/9/10-12	2/15/2026 5:42 PM
396	do not support	2/15/2026 3:13 PM
397	PK-3 / 4-8 / 9-12	2/15/2026 2:16 PM
398	None all learn differently	2/15/2026 11:45 AM
399	PK-4, 5-7, 8-9, 10-12	2/15/2026 11:09 AM
400	Pk-6 since they cant participate in sports anyway. 7&8 middle school 9-12 high	2/15/2026 10:56 AM
401	Traditional bands best fit the Lakeside area’s growing enrollment (Oak Grove is projected to be 96%) band investments like the Blank Hospital, where effects are unclear and may need expansions (not closures).	2/15/2026 10:03 AM
402	K-8	2/15/2026 9:21 AM
403	None	2/15/2026 9:15 AM
404	I don’t think 6th graders should be with 7 and 8	2/14/2026 9:11 PM
405	There should be a school for the littles...PreK3and 4.Then K-1...Then 2-5...6-8 and then high school.	2/14/2026 8:10 PM
406	prek - 2, 3-5, 6-9, 10-12	2/14/2026 1:12 PM
407	PK-4, 5-8, 9-12	2/14/2026 12:23 PM
408	PK-7 /8-12	2/14/2026 11:54 AM
409	Pk-3/4-7/8-12	2/14/2026 10:53 AM
410	PK - 7, 8-12	2/14/2026 9:59 AM
411	Pk- 6; 7-8, 9-12	2/14/2026 9:28 AM
412	PK-6/ 7-8 / 9-12	2/14/2026 8:24 AM
413	K - 5th	2/14/2026 8:17 AM
414	None	2/14/2026 6:48 AM
415	Each grade band has 4 grades	2/13/2026 11:21 PM
416	Have not read up on it or followed it	2/13/2026 10:04 PM
417	Pre-K & K, 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12	2/13/2026 7:44 PM

418	PreK to 8, 9-12	2/13/2026 4:32 PM
419	Whichever would do the purpose that the schools already had, ie as many kids as possible could actually walk to the schools.	2/13/2026 3:46 PM
420	PK-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12	2/13/2026 2:48 PM
421	PK-7 and 8-12 with tech/voc 8-12	2/13/2026 2:32 PM
422	This is the only social appropriate band. Also most schools who do this have different wings for each band.	2/13/2026 2:16 PM
423	Mentioned above - pk -k/ 1-6/ 7-9/10-12	2/13/2026 1:50 PM
424	Pk - 6 / 7 - 12	2/13/2026 1:17 PM
425	K-7 / 8-12	2/13/2026 10:40 AM
426	Pk-6, 7-9, 10-12	2/13/2026 10:31 AM
427	NO 6th grader needs to be on campus with 12th graders. That is setting up schools for possible unsafe situations. Middle school students needs to have their own facilities.	2/13/2026 10:23 AM
428	PK-4, 5-8, 9-12	2/13/2026 10:08 AM
429	PK-7 / 8-12	2/13/2026 10:04 AM
430	Pk-3 - 4-6 - 7-9 - 10-12	2/13/2026 9:33 AM
431	PK-3 / 4-8 / 9-12	2/13/2026 8:55 AM
432	K-7 and 8-12 worked fine in the 1990s when I was a DCSD student.	2/13/2026 8:55 AM
433	This model allows for stronger early-learning foundations, smoother academic transitions, and clearer developmental alignment. It also supports targeted staffing, intervention, and enrichment opportunities at key transition points for students.	2/13/2026 8:43 AM
434	Pk-2	2/13/2026 8:28 AM
435	Pk-3/4-8/9-12	2/13/2026 7:00 AM
436	Pk-3, 4-8, 9-12	2/13/2026 5:36 AM
437	Prek - 5; 6-9; 10-12	2/12/2026 10:25 PM
438	ALSO, nothing has been presented about how these different grade bands would affect QBE funding. Shouldn't the public know if these different grade bands are affordable?	2/12/2026 9:42 PM
439	PK-6 / 7-12	2/12/2026 9:30 PM
440	Best for DLI. Creates a single secondary campus where French DLI can be vertically aligned 6-12. Eliminates the middle-to-high-school break that currently “sunsets” the DLI pathway. Matches SAP Concept C.	2/12/2026 8:06 PM
441	X	2/12/2026 7:01 PM
442	Pk-6, 7-8, 9-12	2/12/2026 6:35 PM
443	PreK-7. 8-12	2/12/2026 6:04 PM
444	Don’t have a cluster	2/12/2026 5:14 PM
445	9th grade academy at Vandelyn	2/12/2026 4:57 PM
446	I think the PK3 program should be eliminated and if it is kept, should be separate from the elementary schools. Otherwise traditional grade bands.	2/12/2026 4:09 PM
447	PK (Early Learner), K-3/4, 4/5-8, 9-12	2/12/2026 4:00 PM
448	I think PK-6th, 7-8th grade, then 9-12th	2/12/2026 3:58 PM
449	Pk-7th /8-13	2/12/2026 3:46 PM
450	PK-7/8-12	2/12/2026 3:29 PM

451	PK-7 8-12	2/12/2026 3:27 PM
452	PK-7 / 8-12	2/12/2026 3:10 PM
453	All of them	2/12/2026 2:58 PM
454	PK-6/ 7-9/10-12	2/12/2026 2:42 PM
455	PK-1 / 2-7 / 8-12	2/12/2026 2:39 PM
456	PK-3, 4-8, 9-12	2/12/2026 2:30 PM
457	No opinion	2/12/2026 2:24 PM
458	No grade band!	2/12/2026 2:20 PM
459	PK- 7/8-12	2/12/2026 1:21 PM
460	Pk-6; 7-8; 9-12	2/12/2026 12:42 PM
461	PK-3 / 4 -6 / 7-9 / 10-12	2/12/2026 12:13 PM
462	Pk-6, 7-9, 10-12	2/12/2026 12:02 PM
463	With sequoyah becoming two schools that share some facilities, the model could be PK-5/6-12 and I'd be more comfortable with that since facility wise it might be 6-12 but there would still be complete separation of 6-8 and 9-12	2/12/2026 11:54 AM
464	PK-6 / 7-9 / 10-12	2/12/2026 11:38 AM
465	5-8 or 6-9 together	2/12/2026 11:13 AM
466	PK-7, 8-12	2/12/2026 11:01 AM
467	Prek-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12	2/12/2026 11:01 AM
468	PK-3, 4th-8th, 9th-12th	2/12/2026 10:47 AM
469	Pk-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12	2/12/2026 10:40 AM
470	PK-7 / 8-12 (like it was in the mid-1980s)	2/12/2026 10:31 AM
471	If it means the kids are given more freedom and more options.	2/12/2026 10:26 AM
472	K-6; 7-9; 10-12	2/12/2026 10:14 AM
473	PK-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12	2/12/2026 9:54 AM
474	I do not know at this time.	2/12/2026 9:47 AM
475	6-9th should be a band and 10-12th separate.	2/12/2026 9:40 AM
476	I don't know. If Montgomery and Ashford Park are overcrowded then maybe Ashford could be used as 4-5 and Chamblee middle could be 6-8	2/12/2026 9:26 AM
477	PK-6, 7-9, 10-12	2/12/2026 9:21 AM
478	PK-4 / 5-7 / 8-12	2/12/2026 9:14 AM
479	PK-6, 7-12	2/12/2026 9:11 AM
480	PK3-K / 1-5 / 6-8/ 9-12	2/12/2026 9:05 AM
481	Eliminate current clusters - what will work best county wide for all?	2/12/2026 8:55 AM
482	PK-3, 4-7, 9-12	2/12/2026 8:54 AM
483	PK-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-12	2/12/2026 8:51 AM
484	PK-6, 7-9, 10-12	2/12/2026 8:40 AM
485	4-6 or 4-8 like the Kittridge or wadsworth programs. Is great for these middle years!	2/12/2026 8:37 AM
486	Na	2/12/2026 8:34 AM

487	pk-3/4-6/7-9/10-12	2/12/2026 8:28 AM
488	Does this imply that pre-k would then be guaranteed at no cost?	2/12/2026 8:27 AM
489	Pre-k - 6th, 7-8, 9-12	2/12/2026 8:13 AM
490	PK-6 & 7-12 or PK-7 & 8-12	2/11/2026 11:19 PM
491	PK Center, K-3, 4-8, 9-12	2/11/2026 10:43 PM
492	PK-K, 1-5 or K-5 with Prek for 3s and 4s, 6-8, 9-12	2/11/2026 9:29 PM
493	PK-3 / 4-7 / 8-12	2/11/2026 8:25 PM
494	Pk-2/3-5/6-12 because of testing grades	2/11/2026 8:20 PM
495	Homeschool Co-op programs	2/11/2026 7:28 PM

Q8 Please provide any additional feedback to inform that next round of scenarios.

Answered: 2,882 Skipped: 6,122

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Why can't we revisit shifting areas/zones from the north, southward?	3/9/2026 11:33 AM
2	none	3/9/2026 8:37 AM
3	The assumption that high performing students moved to low performing schools will raise overall success is false. Students performance falls to the lowest common denomination, and it is irresponsible to assume that community success, integrity and accountability, neighborhood cohesion, and even property values will remain if high performing populations are carved up. Let's be creative with our solutions not taken the easiest paths on paper. We parents are ready to tackle challenges like difficult site builds, extra funding, new traffic patterns if it means keeping a thriving community successful now and for future siblings. My own family has a 1st grader, 2 year old, and 6 month old. We're here to stay—-unless this SAP process makes it impossible for our students to regain the strong performance and community for which we invested and plan to continue supporting. Thank you.	3/9/2026 6:38 AM
4	Please be transparent on $. Please be more forthright on what may happen to students, where they might move, and where their assigned upper schools might change.	3/9/2026 6:00 AM
5	N/A	3/9/2026 4:07 AM
6	I'd also like to propose a look at options for gifted and overachieving students which are not currently served well at Dekalb county, It is a shame that these students are left behind and that the programs that serve them are limited (if even available).	3/9/2026 3:36 AM
7	why not provide a list of school names, capacity, and current number of students?	3/9/2026 2:09 AM
8	Yeah I can do better at figuring out how to do this, but do not set these kids up for failure. The future is in your hands all Joseph aside.	3/9/2026 1:17 AM
9	Low income students need the same resources as high income students. This feels like a way to crown poor kids into class rooms while the real resources go into better neighborhoods.	3/9/2026 1:15 AM
10	Dekalb has some of the best schools and programs in the state. Please do not mess those up due to poorly thought out plans.	3/9/2026 12:31 AM
11	How will these shifts impact the services that students with disabilities receive and the employment of teachers and staff?	3/9/2026 12:13 AM
12	Closing these elementary schools and redistricting elementary, middle and high schools will RUIN our property values! We just moved to a new home 1 year ago so our kids to REMAIN at LAKESIDE HIGH SCHOOL. Evandale's French Program is unique to the Lakeside Cluster and it is ridiculous that the county is no longer allowing students that started in this program to continue from Evansdale to Henderson Middle to Lakdeside High School! DCSD should have advanced language programs from K-12! Evansdale has build a strong neighborhood parent ad teacher and community. Volunteers provide strong resources and personnel for French students. Moving the program would destroy this vital comunity. French teachers at Evansdale Elementary, Henderson Middle School and Lakeside High Schools have put down strong roots in our community. Older students mentor younger students. It is imperative to keep this program at Evansdale and within the Lakeside cluster to keep the program strong. And for the current 6-10 kids that have NOT been approved to move from Evansdale to HMS to Lakeside and the county did not provide any information, shame on you. Parents have made decisions on not to move or expand their homes to keep their kids in this Cluster and then DCSD changes the rules after the families have already made commitments and sacrifices. Let them stay!	3/9/2026 12:10 AM
13	I also need someone to explain to me the bias and conflict of our former superintendent who hired this firm before he resigned in disgrace after being federally charged with fraud.	3/9/2026 12:03 AM

14	Each cluster needs to have in depth discussions about what is needed and what fits their clusters needs. Then there needs to be a follow up to consolidate those needs into what aligns within the district protocols.	3/9/2026 12:01 AM
15	Families buy homes in areas where schools are convenient to reach. The neighborhood school concept leads to better friendships and better learning. My children went through Drkalb County schools, and I was so glad they did not have to be in a giant school like some of those in the more north counties of greater Atlanta. Evansdale can accommodate more students by expanding the school footprint because of its large lot size	3/9/2026 12:01 AM
16	I feel that as a parent, I need more information about where students might go in the event of building closures in order to make a more informed decision. I will be standing by to learn more information about the next steps.	3/9/2026 12:00 AM
17	It is beyond disturbing that the person heading up this SAP project is a former employee/associate of Dr. Horten , our former superintendent who is now under indictment and had to resign from his position heading our school district only months ago. She also did not disclose her association with Mr. Horton when she was hired. My understanding is they implemented this scheme in Chicago. My guess is this has not benefited Chicago students and educators, as Dr. Horten came to Dekalb school district from Chicago to evade the crimes he is now under indictment for and which he was suspected of when he was hired and approved by the DSCD board so quickly. I do not feel that the person leading this adventure in disrupting our neighborhood schools that have been established for decades and several generations has any business doing any of it and needs to resign herself. And we are currently represented by a retiring board members so we are not supported adequately at the moment. Finally, I understand that there is now a law in GA where elementary schools that have enrollments of 450 students or more will receive state funding for 7 FTEs vs 2 FTEs for schools with less than 450 students enrolled. I am curious as to whether this is the impetus for the entire SAP scheme we are being presented with. If so, that is quite upsetting.	3/9/2026 12:00 AM
18	Criteria for closing schools should come from educators and educational leaders, with input from the community. The plan needs to address why people are leaving. People are leaving because their kids' needs are not being met. There are not enough resources for children with special needs -- neurodivergent, learning disabilities, sensory issues, mental health issues, gifted learners.	3/8/2026 11:59 PM
19	I think I missed the part where you actually tried to the fix the real problem - declining enrollment? Seriously, what tangible things have you done to address it? As I see it, the absolute and total mismanagement of COVID has propelled us here. And I'm not some MAGA lunatic. But I suppose there's no sense in re-hashing that. That horse was out of the barn a long time ago. But the other huge reason, at least in my area, you lose enrollment is because you've had an underperforming Middle School the entire 16 years I've lived here. The prospects of having to go to Henderson forces parents to look for alternatives to DCSD elementary schools, which affects enrollment there. The reputation is terrible and many parents that DO send their kids to DCSD ele schools go elsewhere for MS. My oldest went to Henderson and her experience was find. Not great, not terrible. But my second kid did have the sought after 'gifted' check box (don't get me started on that). So she would have been in gen pop at Henderson. That's right, parents actively and out in the open compare HMS to a prison. So we sent her to a small, Christian school for MS and then she came back to LHS. Did the same thing for our 3rd kid. That choice was easy. The private MS they were in were attending in person, not the virtual nightmare DCSD created. Put some money, effort, TLC into your middle schools and make them schools we can be proud of and I promise you will get enrollment back. But that's harder that just closing a whole bunch of schools I guess.	3/8/2026 11:59 PM
20	keep oak grove elementary open	3/8/2026 11:57 PM
21	Please consider the French program unique to the Lakeside cluster. This program has built many resources across the community with volunteers, teachers and students. Please don’t let this successful program end. Lastly, please keep Evansdale. It can be renovated and expanded. The area is ideal with traffic flow on 2 sides of the neighborhood. It works! So much potential for Evansdale with more than 10 acres. Plus it sits on Evans Rd with easy access to both Henderson Mill Rd on one end and Chamblee Tucker on the other end. Thanks for you consideration!	3/8/2026 11:57 PM
22	What role will redistricting play a role in consolidation?	3/8/2026 11:57 PM

23	This is a huge mistake. It does not make sense to close elementary schools and create bigger schools for young children outside of their communities and closing schools of excellence. Many families pull their kids out of DCSD at middle school because they are too large and mismanaged. This plan is going to result in erosion of the tax base for DeKalb County and will not address the root cause of low enrollments this seems to be just another example of the districts short- sided mismanagement.	3/8/2026 11:57 PM
24	I would like DCSD to consider repurposing buildings for special programs such as autism units that include programs that support those learns like ABA therapy, sensory rooms, speech therapy, occupational therapy etc	3/8/2026 11:56 PM
25	My oldest 2 daughters are currently in the German Immersion Dual Language program which has been excellent. My oldest is in the gifted program and would be eligible for the Kittredge magnet lottery. If that were the pathway for my oldest but not my youngest two, it is very important they would still all go to Chamblee Middle and High School. I don’t think it is feasible to expect high performing students to bring up the low performing students if rezoned to worse schools. Instead of having some schools that are 7-10 on great schools, this would just even them all out to be mediocre. We moved to this neighborhood in order to have our kids go to Chamblee cluster and do not want to be moved to the Cross Keys cluster, especially since we live 0.3 miles from Ashford Park Elementary. Taking away an excellent school in a part of town that doesn’t have underutilized neighboring schools does not seem like a feasible option. While ideally we could continue with our renovation with an added expansion so that we could stay in current location, I would be open to changing the boundaries to split some of the school population to other schools so that Ashford Park can remain open.	3/8/2026 11:51 PM
26	Reconsider - in fact, reject - the idea of consolidating our schools. Maintain a low student:teacher ratio. Educate the public on your suggestions, ‘scenarios,’ and why it is that we need to consolidate the schools in DCSD. Whatever the symptom you are trying to address, consolidating schools is not a good means to that end. Regroup with the community about this.	3/8/2026 11:51 PM
27	If Ashford Park goes away, we want the community to stay together, the faculty to stay together, and AP kids to remain in the Chamblee cluster.	3/8/2026 11:50 PM
28	We can change what grades each building serves...New grade bands and new grade groupings. Example: Early Learning Center:PK–2 Elementary: 3–5 Middle: 6–8 High: 9–12	3/8/2026 11:50 PM
29	Look into different combinations of what can be done. My children use school choice because the offerings at the neighborhood schools are not in our best interest. Enrollment is low in these schools because we seek better opportunities for our children. Make the schools of the south side have the same opportunities. Bring some equity to the south side. I considered sending my child to Chamblee but didn't apply via school choice because I didn't think I would be able to be actively involved as I would like to be. Why doesn't Cedar Grove have the same opportunities? My child may have to go there next year. I hope that doesn't happen.	3/8/2026 11:49 PM
30	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures—significantly exceeding the previously discussed range of 4–16. Oak Grove, in particular, is a poor candidate for closure: it already exceeds the 88% utilization target (projected at 96% next year), has seen four years of consistent growth, and remains a top-tier academic performer. Closing high-utilization schools does not solve the district's efficiency issues; it merely redistributes students and forces costly capacity adjustments at neighboring schools like Sagamore Hills and Briarlake. To truly reduce excess capacity, the district should prioritize schools operating below 70% utilization. Before moving forward in this growth corridor, we request clarification on the following: Did enrollment projections account for 2024–2026 employment and residential growth? Were pandemic-era trends over-weighted, potentially distorting post-2023 growth data? What are the projected utilization rates for 2028 and 2030? What is the cost-benefit analysis of maintaining Oak Grove versus the capital required to expand Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach is essential to ensure we don't eliminate capacity in the very areas where the community is investing most heavily.	3/8/2026 11:45 PM
31	Having different grade bands within the District, would seem to be a problem for consistency for families when it comes to changing residency within the County. Having too many breakouts by grade in also problematic for parents trying to coordinate pickup and drop off, etc.	3/8/2026 11:44 PM
32	Suspend SAP process until the permanent superintendent is elected. Reconsider the guiding principles by understanding what makes each school and community special first.	3/8/2026 11:43 PM

33	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/8/2026 11:42 PM
34	Please offer more time for community stakeholders consider the information you're providing and more educational opportunities to learn about what's being proposed or considered.	3/8/2026 11:41 PM
35	Provide possible responses for questions. Prose is time-consuming and in accessible to all who might want to participate. Provide an 'other' option for individuals who would like to write.	3/8/2026 11:38 PM
36	Oak grove elementary should not be closed. It is one of the best Elementary schools in Dekalb.	3/8/2026 11:36 PM
37	As the district develops the next round of scenarios, it will be important to consider the stability of existing school clusters and the expectations families have built around them. Many families in this area specifically chose to live within the Lakeside Cluster and value the ability for students to progress through elementary, middle, and high school within that community. Maintaining clear and stable cluster pathways helps preserve the sense of continuity that families rely on when choosing where to live. Transportation realities should also be carefully considered. Routes that require traveling across I-85, particularly via Shallowford Road, are already heavily congested and function as a significant traffic bottleneck. For many neighborhoods, this route is not a natural part of the local community pattern and can create longer, more difficult commutes for students and families. As new scenarios are developed, prioritizing neighborhood continuity and practical transportation patterns will help ensure that any changes remain workable for families while maintaining strong, connected school communities.	3/8/2026 11:34 PM
38	.	3/8/2026 11:32 PM
39	Consolidating schools to increase sufficiences and enrollment in school, should not be achieved by sacrificing core programming and student development or extracurricular activities. Be creative and think outside the box to accommodate both high educational standards and student development. Extracurriculars are important in order to develop the whole student, not just academically.	3/8/2026 11:30 PM
40	I understand there is a target school capacity and that larger schools can provide a cost savings and allow for more opportunities for the students. But what are we giving up? Smaller elementary schools (400-600 students) allow for these youngest children to feel like part of a community without getting lost. Staff know the students by name, not just those in their classroom. Students know most of the students in their grade after a couple years but have large enough grades that they can still make new friends and form new social circles. The school is large enough to distribute fluctuating enrollment across several classrooms without overfilling classes and decreasing student and teacher well-being.	3/8/2026 11:30 PM
41	Numbers are low because parents are tired of the behavior problems (lack of accountability and discipline on schools part), lack of support for special needs students, teachers who have become numb to the needs of the students because their needs aren't met, deplorable facilities, a lack of successful programs, a push towards data over project based and hands on learning , horrible communication between schools and parents, and a office administration who would rather close schools down than lift students up through supportive programs, reading programs, a shift in school climate, less testing, and more engaging learning. Closing neighborhood schools isn't the answer. But all these "companies" that are hired never think to survey the students, parents, and teachers to ask how can we support you? What do you need to be successful and happy? And even why are you leaving?	3/8/2026 11:29 PM

42	1) For reasons including those noted in my response to Question #5, I think that it is very important that the high schools do not include students younger than 9th grade. My children are currently 9th graders and one was offered vapes containing illicit substances during the first week of school WHILE WAITING for a bus on campus. My sons are old enough, knowledgeable enough, and physically mature enough to say "no" to their peers, but younger students, in particular, would be even more vulnerable. Do not mix pre-pubescent children with student who are legally considered adults! 2) Traditional PK-5 is preferred because it allows for formation of community, allows for young children to have stability and routine (which they might not have in some home environments), and because these students are generally more uniform in behaviors and exposures. If smaller grade bands are considered for the younger children, it would be useful to hear a synopsis of the literature supporting that and to hear from a local leader with experience with such a model (e.g., Decatur City Schools). 3) What staffing and budget will allow any proposed closures / consolidations? Does DCSD really have the budget to close some schools and expand others? Won't this require more SPLOST funds? I would like less "reimagining" and more grounding in reality. Thanks!	3/8/2026 11:29 PM
43	N/A	3/8/2026 11:26 PM
44	Closing Oak Grove which is already near the utilization targets and redistributing students will have a negative impact on our children, our district, and our community. My family has only been at Oak Grove for this school year as I have a kindergarten and PreK student but I have already experienced many of the reasons that make it a successful school and one that should be used as a model for other schools in the district. I already know my children are being set up for success in their future by attending Oak Grove. Additionally, there are so many families who desire to move to be a part of this school. Closing Oak Grove and combining with another elementary school will not improve outcomes. Research shows that when students from a high performing school and moved to a different school, their academic performance is impacted negatively. Closing Oak Grove would negatively impact not only my family and the fellow families with students but the entire community.	3/8/2026 11:24 PM
45	Please take into consideration the PTA and parent contribution to the schools. Oak Grove Elementary has a strong community of parents and neighbors that pour their hearts, money and souls into this school. These people are doctors and professionals that can afford private schools. Please consider how to keep one of your best schools Oak Grove Elementary open and retain the students from not leaving the district for private schools from the 5th to 6th grade because nobody wants to go to Henderson Middle. These are families that care and invest in their children’s’ schools. Let’s not alienate the families of Oak Grove Elementary and keep this school open.	3/8/2026 11:23 PM
46	NA	3/8/2026 11:20 PM
47	Make sure special ed is offered in area close to where child lives. This will create better friendship opportunities and less busing. Advanced classes close by also.	3/8/2026 11:20 PM
48	I don’t feel like a sixth grader should be in the same building as a ninth or 12th grader I feel like it’s poses a safety issue.	3/8/2026 11:19 PM
49	Future scenarios should carefully consider equity, developmental appropriateness, and the overall impact on communities across the district.	3/8/2026 11:18 PM
50	As the district develops the next round of scenarios, it will be important to consider the stability of existing school clusters and the expectations families have built around them. Many families in this area specifically chose to live within the Lakeside Cluster and value the ability for students to progress through elementary, middle, and high school within that community. Maintaining clear and stable cluster pathways helps preserve the sense of continuity that families rely on when choosing where to live. Transportation realities should also be carefully considered. Routes that require traveling across I-85, particularly via Shallowford Road, are already heavily congested and function as a significant traffic bottleneck. For many neighborhoods, this route is not a natural part of the local community pattern and can create longer, more difficult commutes for students and families. As new scenarios are developed, prioritizing neighborhood continuity and practical transportation patterns will help ensure that any changes remain workable for families while maintaining strong, connected school communities.	3/8/2026 11:18 PM
51	On the next round, let's look at what services each school provides that supports all students in academics and specialized services. Let's also take a look at transportation and how communities will be affected. I would also like to talk about what qulifys the north end schools	3/8/2026 11:18 PM

	to not receive closure proposals at all. What Does the district feel these schools offer that's more beneficial than fully functional schools on the south end of the map.	
52	I understand the 20k seats you have to account for and I'm sure there are changes that are needed. But the way you are going about this, the timing of it all, and speed with which you are expecting to this is infuriating. There needs to be room for information to be provided that is easy for the public to understand, and provide their feedback, and to take that all into account before you rip our Evansdale community apart. A community that supports a full school, diverse populace, dual language program with a lot of land to expand. The fact that you suggest expanding Livsey which is a smaller footprint AND right on (the now 1 LANE)Chamblee Tucker Rd-a major traffic artery- indicates to me that the parameters by which you are assessing this entire situation is extremely flawed. That is one tiny spot with such massive implications - I cant imagine the load of problems with every other data point you have in this first round scenario. That takes 2 seconds to see when you look at a map. What else have you missed ? And this is just an initial plan? You need more time to get the feedback -adjust - ask for feedback again and adjust - to be able to come to a reasonable solution.	3/8/2026 11:14 PM
53	Please consider the impact of "empty buildings" on DeKalb...didn't we spend millions on space of Lavista that is just sitting there. How about sell that building and reinvest it back into our local schools.	3/8/2026 11:13 PM
54	Please provide details on where kids in closed school would go and any boundary changes so we can provide more specific feedback.	3/8/2026 11:08 PM
55	I believe what is best for students is to have fewest possible transitions.	3/8/2026 11:08 PM
56	Closing a highly utilized school like Oak Grove does not actually address the district’s goal of addressing under utilization and only creates infrastructure costs to shuffle around the displaced kids. Therefore Oak Grove should not be closed.	3/8/2026 11:05 PM
57	Continue community discussions and involvement	3/8/2026 11:05 PM
58	I strongly urge you to remove Midvale Elementary from the list of schools recommended for closure and instead build upon and invest in this community school. Strong schools build strong communities. Whether or not a household has children enrolled, we all benefit from a thriving, walkable neighborhood school. Schools serve as anchors — supporting property values, attracting new families, fostering civic engagement, and reinforcing the vibrancy that makes Tucker special. I encourage a comprehensive process that looks to invest in the growth of communities anchored on strong g neighborhood schools to foster increased enrollment, academic achievement, and growth.	3/8/2026 11:05 PM
59	Traditional schools or grade works educational wise.	3/8/2026 11:05 PM
60	If we’re able to see up to date numbers for the bottom line of both the total revenue and costs of each school being considered, along with performance markers, building conditions, and where students live compared to the schools, we can generate a more evolved dialogue to effectively make better decisions, and give better/helpful feedback on the surveys! An interactive map with school clusters highlighted that shows enrollment numbers + future projections, mileage for transportation from each of the ES, MS, and HS, and even allow for users to redraw the lines to see how that shifts numbers by the year would be an invaluable tool for us to look at the facts and defend our choices. By first selling off the empty and unused properties, like the recently acquired Kroger offices on Parklake Drive and the previous Briarcliff HS/Jim Cherry/DSA/Open-Campus next to Adams Stadium, etc., we can begin to recoup that money. Consider relocating the schools housed at the AIC to schoolhouses that may be closer to the communities where the students who attend live, then that will allow for more offices to be at the AIC. Eliminate wasteful spending on things not directly related to the students who are being served. Ensure our superintendent will stay for a decade or more to see this through and avoid having to pay money to complete a contract once removed from the county. I’d like to see DeKalb praised for making the right hard decisions and not as a cautionary tale.	3/8/2026 11:05 PM
61	This is a crazy idea that hurts communities, childhoods and neighborhoods. Mega schools are not the way to educate children. Shame on all of you if you are putting efficiency and money before basic morals!!!	3/8/2026 11:03 PM
62	The whole SAP process needs to be halted. This district is drowning in issues that need to be resolved before something so major is to occur. We also need to make sure that the states	3/8/2026 11:02 PM

	problems are actually valid and explore multiple ways to solve those problems, not just with restricting	
63	Leave the Evansdale cluster alone and fix/expand the facilities. Our enrollment is expected to grow. No company closes down work in areas experiencing/expecting growth.	3/8/2026 11:01 PM
64	• At 10.1 acres, Evansdale's lot size is bigger than neighboring schools recommended for expansion. • Evansdale is unique in that it has a large, separate play field, two playgrounds, and multiple parking lots. Our site can accommodate additions in the back of the school and still have ample play and parking space. • Evansdale is uniquely situated to accommodate increased traffic, as it takes up two sides of a large neighborhood block. • Evansdale's enrollment is projected to increase to over 600 by 2030. Additionally closing neighborhood schools is short sighted. Young families move to the Evansdale/Lakeside cluster specifically for the neighborhood schools. If they close families will move away, further decreasing our school age population.	3/8/2026 10:58 PM
65	Todos tenemos derecho aser iguales	3/8/2026 10:57 PM
66	I understand the goal of this process and that it’s necessary. I urge the district to better understand the reasons why enrollment is so far down and work to improve the conditions that are causing families to withdraw, change to other school districts, home school, or enter private school. The district should be identifying cost reductions across operations. The administration and support is bloated to one of the highest costs per student in the state. There should be significant staff reductions at the county level and additional resources devoted to the individual school level (i.e. less county level admin staff and more in school teachers). It’s also important for the district to be more transparent that the eventual closure/consolidation of buildings will likely mean that most if not all will be permanently closed and/or demolished. The documents reference repurposing or changing to something else, but that defeats the entire point of the exercise, which is to better balance students within buildings in order to save on the costs of keeping underutilized/deficient buildings open.	3/8/2026 10:57 PM
67	Several high performing community schools are on the list of potential closures. Closing these schools would be unfair to the students and parents in these districts. Many families moved to these neighborhoods and paid a premium so they could send their kids to these schools. Ignoring academic performance in Scenario 1 was a mistake that ignores the most important function of a school - to educate children.	3/8/2026 10:56 PM
68	Oak Grove Elementaey currently is already above the district’s utilization goal of 88%, has experienced 4 years of consecutive student increases, and is one of the district’s top performing schools. Closing a school with high utilization is only creating costs of expanding another site to accommodate these displaced students without actually addressing the issue of empty seats that the district says is the focus. If the true objective is to address the utilization issue, then the district should focus on schools with low (below 70%) utilization.	3/8/2026 10:56 PM
69	Evansdale is a little more than 30 students under capacity and projected to have higher enrollment. Evansdale has served as a Foreign language and science specialty school for at least 30 years. The French and Science Magnet program eventually evolved into the French Immersion program that we have today and continues at Henderson Middle and on to Lakeside HS. Closing Evansdale will disrupt the program that has taken years to establish. Evansdale should remain and be expanded. Given the popularity of DLI, consider converting Evansdale to a DLI school similar to GLOBE Academy with more than one type of DLI program, perhaps adding Spanish. Such programs will attract families that would otherwise send their children to private schools. Please focus on building instructional programs that attract families. Our community has choices. Many go to private schools because they do not feel good about DCSD. Let's change the narrative. Then we won't have decreasing enrollment.	3/8/2026 10:51 PM
70	Here’s the last answer: As the district develops the next round of facilities scenarios, I strongly encourage greater transparency around the data and assumptions used to generate the proposals. The community would benefit from clearly seeing the enrollment projections, capacity calculations, transportation modeling, and facility constraints that are driving these recommendations. Without clear and accessible data, it is difficult for families to fully understand or trust the rationale behind major decisions such as school closures or consolidations. I would also encourage the district to evaluate scenarios that prioritize strengthening existing neighborhood schools rather than consolidating them into significantly larger campuses. Schools like Evansdale Elementary School offer advantages that should be carefully weighed in future planning. Evansdale has a large site with room for expansion, existing parking capacity, and better traffic circulation than several nearby schools. These	3/8/2026 10:47 PM

	physical characteristics make it well suited to continue serving as a neighborhood elementary school. In addition, planning should consider the programmatic value of existing offerings, such as the French immersion program at Evansdale that continues into Henderson Middle School. Programs like this attract families to public schools and help stabilize enrollment. Disrupting established program pathways could unintentionally weaken enrollment rather than strengthen it. Finally, I encourage the district to carefully consider the family choice implications of closing neighborhood elementary schools or creating very large consolidated schools. Many families choose to live in this area specifically because of access to a strong local elementary school. If that option disappears or becomes a large “mega-school” further from home, it is very likely that some families will pursue private or alternative schooling options, which could reduce enrollment and undermine the goals of the consolidation effort. For the next round of scenarios, I would urge the district to focus on solutions that maintain strong neighborhood schools, preserve successful program pathways, and make full use of campuses that have the space and infrastructure to grow.	
71	I align with what I saw in the APES survey results - I’m in favor of moving is to John Lewis as that will immediately put the students and staff in better facilities and provide adequate space, and/but with the goal Of remaining in the Chamblee HS cluster	3/8/2026 10:46 PM
72	I strongly urge the district to keep Oak Grove Elementary School open. Oak Grove has a long and proud history of serving our community, providing exceptional support for all students, including those with IEPs or 504 plans, and fostering both academic and social growth. The school’s dedicated, long-tenured staff—including many teachers and the principal with 20–30 years of service—help create a stable, nurturing environment where children can thrive. Families, including multiple generations of my own, have chosen Oak Grove because of its strong programs, supportive teachers, and engaged parent community. The education, experiences, and life-long friends that I had at Oak Grove Elementary School has played an important role in shaping who I am today. Oak Grove provides students with the support, guidance, and opportunities they need to grow, learn, and succeed, helping them become capable, confident, and engaged members of the community. Closing this school would disrupt a thriving learning environment, fragment the community, and remove a model of excellence for the district. Decisions should prioritize schools with true underutilization, rather than closing one that is academically strong, culturally rich, and deeply valued by the community. Oak Grove Elementary should remain open to continue supporting students, families, and the broader Lakeside community.	3/8/2026 10:46 PM
73	Na	3/8/2026 10:45 PM
74	In reviewing Scenario 1, I was surprised by the scale of the proposal. Earlier discussions referenced a possible range of 4–16 elementary school closures, yet Scenario 1 proposes 27. That is a significant increase, and it makes it difficult for communities to understand how the criteria were applied and how schools were selected. Looking specifically at Oak Grove, the data does not appear to align with the stated objective of addressing underutilization. Oak Grove already exceeds the district’s 88% utilization target. The school is currently at about 89% utilization and is projected to reach approximately 96% next year. Enrollment has increased for four consecutive years, indicating a sustained growth trend rather than decline. In addition, Oak Grove ranks in the top tier academically among the schools being reviewed. Closing Oak Grove would also create capacity challenges in nearby schools. Sagamore Hills is already operating at about 91% utilization, and Briarlake is around 73%. If Oak Grove were to close, these schools would need to absorb a significant share of Oak Grove’s 447 students. This raises an important question: does closing a school that is already near or above the utilization target actually reduce excess capacity, or does it simply redistribute students and create new pressures elsewhere? If the primary goal is to address underutilization across the district, it may be more effective to prioritize schools operating well below roughly 70% utilization. In those cases, consolidation can meaningfully improve efficiency without immediately requiring additional expansion at neighboring schools. Several areas would benefit from additional clarification. First, were recent employment expansions and residential development pipelines incorporated into the enrollment projections? This corridor sits next to one of the largest healthcare and research growth areas in Georgia, including major expansion at Emory and Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. These developments are adding thousands of jobs and typically bring families and population growth to the surrounding communities. Second, it would be helpful to understand how pandemic-era enrollment data from 2020–2022 was used in the projections. Those years created unusual enrollment patterns in many school systems. If those data points were heavily weighted in regression models, they may distort more recent trends since 2023. Third, longer-term projections would provide important context. What are Oak Grove’s projected utilization levels in 2028 and 2030? Based on current trends,	3/8/2026 10:43 PM

	it appears the school may be approaching full utilization within that timeframe. Fourth, a financial comparison would be helpful. What are the relative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove compared with expanding capacity at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake if Oak Grove were to close? Understanding these cost implications is important when evaluating whether the proposal truly improves efficiency. Beyond the specific data points, many families are also concerned about the process itself. The timeline feels very compressed given the magnitude of the decisions being considered. Communities are being asked to respond to complex scenarios without clear access to the underlying data, assumptions, or modeling criteria. This creates confusion about how decisions are being made and makes it difficult for families to fully engage with the analysis. Transparency and trust are essential in a process like this. When communities cannot clearly see the data, the methodology, or the criteria being used, it becomes harder to maintain confidence in the outcomes. Providing clearer information about the modeling, the assumptions, and the decision framework would help strengthen public trust. Given the level of economic investment and population growth occurring in this corridor, a more phased and data-driven approach may be appropriate. Decisions in areas experiencing growth should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity that may soon be needed to support expanding communities. For many families, the concern is not simply about one school. It is about ensuring that long-term planning reflects what is actually happening in our communities and that decisions are made using transparent data, clear criteria, and thoughtful timing.	
75	Keep Oak Grove!	3/8/2026 10:41 PM
76	I am concerned about spending a lot of esplost funds on buildings in the next 3 years that may be closed or consolidated, esp when we already don't have enough funds for eplost projects that have been committed. Before consolidating, I would prefer to see the district decide what models they are WILLING to implement - and IF they are willing to let clusters decide what is best for their area or if they will require every cluster to have the same model. Then DCSD needs to decide which specialty programs the DATA shows are the most successful and will keep (not based on which has the most vocal parents and DCSD chickens out and keeps them). Once these 2 areas are decided, then it makes sense to look at how to accomplish them with which school buildings.	3/8/2026 10:37 PM
77	Please ensure that academics come first. Children in a high performing schools should not be moved to a much lower performing school. Ashford Park ES is an example where this is a fear. If possible, even in a different building, please keep the current group of students, families, and faculty together as this community has worked very hard to support the school and families and has achieved this through collaboration with the district. We ask that the APES community stays together and in the Chamblee highschool cluster.	3/8/2026 10:36 PM
78	I taught middle school for 22 years. It is a needed transition prior to high school. Oak Grove was redistricted to Henderson Middle when my youngest son should have gone to Druid Hills Middle. It was a detriment to his education. Changing the zones again is a disservice to the CHILDREN of this community and to the taxpayers.	3/8/2026 10:34 PM
79	Good evening, As both a teacher and a long-time Brookhaven resident who raised children in this community, I have seen schools from both sides and feel I have a unique perspective on this issue John Robert Lewis Elementary School currently serves an extremely high percentage of ESOL students. In my 2nd grade classroom alone, 19 of 27 students are English learners. These students are hardworking and capable, but they are learning academic content while also learning a new language. That requires significant support, time, and resources. What is concerning is that the demographics of the school do not fully reflect the diversity of the surrounding community. The neighborhoods around John Lewis are much more mixed than what we see represented in the student population. When a school reaches nearly 97% ESOL, it places enormous pressure on teachers and can unintentionally isolate students rather than integrate them into a broader community. Redistricting could be an opportunity to address this imbalance. If students from nearby neighborhoods are reassigned to John Lewis, the feeder patterns should also be adjusted in a way that families feel confident about the pathway through middle and high school. Many parents are willing to support elementary schools when they know their children will eventually feed into strong and stable secondary schools. Families understandably care about safety and stability in middle and high school environments. If the district expects more families to attend a different school, then creating a clear feeder pattern—such as aligning the school with the Chamblee cluster—could build stronger community buy-in. Teachers also want diverse classrooms. A mix of language backgrounds, cultures, and experiences benefits all students. When one classroom has around twenty English learners with limited language support, that is not simply a classroom challenge	3/8/2026 10:34 PM

	—it is a structural issue that district planning should address. No single teacher can provide grade-level instruction and the language development that many students need at the same time. When classrooms are structured this way, the mismatch between student needs and available support becomes a system design issue. If that balance cannot be achieved through boundary changes, then schools serving extremely high numbers of English learners must be equipped with significantly stronger supports, including additional ESOL staffing, instructional materials, and realistic expectations around testing and planning time. Teachers also need the time necessary to do this work well—time to plan meaningful instruction, time to collaborate, and time to respond to the needs of our students. We need time to think, time to breathe, time to eat lunch, and time to take care of basic needs during the school day. These may seem like small things, but they are essential for sustaining the work required to support students effectively. If DeKalb wants to retain strong teachers, these issues must also be addressed. All of this work will mean very little if there are not ENOUGH teachers willing to stay in the classroom. I entered teaching after a career in corporate America because I believe deeply in public education. What I see every day are teachers and students doing their best in a school system that often makes the work harder than it needs to be. Redistricting should create conditions where teachers can truly support students and where families feel confident in the schools their children attend.	
80	No alternate scenarios/plans have been submitted. Where will my child go if this closure happens? What is the timeline? Are the funds for fixing the other schools earmarked already?	3/8/2026 10:32 PM
81	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/8/2026 10:31 PM
82	Oak grove already exceeds target utilization of 88% and is expected to reach full capacity within the next 3 years with year on year enrollment increases in the past for years. Sagamore hills and Briarlake do not have the capacity to host Oak grove's students without major expansion. This does not align either district's stated goal of maximizing utilization. The district should focus on schools with under 70% utilization	3/8/2026 10:30 PM
83	If the idea is to decrease the utilization gap, the district should look closer at schools below the utilization goal (70%). Oak Grove has four consecutive years of enrollment growth and ranks in the top tier academically. It also exceeds the 88% utilization target at 89% and is projected at 96% in2026-27.	3/8/2026 10:29 PM
84	As a new homeowner in the community, it would be disheartening to lose my neighborhood's school that is so loved here and providing a good education and learning experience. I would strongly be inclined to move out of the area once I have a child of school age if Evansdale was no longer an option. I am also concerned about how the consolidation would affect the neighborhood's home values.	3/8/2026 10:28 PM
85	Do not consider consolidating well utilized and well performing schools. Possible cost saving will be offset by reduced attendance and poorer student outcomes. I believe public education is very important for many reasons. However, poor leadership from DCSD in this regard will further drive students toward private options and increase political pressure for voucher programs. Thus further eroding DCSD footprint and negatively impacting all DCSD students.	3/8/2026 10:28 PM
86	We moved to Ashford Park specifically for the school system. We would hate to see the school close but it's obvious it cannot continue like this with she significant overcapacity. Either the boundary lines of eligible students needs to be restricted or the school needs to be closed. If the students do have to move it should be as a school and not broken apart and sent	3/8/2026 10:27 PM

	to separate schools. This would be detrimental to young developing psyches who would end up in a new school with strangers, then moved again for middle school.	
87	I think that the city boundaries that exist within DeKalb county should play a large role in determining which schools to expand and keep so that a family could have their child/children attend local schools from PreK through high school. This supports long term neighborhood stability and builds community.	3/8/2026 10:26 PM
88	With any school reassignment, education should be at the forefront of decision making. Children who are in a higher performing school should not be moved to a drastically lower performing school. With regard to this I would ask that Ashford Park be treated this way. The community has invested heavily in the success of this school from a time and money perspective. The rewards have come in the form of higher performance of the children at the school, happier and longer tenured teachers, and revitalized neighborhoods and community bonds. Please keep this attendance zone the same even if buildings change. Additionally please keep this attendance zone aligned to the Chamblee HS cluster.	3/8/2026 10:24 PM
89	I attended Oak Grove Elementary & LHS. There were no middle schools. Raising my kids in surrounding counties we experienced the opposite problem of too many kids & not enough schools. Construction, redistricting, trailers, double sessions was the norm. Kids are much more resilient to these changes than we think. I'm not so sure the parents are as resilient. Having a neighborhood school is wonderful but no longer affordable especially when the facilities are old and require expensive renovations and quite frankly appear unsafe & unhealthy. •Sell the properties •Convert to alternative schools (k-12)for behavioral issues which would give the teachers and kids a break from continuing discipline issues. •Create ESOL facilities. I support middle & high school physical buildings in close proximity as I think the new sequoia is proposed. My experience with this was a positive as there was sharing of facilities, courses, teachers and events. The camaraderie was very positive as the kids entered HS.	3/8/2026 10:24 PM
90	The details and the credentials of the consultant firm hired and paid for by Dekalb county taxes needs to be made public immediately. Documentation on how the firm was chosen needs to disclosed as well as the details and methods in which the firm collected data and made recommendations.	3/8/2026 10:24 PM
91	Provide more information as to the benefits of the change.	3/8/2026 10:23 PM
92	I hope that you will actually and sincerely listen to the feedback from this round, from the community and the SAP members. Don't see this only through the lens of your hoped for outcome but what DeKalb County citizens want and need.	3/8/2026 10:22 PM
93	Redistricting Dunwoody schools would add to the already awful traffic and congestion of mt Vernon road.	3/8/2026 10:21 PM
94	The fact the county is trying to have a firm lead this project that was hired by Horton, had previous relationships with Horton, and SAP is being led by someone brought to the county by Horton is extremely concerning. We were told HPM was the lowest bid by far. Gee, isn't Horton currently on trial for basically fixing contracts and then secretly taking a cut? The county has had no problem bleeding money in fruitless superintendent searches where they repeatedly chose poorly then had to buy out their mistake's contract….but now you want to have some sort of financial awareness and it comes at the price of our students? When all the research says smaller schools are better, but because mega schools are cheaper, that is what the county will push. Have you considered, with the new legislation, the absolute exodus in certain communities and therefore the funding that will leave the public schools and go to private schools? What a disgrace.	3/8/2026 10:21 PM
95	I attended DeKalb county schools from K-12 and later went on to obtain a bachelors and masters degree and have had a wonderful career. I owe my success and education not only to the school itself, but to the community that truly makes the school. I chose to raise my family in the Ashford Park and Chamblee community and it is so important to me that my children have the same community experience that I did and not be divided up. If Ashford Park Elementary is to close, it would be my preference for the students in the APES community be moved to John Lewis Elementary School but also stay in the Chamblee Middle and High Cluster so that the community stays intact.	3/8/2026 10:19 PM
96	Kids remaining in a lower band of grades like PK-8 remain more empathetic to younger kids and also remain more innocent than if they are thrown into schools for 6-12 graders.	3/8/2026 10:18 PM

97	I think they should keep the grades the same far as schools and I think Redan should stay open for the kids in our community.	3/8/2026 10:17 PM
98	Please ensure the next round of scenarios accounts for the high percentage of transient and ELL populations in the Buford Highway corridor. We need "weighted" capacity—classrooms shouldn't just be filled to the legal limit; they need space for the co-teaching and ESOL support models we use daily. Scenarios should address why Cross Keys remains over-capacity while neighboring clusters often have seats to spare. We need scenarios that look at cross-cluster redistricting to relieve our "vertical" overcrowding (from K through 12).	3/8/2026 10:16 PM
99	I would not recommend putting 6th graders with 12 graders. If there is a school with k-8 it could allow 8th graders to have more responsibility supporting younger classes. Also they may have less pressure to grow up so fast. OGE is a fixture of our community and one of the biggest reasons we moved to the area. So many parents and families walk to student which is a valuable lesson for students and eases congestion in the area.	3/8/2026 10:16 PM
100	I am proud to be an Oak Grove Eagle. My mom and dad and grandpa went to this school too. I love my teacher and my friends, and I really enjoy learning at Oak Grove. I also love my after-school activities at Oak Grove, including the after-school clubs like games with friends, ukulele, and karate. I do not want Oak Grove to close. This is my school, and it makes me happy to be here every day.	3/8/2026 10:16 PM
101	Every child in our district deserves to go to an excellent school from K (or PreK) to 12. I strongly urge you to consider being much more explicit about how this project supports that goal - for the students at my child's school and for every school across the district. I am aware that decisions will impact those whose schools are on any potential closure list and those who aren't - and we all deserve to have a clear line of sight into how any shifts are going to support better learning (academically, socially, and more) - not just how it could be better.	3/8/2026 10:16 PM
102	No es justo que quiten las escuelas porque cada escuela beneficia a muchos niños	3/8/2026 10:15 PM
103	I want the entire Evansdale school zone to remain in the Lakeside Highschool zone even if Evansdale is closed.	3/8/2026 10:15 PM
104	As the district develops the next round of scenarios, I encourage you to consider broader community and economic impacts alongside enrollment and facility utilization metrics. Ashford Park is a high performing, in demand school that operates near capacity and continues to see growing enrollment projections. Families actively choose this community because of the strength of its public school. When a school consistently delivers strong academic outcomes and maintains high engagement, it becomes an anchor for neighborhood stability and long term enrollment sustainability. Strong neighborhood schools help attract and retain families, support stable property values, and contribute to the district’s tax base. Disrupting a school that is nearly full and academically successful could have ripple effects that extend beyond the building itself and may unintentionally accelerate enrollment decline rather than solve it. For these reasons, I strongly oppose any scenario that would close or consolidate Ashford Park Elementary and urge the district to protect schools that are high performing, in demand, and operating efficiently.	3/8/2026 10:15 PM
105	I have always shared that there isn’t a single private school option that is $30k better then vanderlyn, but closing this school would cause many family’s to choose private school and the county will continue to loose students.	3/8/2026 10:11 PM
106	Closing/repurposing so many schools will lead to children spending more time being transported to and from school rather than in a school learning. It will also lead to current clusters changing greatly within certain neighborhoods.	3/8/2026 10:10 PM
107	The Ashford Park Elementary School and the Chamblee Cluster are intertwined into one highly successful community. I ask that you please keep the Ashford Park community in the Chamblee High cluster.	3/8/2026 10:06 PM
108	The district must confront the inequity created by a small group of very low-poverty, highly exclusive schools that are consistently shielded from redistricting. Schools such as Vanderlyn ES (7.1% economically disadvantaged, 85.7% utilized) and Oak Grove ES (9.0%, 84.9%) serve overwhelmingly affluent populations while operating below optimal capacity, yet remain largely untouched in facilities planning discussions. At the same time, other schools with similarly low poverty rates are allowed to become severely overutilized—most notably Ashford Park ES (14.4%, 161.7%) and Montgomery ES (13.5%, 120.7%)—relying heavily on trailers and temporary fixes rather than equitable boundary adjustments. This uneven approach	3/8/2026 10:05 PM

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109	I believe this entire process needs to be paused due to corrupt Horton's involvement, incorrect data and lack of community input. Evansdale does not have anyone on the SAP and is therefore not represented. The French Immersion program is an essential part of the Evansdale community. Do not incorporate us into Pleasantdale or Sequoia. The fact HPM is running this and stands to profit off of this project is disgusting and should kill this entirely.	3/8/2026 10:05 PM
110	An elementary school student needs continuity and stability ie one school. For that reason, PK- 5 makes more sense than two schools for that educational period. Also, that makes for sense for the community and for the use of buses. Why does a child need to switch to 3 schools before high school? The PK-8 scenario was changed years ago, except it was K. 6-12 is ridiculous, exposing 6th graders to high school, which is one reason, the 7th graders were removed originally. Go with the way it is now; it addresses adolescence needs and also high school requirements for graduation. That's why they did it to start with! Thanks!	3/8/2026 10:05 PM
111	I understand that Oak Grove is currently expecting increased enrollment. It is ranked very high in scores and performance for Dekalb County. It would be a great loss to our neighborhood if the school closed.	3/8/2026 10:04 PM
112	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4-16. Oak Grove: Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth Ranks in the top tier academically Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity.	3/8/2026 10:03 PM
113	Vandelryns school community has taken decades to build. It is not something that can simply be relocated to another school and expecting such would undervalue the work of the educators in your system. The priority the school board should not be considering is school buildings but quality of education programs, investment of community. Destroying one highly achieving school will not accomplish increasing opportunity's at another. There are other ways to support and foster and understand the needs of the teachers and students. The Dunwoody community has invested so much in vanderlyn and changing it would be a devastating affect on our community. Furthermore, for our neighborhood to get redistricted it would add to the unsafe and already challenging congestion on mt Vernon road.	3/8/2026 10:03 PM
114	It is extremely disappointing to hear that the parents who volunteered their time to the SAP process found out about the possible closure of 30 schools a mere 2 hours before it was made public.	3/8/2026 10:03 PM
115	Evansdale is a unique school and has multiple facilities (play field, two playgrounds, indoor gym) that are important as kids mature.	3/8/2026 10:02 PM
116	Oak Grove: Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth Ranks in the top tier academically Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity.	3/8/2026 9:59 PM
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118	Why does there have to be another round of scenarios. Some things simply need to be left alone. I truly want my child to get the best education possible, but redoing the grade band isn't solving the problem. How well would a six grader thrive in a building with senior students?? Is child safety not a priority. With the potential change, you are solving one problem but creating several other problems. There is no forward movement with this idea. Find another way!!	3/8/2026 9:59 PM
119	I do have concerns of breaking into small grade bands that families will need to have more drop offs/pick ups and also the inability of siblings to benefit from being within the same building.	3/8/2026 9:58 PM
120	A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be considered carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/8/2026 9:58 PM
121	I can't speak to the other schools, I don't know them, but closing Midvale would be a mistake. You're going to lose more affluent people in Tucker either moving out, going private, or never moving in. It's a bright spot in DCS. We will have to explore other options if it happens.	3/8/2026 9:58 PM
122	Make sure the Doraville cluster moves out of the Dunwoody attendance zone.	3/8/2026 9:56 PM
123	The schools that are thriving need to be given the resources to continue to thrive. Schools that are not meeting standards should be consolidated. Has consideration been given to increased amount of time on busses should neighborhood schools close? One of the best parts of where we live is the special community each school has. Each area in Dekalb county has something unique that we want to keep. To give underperforming schools a chance, combine them with existing higher performing schools. Consider the money spent on this consultant group— how could these funds be put in place to better support overcrowded schools that are also high achieving.	3/8/2026 9:56 PM
124	Please provide more data on how the schools with higher utilizations were included. It seems as though it doesn't incorporate the recent and expected growth trends. Additionally, what are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding the 2 nearby schools? We can't boil the ocean so why isn't the county focusing on investment in clusters that have true underutilization. Additionally, rather than large change with multiple clusters, perhaps a pilot to ensure the changes achieve the desired goal would be more prudent before spending significant funding on this change.	3/8/2026 9:54 PM
125	The district should expand small, inclusive early learning and specialized centers like Coralwood when repurposing vacant or smaller buildings. Coralwood draws from over 40 home schools, yet access is challenging—many families face hour-long traffic delays crossing I-85 just to reach services. Hawthorne's success shows how an intentionally sized, co-taught inclusion model can thrive, and Hawthorne should remain a strong continuation option where appropriate. Research shows that neurotypical students in inclusive, co-taught settings develop stronger empathy, leadership, and long-term career outcomes, benefiting all students. Expanding Coralwood-like models into grades 1–5, adding additional centers (especially east of I-85), or strengthening feeders to schools like Hawthorne would reduce traffic burdens, expand access, and invest in what is already working—without overexpanding neighborhood schools. The district must confront the inequity created by a small group of very low-poverty, highly exclusive schools that are consistently shielded from redistricting. Schools such as Vanderlyn ES (7.1% economically disadvantaged, 85.7% utilized) and Oak Grove ES (9.0%, 84.9%) serve overwhelmingly affluent populations while operating below optimal capacity, yet remain largely untouched in facilities planning discussions. At the same time, other schools with similarly low poverty rates are allowed to become severely overutilized—most notably Ashford Park ES (14.4%, 161.7%) and Montgomery ES (13.5%, 120.7%)—relying heavily on trailers and temporary fixes rather than equitable boundary adjustments. This uneven approach reflects a form of structural elitism, where certain communities are protected from change while others are repeatedly asked to absorb growth, consolidation, or disruption. From both an equity and fiscal standpoint, this model is inefficient and unsustainable. Maintaining exclusive enrollment zones leaves available capacity underused while driving costs elsewhere through overcrowding and trailers. Redistricting apartment communities into these low-poverty, underutilized schools would both balance enrollment and allow them to qualify for Title I funding, ensuring resources follow student need rather than remaining concentrated in already	3/8/2026 9:54 PM

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126	Your multistage announcement plan is only creating confusion, fear and panic. I strongly recommend taking you time to address each cluster with a unique plan so that all stakeholders have to opportunity to formulate an educated and unemotional response.	3/8/2026 9:53 PM
127	Students and student learning should be a priority, anything else is vanity. This survey required a great deal of prior learning, and I am concerned how getting the information out could be better accessible to stakeholders: ELL, Illiterate, those without or limit technology accessibility?	3/8/2026 9:51 PM
128	One question I have is, is DCSD band-aiding a systemic problem, or addressing symptoms of one or more deeper at actual issues? Why is school enrollment declining? Could it be lack of confidence in DCSD, caused by a string of poor leaders, decision making that damaged students (COVID response specifically, and I realize there is an argument here I'm not making in this space)? Could Dekalb county property taxes disincentivize families from residing and rooting in the communities? Could DCSD span too broad of an area, causing bureaucratic waste, undermining subsidiarity, creating opportunities for fraud/abuse, and ultimately diluting the education of our kids? (Again, a larger argument is needed to support this, I realize.) What about options that break up DCSC in to smaller, geographic units that are completely independent. E.g. North Dekalb School district, Central Dekalb School district, etc.? Less robust program offerings, but more local control, which I'd support. So if you want my feedback then I say deprioritize "Diverse and Robust Program Offerings"	3/8/2026 9:50 PM
129	Breaking Ashford park into an upper and lower elementary could help with the over crowding	3/8/2026 9:50 PM
130	Please consider the communities and the families that have lived here for generations with their students attending the same school. They believe in Oak Grove, and it is one of the best elementary schools in our county! Why don't you bring students to Oak Grove instead of sending ours to other schools?	3/8/2026 9:49 PM
131	Evansdale has a larger property and if expanding a school is the an then it would be a better choice than Livsy or Pleasnatdale.	3/8/2026 9:48 PM
132	You must keep Ashford Park and Montgomery in the Chamblee school cluster.	3/8/2026 9:48 PM
133	Scenario 1 proposes closing 27 elementary schools, far exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Including Oak Grove Elementary School in this scenario is concerning because it does not address true underutilization. Oak Grove already exceeds the district's 88% utilization target (currently 89%, projected ~96% next year), has experienced four consecutive years of enrollment growth, and ranks in the top tier academically. Closing a school that is already near or above capacity would primarily shift students rather than meaningfully reduce system-wide excess seats. Such a closure would also place significant strain on nearby schools in the Lakeside High School cluster. Sagamore Hills Elementary School is already at ~91% utilization, while Briarlake Elementary School would need to absorb a large share of Oak Grove's students. This would likely require major boundary changes, overcrowding, or future facility expansion. If the district's objective is to close the utilization gap, priority should be given to schools operating well below ~70% capacity, where consolidation can effectively improve efficiency without triggering new capital costs. Before advancing closures in this phase, you the community would like more answers regarding the data and reasoning used to	3/8/2026 9:48 PM

	make these decisions • Are pandemic-era regression inputs skewing projections relative to post-2023 growth trends? • How do the costs of maintaining Oak Grove compare to expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake to accommodate displaced students? A phased, evidence-based approach targeting schools with the greatest underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this high-growth corridor should be carefully sequenced to preserve capacity needed to support major community and employment investments.	
134	Elementary schools are key to the community. We looked specifically to buy in our neighborhood for Oak Grove. Please reconsider closing.	3/8/2026 9:47 PM
135	Oak grove elementary has a good reputation and closing it hurts Dekalb county schools and its reputation if it’s closed. It’s beneficial having good reputation for future enrollment and engagement.	3/8/2026 9:47 PM
136	APES has created a wonderful environment for kids to learn and be enthusiastic about their education. Keeping that enact should be viewed as crucial for school administrators when considering what is best for the students. German immersion should continue to be offered to all students after completion of the Lift & Shift as this was a key component of Ashford Park’s ascension as a performing school.	3/8/2026 9:46 PM
137	Why does this feel like a unhealthy sacrifice of our children just to satisfy the need to save money for the county...despite the high/low enrollments, is combing the schools(the potential clusters) the best possible solution to improving dekalb county school system.....is anyone thinking of the children's sake??(the potential intimidation and bullying of the younger students,the security threat of being around the older kids,the mentality of the younger students who may feel out of place).	3/8/2026 9:46 PM
138	Before making sweeping changes, the district must investigate the root cause of declining enrollment. Closing Ashford Park Elementary and severing the Chamblee High pipeline will only worsen the issue. Rather than accepting reassignment from the district's top-performing school, many families will simply leave for private schools—accelerating student flight and exacerbating the exact enrollment problem the committee is trying to solve	3/8/2026 9:46 PM
139	Any facilities decision should prioritize student experience, community stability, and long-term educational outcomes, not just short-term building utilization. Elementary schools play a critical role in building strong communities. When neighborhood schools close or consolidate, it often reduces family engagement and increases transportation burdens for young students. DCSD should work closely with families and communities before making major structural changes and should consider alternatives such as boundary adjustments, program enhancements, or strategic use of facilities before pursuing consolidation.	3/8/2026 9:45 PM
140	Please keep German immersion and Ashford Park together. We will have a kid in each and don’t want to be spread across two different schools.	3/8/2026 9:45 PM
141	It is not clear how neighboring elementary schools will be able to absorb the additional students. Elementary schools should service their neighborhood community and the class sizes should be small to provide each student the appropriate start to education. There is always some "extra" seating as we need to accommodate variations, and need to provide cultural diversity, such as dedicated art and music rooms, along with special curricular, special needs, speech therapy, gifted, reading, hands-on sciend activities.	3/8/2026 9:44 PM
142	I support the district’s responsibility to address overcrowding at Dunwoody High School; however, the current proposal to close Vanderlyn Elementary is not supported by sufficient analysis and should not move forward. While Vanderlyn’s proximity to the high school places it within broader facilities planning discussions, proximity alone does not justify closure. The district has stated that the SAP is driven by enrollment trends and utilization, yet the proposal does not clearly demonstrate how these metrics have been applied at the cluster level to support this recommendation. Critical data—including receiving school enrollment capacity, projected class sizes, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern changes—has not been shared. These analyses are essential and must be provided before any consideration of closure. The shared Vanderlyn–Dunwoody campus presents a clear opportunity to pursue phased, campus-level solutions that directly address secondary capacity constraints without eliminating elementary access. Closing a successful elementary school without fully evaluating and presenting such alternatives represents a missed opportunity and an incomplete planning process. Vanderlyn is a diverse, high-performing, and inclusive school community. Disrupting a stable elementary environment without transparent justification runs	3/8/2026 9:41 PM

	counter to the district's stated priorities. I strongly urge the Board to pause any closure decision and direct district leadership to engage both school communities in a collaborative process focused on viable, data-driven solutions that relieve high school overcrowding while preserving the Vanderlyn community.	
143	We need more information as to what the plans are for Vanderlyn students specifically as well as if Vanderlyn, despite its near 600 student capacity size, is being shut simply to allow for the high school to expand. Homecoming park is currently not used as a park or any other serviceable area. Expanding high school facilities into this unused space makes sense.	3/8/2026 9:40 PM
144	I know that the enrollment numbers change but closing a very successful elementary like Oak Grove Elementary that has been there for over 50 years does not make sense. I think that focusing on keeping the schools smaller in the neighborhood increase parent participation which in turn makes the school successful.	3/8/2026 9:40 PM
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146	I understand that DCSD has a responsibility to address overcrowding at Dunwoody High School; however, the current proposal to close Vanderlyn Elementary is not supported by sufficient analysis and should not move forward, as a solution to that problem. While Vanderlyn's proximity to the high school places it within a broader facilities planning discussions, proximity alone should not justify closure. The district has stated that the SAP is driven by enrollment trends and utilization, yet the proposal does not clearly demonstrate how these metrics have been applied specifically at the cluster level to support this recommendation. Critical data—including receiving school enrollment capacity, projected class sizes, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern changes—has not been shared. These analyses are essential and must be provided before any consideration of closure. As the parent of a student who graduated from Vanderlyn Elementary and is now pursuing an engineering course at a premier nationally recognized institute of higher learning, I cannot emphasize how much of an impact Vanderlyn Elementary had to boost my student into that trajectory. Closing a successful elementary school without fully evaluating and presenting such alternatives represents a missed opportunity and is a failed planning process. Vanderlyn is a diverse, high performing, and inclusive school community. Disrupting a stable elementary environment without transparent justification runs counter to the district's stated priorities. I strongly urge the Board to reconsider any closure decision and direct district leadership to engage in a collaborative process focused on viable, data driven solutions that relieve high school overcrowding while preserving the Vanderlyn community.	3/8/2026 9:36 PM
147	We need more information on how SAP is going to impact the Magnet program as this has not been addressed and although it's not a facility issue there will be hundreds of parents impacted if the program is disbanded or moved. People have to make decisions soon on their kids so round 2 should have this program included.	3/8/2026 9:36 PM
148	The Dekalb Board of Commissioners needs to be in on these meetings because this undertaking will affect homeowners whether they have children in the system or not.	3/8/2026 9:36 PM
149	I would ask for clarity on whether employment expansions and residential pipeline data were included in enrollment projections? Also, what are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates for 2028 and 2030?	3/8/2026 9:35 PM
150	We need to continue to have community input discussions and open communication. Everyone was blindsided by the possibility of closing Ashford Park. That was not on anyone's radar. Transparency is key to earning and keeping people's trust throughout this process.	3/8/2026 9:34 PM
151	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression	3/8/2026 9:34 PM

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152	It is imperative that we consider the size of the classrooms. (old schools vs new school) It is challenging to expect every school to house the same number of studentsk without considering the measurements of the classroom. Often New school classrooms are bigger vs-old school classrooms are smaller, but require the same teacher student ratio(unfair)	3/8/2026 9:33 PM
153	I think that it is imperative that any redistricting be slowed to wait for a permanent superintendent, as well as, new board members that will be elected this year. I also feel like a conflict of interest with regards to HPM and construction contracts following the closure and expansion recommendations. Not only is conflict of interest an issue but the data provided is inaccurate and will show that data falsification has led to drastic changes in the education of many children in Dekalb county.	3/8/2026 9:33 PM
154	Our community is very close. It is also very dedicated to evansdale elementary which is the hub of the community. Please do not break apart something that is working very well. It is rare to have this sort of tight knit community in such a large city. We value what we have very much. Please help us preserve it.	3/8/2026 9:32 PM
155	I don't understand why the County is pursuing a plan put forth by a deposed school superintendent. In fact, I question why the School Board ever decided otherwise hire Mr. Horton given the information that was known. I am a graduate of Oak Grove and Lakeside and my daughters attended Sagamore Hills Elementary, Henderson Middle nd Lakeside High. I am so very disappointed by our recent legacy of failed superintendents. The idea that we've had at least 3 superintendents resign or be fired due to corruption is, quite honestly, embarrassing and confidence destoying. The Board needs to do better.	3/8/2026 9:32 PM
156	Don't close Evansdale and move the students to another school. If anything, expand Evansdale! Evansdale has a large lot with a large separate play field, woods with an outdoor classroom, 2 playgrounds, and multiple parking lots. You could more easily ADD to Evansdale and still keep the playgrounds/parking lots. It's also a great n'hood school but yet in an easily accessible spot, traffic-wise. Also Evansdale's enrollment is projected to increase to well over 600 students in just a few years-- by 2030. Closing it would be devastating to this n'hood.	3/8/2026 9:31 PM
157	If consolidation helps the district create smaller classes, it would be a positive step. Teachers have a limited amount of time and attention to give during the school day. When that attention must be divided among 30 students, it is very different than when it is shared among 15. Smaller classes allow for more individualized instruction, stronger teacher-student connections, and improved learning opportunities for every child. Reducing class size should remain a key priority.	3/8/2026 9:26 PM
158	It feels like every few years there is a new grand plan of school closings, and yet there is no attempt to renovate existing schools. Closing high performing neighborhood schools does not make sense. Closing smaller schools with larger lots available for expansion also does not make sense.	3/8/2026 9:26 PM
159	No change for Oak Grove Elementary	3/8/2026 9:25 PM
160	Clarity on where the projected enrollment data is coming from would be appreciated.	3/8/2026 9:25 PM
161	I support consolidation if it leads to meaningful reductions in class size. A teacher only has so much time and attention to give during the school day. When that attention is divided among 30 students, it becomes extremely limited; when it is shared among 15, the quality of instruction and interaction changes significantly. Smaller classes allow teachers to build stronger relationships, provide more individualized support, and ultimately improve learning outcomes for all students. Class size has a major impact on student success, and it should be a priority to reduce it.	3/8/2026 9:24 PM
162	School building thrive when the community supports. Midvale to remain open to thrive.	3/8/2026 9:24 PM
163	Sorry, never had children in Dekalb County Schools	3/8/2026 9:23 PM

164	It’s unfortunate that the smaller schools that have such well-established communities are on the chopping block. It’s interesting that three of the four feeder schools going to Henderson Middle are on the list. Won’t taking these schools out of commission increase the time people spend traveling to school? I would take out the middle schools and go back to K-8 and 9-12 also. Henderson could go back to being a high school with such a big parking lot that isn’t being utilized as a middle school. Thank you for asking for feedback! I hope some of these decisions are reconsidered with the effects on the community in mind.	3/8/2026 9:22 PM
165	Address how this will be paid for…and help us understand how the declining enrollment projections were developed (how much confidence can we have in these numbers). What will be the plan if enrollment does not decline?	3/8/2026 9:21 PM
166	I strongly support consolidation if it allows the district to reduce class sizes. A teacher only has a limited amount of time and attention each day. With 30 students, that attention is stretched thin; with 15, instruction changes entirely. Smaller classes mean stronger relationships, more individualized instruction, and more learning for every child.	3/8/2026 9:20 PM
167	I am also a teacher in the county. I have concerns that with schools being targeted for closing may further strain recruitment/retention efforts that have been strained county/state/country-wide since COVID. I understand that our primary concern is student well-being, but I also believe that some reassurances as far as what the plan is for those teachers impacted by school closures will be. I know that everyone cannot be retained, but some idea as far as placement of teachers/administrators impacted would be nice.	3/8/2026 9:19 PM
168	Oak Grove Elementary has tremendous support from parents & the community. It has a stellar reputation & is a treasure for the DeKalb County School District. It doesn't make sense to close the school. People move into this cluster for OGE. It is mentioned on every real estate listing. That should tell you something. I think boundaries should be adjusted before the school is closed. Include more of the Sagamore Hills area.	3/8/2026 9:19 PM
169	As DeKalb County School District evaluates facility use and consolidation options through the Student Assignment Project, the district should also consider investing in facilities that are already highly utilized and serving growing communities. Ashford Park Elementary School is a strong example of this. The school is already operating well above its designed capacity, which demonstrates both the demand for the school and the level of community support it receives. Rather than considering consolidation of Ashford Park into another location, the district should explore facility investments that would allow the campus to accommodate additional students more effectively. Expanding classroom space, modernizing facilities, or reconfiguring the building could help relieve current overcrowding while preserving a successful neighborhood school. Investing in Ashford Park would also help support the school’s strong academic community and its sought-after German immersion program, which benefits students beyond the immediate neighborhood. Supporting and expanding schools that families actively want to attend can help strengthen enrollment and confidence in the district overall. Given the demonstrated demand for Ashford Park, investing in its facility capacity would be a more constructive long-term strategy than consolidation.	3/8/2026 9:19 PM
170	Please do not shut down Oak Grove elementary	3/8/2026 9:18 PM
171	If chestnut is the school chosen for expansion on their current land it will create so much traffic disruption. Peachtree middle is right next door. Additionally many commuters take this road to get onto 285. The traffic created is going to be appalling. Why not consider VES for expansion. It is already a sought after well utilized school. Additionally, I have already heard people enrolling their kids into private just because of speculation of closure. The same amount of resources will not follow to other schools because many students will be in private.	3/8/2026 9:18 PM
172	Having too many students in a classroom or a school will hinder learning more than could be achieved by freeing up funds to add more programs. Also the concept of magnet schools should be closely scrutinized from a cost-benefit standpoint. This seems like a costly model that advantages a relatively small number of students and pulls kids from the neighborhood schools they should be attending. Dekalb County schools should prioritize selling off properties that are not at all utilized (former site of Briarcliff High School on N Druid Hills) for funding before closing facilities that are being used.	3/8/2026 9:18 PM
173	I believe that PK-8 should not be mixed within the same school.	3/8/2026 9:17 PM
174	As a family zoned for Ashford Park Elementary School in the Chamblee cluster, we want to offer the following priorities to guide the next round of scenario development: Keep the Ashford	3/8/2026 9:16 PM

	Park community together. Whatever scenario the District advances, Ashford Park students should not be fragmented across multiple schools. The relationships, culture, and community built at Ashford Park have real educational value. Scattering students across different schools — particularly different clusters — would cause irreversible harm to a cohesive neighborhood community. Guarantee the Chamblee cluster pathway for all Ashford Park students. Any scenario affecting Ashford Park must include an explicit, guaranteed feeder relationship into Chamblee Middle School (6-8) and Chamblee Charter High School (9-12). This is not a preference — it is a matter of educational equity. Families made housing and life decisions based on access to this pathway. Involuntarily removing students from the Chamblee cluster would reduce their educational opportunities through no fault of their own. Exhaust building solutions before dismantling communities. The concerns driving this process — aging facilities, capacity mismatches, operational inefficiency — are infrastructure problems. The next round of scenarios should include serious consideration of renovation, rebuilding on the current Ashford Park site, or new construction within the attendance zone before defaulting to closure and redistricting. The community should not bear the cost of solving a facilities problem. Do not sacrifice high-performing clusters for system-wide uniformity. The Chamblee cluster is a high-performing, high-demand pathway. Any scenario that weakens it — through grade band restructuring, redistricting, or fragmentation — should require a compelling, specific justification. System-wide standardization is not sufficient justification on its own. Provide transparency and adequate community input before decisions are finalized. The next round of scenarios should be accompanied by proposed redistricting maps, cluster assignments, and feeder patterns — shared with sufficient lead time for meaningful community feedback. Families cannot respond substantively to scenarios that lack this specificity. Prioritize stability for currently enrolled families. Any transitions resulting from this process should include meaningful grandfathering provisions, so that students already enrolled at Ashford Park or assigned to the Chamblee cluster are not involuntarily displaced mid-pathway. In closing, we ask the District to approach the next round of scenarios with a clear principle: improvements to the system should not come by making any particular community worse off. The Ashford Park community is not asking for special treatment — we are asking to be protected from harm in a process designed to benefit DeKalb County as a whole.	
175	It will be disadvantage for students and parents for the commute.	3/8/2026 9:14 PM
176	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investmenT.	3/8/2026 9:13 PM
177	All of the above. Suspend this until a permanent Super is in place. Discuss where the kids would be going BEFORE closing buildings! This should be about THEM! I am Tired of my tax dollars being wasted	3/8/2026 9:13 PM
178	If closing the schools - the students will have to commute to far	3/8/2026 9:12 PM
179	I would like to understand how the enrollment projections for Oak Grove Elementary, Sagamore, and Briarlake were developed and whether they incorporated the 2024-2026 employment expansion and residential pipeline data. I'd also like to see the projected utilization rates for 2027-2030 for these three elementary schools and understand the comparative capital cost scenarios of maintaining OGE versus expanding Sagamore and Briarlake. This may require delaying the closure decisions to allow for adequate and careful validation of the enrollment assumptions.	3/8/2026 9:11 PM
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182	My number one priority is to keep the entire Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone together. Redrawing boundaries or dividing our community into multiple schools is not an acceptable solution. Ashford Park is a cohesive, established community. Splitting the attendance zone would disrupt long-standing relationships, weaken neighborhood connections, and create unnecessary instability for families. Keeping our community intact must be the guiding principle in any proposed changes. I strongly urge the district to pursue solutions that preserve the full Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone as one unified community, without fragmenting it through redistricting.	3/8/2026 9:06 PM
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184	I would like to see more of the community and the 250 parents involved in the SAP project to have their voices heard, and included within the weighting of this project. It doesn't appear to be the case and the community is upset with how this has been handled thus far. If schools are going to get closed and impact neighborhoods, please share the plan for the school building that will be closed. These are residential areas and transparancy is expected.	3/8/2026 9:03 PM

185	Oak grove doesn't meet the basic criteria for consideration of closure and should not be considered.	3/8/2026 9:02 PM
186	Oak Grove Elementary currently exceeds the 88% utilization target with additional capacity expected for the 2026-27 school year. OGE has seen increased growth for four consecutive years. It makes no sense to close a high performing school that is showing increased enrollment.	3/8/2026 9:02 PM
187	The Dunwoody cluster is consistently burdened with the Doraville schools being pushed in at the middle and high school levels. These students should be back in the Doraville cluster.	3/8/2026 9:01 PM
188	Save the small neighborhood schools that make DeKalb county neighborhoods desirable.	3/8/2026 9:00 PM
189	We cannot use a one-size fits all approach to the county. The needs of each High School cluster should be evaluated to best serve the needs of that community.	3/8/2026 9:00 PM
190	Based on the meeting at Cross Keys, it sounds like decision makers aren't fully listening to parents, community, and SAP members. North and South DeKalb are in different situations with enrollment numbers and a one sized approach isn't going to work across the board.	3/8/2026 9:00 PM
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193	The round one scenario laid out is worthless without having a plan. Saying you are closing dozens of schools with absolutely zero information about where kids from each of those schools would end up is a horrible plan. The fact that the entire process was started by a former superintendent who was hired while under investigation for felony criminal activity such as fraud and imbezzlement (and has since been indicted) leaves a massive lack of trust in any board member that voted for him. Some may also question the sizeable contract given to the consulting agency involved with this process. At minimum this should be investigated and details shared with the public. Another issue I have strong concerns with is there is absolutely nothing about this process that considers academics. Last I checked the primary purpose of schools is education. That should've priority #1. My family and I moved to the area we live due to the good public schools. Closing the school could force my children into other nearby schools which are some of the worst performing in the state. That's unacceptable. The Community feedback session did not answer many of the hard questions posed to them. The Director of SAP was supposedly present and did not say a single word.	3/8/2026 8:57 PM
194	Please let the teachers and staff know what will happen to them. There are a lot of scared staff who are starting to look for other jobs because they do not feel safe here now. Also, please let the staff know before Decaturish does.	3/8/2026 8:57 PM
195	Kids should not be forced to switch schools mid way through. This is NOT in the best interest of students, especially those who struggle to connect with teachers and friends and/or require additional support services. Smaller class sizes with more teachers is ALWAYS better than consolidating into larger class sizes. Bigger class sizes puts more pressure on teachers and students and sets them up for higher stress, bigger feelings and less capacity to care and respond when students require more care and attention. Atlanta is a city with major companies with major money. Rather than settles for the cuts this state dishes out because it hates people and kids, get creative and raise some money. Hire a development team than can work	3/8/2026 8:49 PM

	to solicit donations from all the big money in our area. STOP wasting time trying to make cuts and focus your efforts on growing your budget. BE PROACTIVE NOT REACTIVE	
196	Ashford Park needs to stay open, and we need to be a part of Chamblee Cluster no matter what.	3/8/2026 8:48 PM
197	Specific to my current Dunwoody cluster, I support the current recommendations of school closures, consolidations and expansions. I do not support breaking up neighborhoods or municipalities between clusters. I do not support keeping older, aging and smaller capacity schools open. I do not believe a schools strong performance history should be a reason to keep a school open. I believe all decisions should be data driven and fact based and done in and equitable way across DeKalb.	3/8/2026 8:48 PM
198	My number one priority is to keep the entire Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone together. Redrawing boundaries or dividing our community into multiple schools is not an acceptable solution. Ashford Park is a cohesive, established community. Splitting the attendance zone would disrupt long-standing relationships, weaken neighborhood connections, and create unnecessary instability for families. Keeping our community intact must be the guiding principle in any proposed changes. I strongly urge the district to pursue solutions that preserve the full Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone as one unified community, without fragmenting it through redistricting.	3/8/2026 8:47 PM
199	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment	3/8/2026 8:47 PM
200	My feedback across all three sections points to a consistent conclusion: Ashford Park Elementary should not be closed or removed from its role as the elementary anchor of the Chamblee cluster. A high-performing school with growing enrollment is not a] consolidation candidate The SAP process rightly focuses on underutilized, underperforming, and over-capacity schools. Ashford Park does not meet that profile. It is a top-10% school in Georgia by academic performance, its enrollment has grown 11% over five years, and it serves a defined residential community with a stable feeder pathway to Chamblee Middle and Chamblee High. Applying consolidation logic to a school like this would contradict the district's own stated criteria and goals. The German immersion program adds irreplaceable district value Ashford Park is home to one of DeKalb County's few dual language immersion programs — a specialized offering that is not easily relocated or replicated. Families, like my own, have made deliberate school and residential choices based on access to this program. Closing Ashford Park would effectively eliminate a unique academic asset from the district's portfolio at a time when the SAP's stated goal is to strengthen program offerings, not reduce them. A request for the next round of scenarios As the district refines its approach, I ask that the following criteria be applied explicitly and transparently in the next iteration: schools with growing enrollment, strong academic outcomes, specialized programs, and established cluster feeder roles should be categorically deprioritized for closure or consolidation. Ashford Park meets all of these criteria. The goal of this process should be to ensure every DeKalb student has access to a high-quality school. Closing one of the district's best is not the path to that outcome.	3/8/2026 8:47 PM
201	Evansdale Elementary has the land capacity, community support, and projected growth to remain a strong and sustainable school within the Lakeside cluster. Rather than closing it, the district should consider renovating and expanding the facility so it can continue to serve current and future families. Thank you for your time and for considering the long-term impact of this decision on students, families, and the broader community.	3/8/2026 8:47 PM

202	Please do not close this special school of ours. Generations upon generations have made it a point to live and thrive around our school community. We move back to this area for a reason. Because we love Oak Grove Elementary and the parents, teachers and staff that goes with it.	3/8/2026 8:46 PM
203	EES is uniquely positioned to sustain and grow the French program because of both its facilities and its strong community foundation. The 10.1-acre campus provides ample space, including multiple playgrounds, a large play field, and sufficient parking, allowing the school to accommodate future growth while maintaining safe traffic flow and student spaces. Just as important, the program is supported by an established network of neighborhood parents, teachers, and community volunteers, as well as a strong mentorship tradition in which older students guide younger learners. French teachers across EES, HMS, and LHS have built deep roots within the Lakeside cluster, creating continuity and stability for students. Moving the program would disrupt these facilities, relationships, and community supports that are essential to its continued success.Maintaining the French program at EES and within the Lakeside cluster is essential to preserving the strength, stability, and long-term success of the program.	3/8/2026 8:45 PM
204	My vote is to keep Ashford Park ES functioning and in Chamblee cluster given $25M renovations and community location. I would not want current school to be used for other purpose.	3/8/2026 8:44 PM
205	Our priority is the best possible education for our children and we believe that is best obtained by remaining at Ashford Park and in the Chamblee cluster	3/8/2026 8:44 PM
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208	With State funding associated with 450 students, more focus should be placed on that number rather than the 600 which magically appeared 11 minutes 20 seconds in the PowerPoint presentation with no justification. 900 students for PK-8 was slung in the end of the presentation but no background or justification.	3/8/2026 8:43 PM
209	Vanderlyn is a close-knit, diverse, academically strong, and inclusive community. Preserving stable elementary environments while solving high school challenges aligns with district priorities. Me and my fellow parents would welcome collaboration between district leaders and both school communities to explore campus-level solutions that address high school capacity while preserving the Vanderlyn community.	3/8/2026 8:40 PM
210	n/a	3/8/2026 8:38 PM
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212	Please don’t close our community smaller schools. Children thrive in a place where they know their classmates, play at their friends homes and spend time with friends from different backgrounds and cultures.	3/8/2026 8:34 PM
213	N/A	3/8/2026 8:33 PM
214	I have not seen any information on how any of the proposed consolidations would affect traffic and business patterns in their areas and I just do not think a proper informed decision can be made without those types of logistical projects.	3/8/2026 8:33 PM
215	Evansdale has many programs that are unique to the Lakeside cluster for example the French program.	3/8/2026 8:33 PM
216	Some of these schools are located in neighborhoods.Development and an increase in size could negatively impact these areas with construction. Many people moved to a certain area for the specific school. Elementary students are learning fundamentals and do not need large classrooms. This also puts more burdens on teachers.	3/8/2026 8:31 PM
217	This needs to be paused until a new superintendent is in place, until all data has been released to the Public, until a feedback period with multiple opportunities for feedback with elected officials making the decisions have been noticed and scheduled over a 3-5 month period, excluding school breaks. This process cannot go forward with the current board with members who have announced they are retiring and who cannot be invested in the way ongoing community members and elected officials are invested. There also needs to be a review to make sure the companies hired were not implicated in former superintendent Horton's potential criminal acts.	3/8/2026 8:31 PM
218	Although I agree with the data driven approach has been beneficial in arriving at the first set of building recommendations, I am concerned that without consideration given to "Non-facility" aspects of, in this case, the great learning institution that APES has become over the years will be overlooked. I am convinced that there is a unique combination of excellent well-credentialed teachers and staff, an extremely involved parents, guardians and extended family community, perhaps the strongest, most robust Foundation in the District, and the school's location in the center of a thriving community (Brookhaven). These things have APES rated 7th of 83 (92nd percentile) DCSD elementary schools by US News and World Report and 86th in Georgia (93rd percentile) with excellent math and reading proficiency scores. This is including the fact that 49 students living in the APES attendance boundary attend Kittredge (which in their absence at APES dilutes our academic excellence). I am sure that the District has many other data points that we parents do not have visibility to that supports APES' strong position. Add to that the fact that APES recently received the "Distinguished Family Friendly School Award" for 2025-26. Please give us an opportunity to showcase Ashford Park Elementary School. It's about a lot more than capacity and facilities scores. Please give us a chance to save APES by allowing us to expand on the attributes that make APES the great place that it is. By the way, ask our SAP team representatives to tell you about the APES Multicultural Night which takes place in the gym next Tuesday where students and their families will showcase cultures, food, dress and so on from their family origins from over 20 different countries. It is all part of our "secret sauce"! SAP = Save Ashford Park! Thank you.	3/8/2026 8:31 PM
219	Very diverse student body building strength and unity in our neighborhood— stron ties to Henderson middle and lakeside- easy walking distance for many — strongly support keeping Evansdale open and thriving	3/8/2026 8:26 PM

220	Please provide focus groups for teachers to have a say and specific questions on office 365 to get their input. That will vital to success moving forward.	3/8/2026 8:25 PM
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222	The behavioral and exposure of young kindergarten students to 8th graders would be a terrible thing. Kindergarteners and 8th graders do not need to be on the same buses or using the same bathrooms.	3/8/2026 8:18 PM
223	Traffics in the Chamblee/Brookhaven area is bad and Montgomery Elementary is on a very busy street that commuters use to get to I-285. Expanding that school and adding more traffic poses a lot of issues. It's also too far away for most Ashford park families to commute to on congested roads. Is there really no way to expand Ashford Park? Can we put our heads together to think outside of the box on this one?	3/8/2026 8:17 PM
224	Please keep my school open.	3/8/2026 8:17 PM
225	I am writing to express strong opposition to any proposal to close Evansdale Elementary School or remove Evansdale from the Lakeside High School community as part of the district's school consolidation and redistricting process. Evansdale is a vital institution within the Lakeside High School cluster, and closing it would overlook several important factors related to facilities, community investment, and future enrollment growth. First, Evansdale is well positioned physically to support long-term use and expansion. The school sits on approximately 10.1 acres, a lot size that is larger than many neighboring schools and provides ample room for future growth. The campus is unique in that it includes a large, separate play field, two playgrounds, and multiple parking areas. Because of this layout, additions could be constructed at the back of the school without sacrificing play space or parking. In other words, the site has the capacity to accommodate modernization and expansion rather than closure. The school is also well situated to manage transportation and traffic flow. Evansdale occupies two sides of a large neighborhood block, allowing for safer and more flexible traffic patterns for buses and carpool lines. This physical advantage would be difficult and costly to replicate elsewhere. Additionally, enrollment projections indicate that Evansdale's student population is expected to increase to over 600 students by 2030. This projected growth suggests that closing the school now could create capacity problems in the near future and force the district to reopen or rebuild facilities later at much greater expense. Another critical factor is Evansdale's unique role in the Lakeside cluster's French language program. Evansdale's French program is supported by a strong network of neighborhood parents, teachers, and community volunteers who provide valuable resources and assistance for students. Moving the program away from Evansdale would disrupt this vital community infrastructure that has taken years to build. The French language pathway connecting Evansdale Elementary, Henderson Middle School, and Lakeside High School has deep roots in the community. Teachers in this program have developed long-standing relationships with students and families, and older students often mentor younger ones within the same cluster. Maintaining this continuity is essential to preserving the strength and success of the program. Finally, enrollment projections themselves should be carefully examined. Forecasting future student populations is inherently uncertain, and current models may underestimate the number of children who will attend Evansdale. In many communities, projections fail to fully account for apartment developments, immigrant families, and newly arriving households who may not appear in traditional forecasting models. These populations often bring additional students into neighborhood schools over time, which can make projected enrollment numbers significantly	3/8/2026 8:12 PM

	lower than the reality that unfolds. Evansdale Elementary had this issue the last time Dekalb redistricted as 120 more students than estimated showed up for the school year because the student estimates had significantly underestimated our area and large amount of families with children continuous moving into our area. Closing a school based on projections that may undercount future students could create unintended consequences for the district, including overcrowding in neighboring schools and the loss of an established community hub. Evansdale Elementary has the land capacity, community support, and projected growth to remain a strong and sustainable school within the Lakeside cluster. Rather than closing it, the district should consider renovating and expanding the facility so it can continue to serve current and future families. Thank you for your time and for considering the long-term impact of this decision on students, families, and the broader community. Sincerely, Matt Murphy Please keep Evansdale Elementary intact and keep it as a key member of the Lakeside High School community.	
226	Closing Evansdale doesnt just close a building - it dismantles the only dual STEM + FRENCH Immersion school in Dekalb. The French immersion pipeline flows into Middle and High school. The entire educational path way collapses without the elementary school anchor. The District said that target schools with "low educational adequacy" near schools with more capacity. Evansdale is a magnet/choice school drawing students county-wide. The enrollment model is fundamentally different from neighborhood schools. Was Evansdale's enrollment evaluated against it's magnet draw, or was it misclassified as an underperforming neighborhood school? Who is leading this effort? It was started by a criminal- and a completely flawed choice for superintendent by the School Board. Now HPM is in control and no one has the power to stop them. THe COMMUNINTY has never had direct input until now. Further, the School Board has shown its inability to work together, each member failing to represent the county as a whole. Several failed appointments in leadership, clearly dysfunctional school board members, and a lack of transparency in the process leads to only two conclusions - the board do the right thing and suspend this process until the time that a full time and credible Superintendent is appointed, OR the citizens of Dekalb County must ask the State Board of Education to dissolve the county school board and allow the State to oversee the County education system.	3/8/2026 8:11 PM
227	Please keep our clusters together. Please help our schools not be so overcrowded as they are in my cluster. My elementary school was very old. It was a great school but it didn’t seem fair that my friends went to schools that were so much nicer.	3/8/2026 8:09 PM
228	Hire more teachers, spend more on training amd support of teachers	3/8/2026 8:08 PM
229	Schools are not factories. Our children are our future. Just because numbers on a paper look “better,” does not mean that the outcome is better. Children need to feel safe. They need to feel understood. This is necessary before education can even occur. Larger schools are not the answer. Keep education in the neighborhoods. Schools are such an important piece of the community. Midvale elementary is a gem and its closure would be a terrible loss for the children, families, and community.	3/8/2026 8:04 PM
230	Standard based grading	3/8/2026 8:02 PM
231	* I support more early learning centers throughout DCSD. * I support a centralized program school in each cluster or "super region". * I STRONGLY do not support keeping older facilities, with low FCAs and Building Adequacy Scores, open simply because that school community doesn't want their school to close - there has to be supporting logistical and/or positive data to reverse any decisions. * I STRONGLY do not believe that a school's current "strong performance" should be a reason to keep a school open. We want all schools to have to perform strongly, and this is the path to get us there. * I STRONGLY do not support breaking up legal municipalities (i.e.: legally formed cities) between clusters as it is entirely possible to keep them together. * I STRONGLY believe that all decisions must be made in an equitable way that ensures resources and high-quality facilities are shared fairly across DCSD. All students, regardless of where they live or which school they attend, should have access to strong educational environments and facilities that support their success. *Specific to my cluster (Dunwoody Cluster), I support the current plan of closures/consolidations/expansions. We need our elementary schools geographically distributed throughout our cluster to serve everyone and I support options to expand the high school in the future.	3/8/2026 8:02 PM
232	Evansdale supports a unique French language program within the Lakeside cluster, which relies on a strong partnership between teachers, parents, and the community and connects to continued language study at Henderson Middle and Lakeside High School. Preserving this program and the neighborhood community around Evansdale would strengthen the cluster	3/8/2026 7:55 PM

	while still allowing DCSD to pursue its broader goals of efficient facility use and expanded student opportunities.	
233	N/A	3/8/2026 7:54 PM
234	I strongly suggest reevaluation. Considering more closely community input, the variety of unique learning opportunities, and events the smaller Pre-K through 5th school environments offer.	3/8/2026 7:54 PM
235	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment	3/8/2026 7:52 PM
236	Evansdale is a neighborhood school and the reason we moved to the area	3/8/2026 7:51 PM
237	Please do not take any final decisions without getting feedback from the parents that are impacted by those changes.	3/8/2026 7:50 PM
238	The disparity in innovation, improvement, and advancement for South DeKalb scholars is evident in this proposal. By considering the closure of schools in predominantly Black and Brown communities while planning investments elsewhere, the district sends a troubling message about whose students and neighborhoods are seen as worthy of growth and opportunity. Instead of abandoning these communities, the district should be investing in them. South DeKalb deserves the same commitment to progress, innovation, and excellence that other parts of the county receive. That means attracting young families by strengthening neighborhood schools, recruiting and retaining top-tier educators, and investing in modern, inspiring learning environments. Our scholars deserve facilities that ignite curiosity, programs that prepare them for the future, and educators who are supported and empowered to help them succeed. When schools are closed rather than strengthened, it sends a message to students and families that their communities are not worth the investment. South DeKalb students are just as talented, capable, and deserving as any others in this district. The role of this board is not simply to manage buildings and enrollment numbers—it is to ensure every child, in every community, has access to opportunity. Closing our schools does not reflect belief in our scholars. Investing in them does.	3/8/2026 7:47 PM
239	Evansdale is a true neighborhood school. Multiple generations of our neighbors have attended.	3/8/2026 7:46 PM
240	Although facility decisions are important, the highest priority for my family is to make every effort to keep the Ashford Park students, teachers and faculty together to maintain the amazing community and exceptional learning at APES. Thank you for your consideration.	3/8/2026 7:46 PM
241	I think it would be so helpful if you could keep explaining what people are giving up in terms of programming when the elementary enrollment falls below 450.	3/8/2026 7:45 PM
242	Please dont close Evansdale. I dont know what I would do with my kids.	3/8/2026 7:41 PM
243	Would like to continue at our current elementary school (Chesnut) and not to be rezoned	3/8/2026 7:39 PM
244	KEEP OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY!!!	3/8/2026 7:39 PM
245	Please do not close Oak Grove Elementary.	3/8/2026 7:31 PM
246	In addition to having parents come out to meetings, take the time to go into schools that could be affected to get feedback from admin, teachers, staff, parents, students, and other stakeholders. Consider how local businesses may be affected. Increased traffic patterns.	3/8/2026 7:31 PM

	Pedestrian safety (that is already a HUGE concern). Find creative ways to get valuable feedback from communities aside from in-person meetings at times and locations that could be difficult to attend and online surveys that unintentionally marginalized those with limited English and literacy proficiency.	
247	The lakeside cluster seems to be consistently growing. Oak grove elementary specifically continues to meet both utilization goals and academic milestones. Closing a thriving school/community seems short sighted. Start with the schools who are not achieving goal utilization rates. Or those not achieving academic goals. Or those who want a change. Phase this project out; don't start haphazardly with 27 schools. And consider HPM's motives and skill set. They seem suspect with this being their largest project, openly discriminating against north Dekalb, and having ties to Horton.	3/8/2026 7:27 PM
248	Schools that are being kept need to be assessed for working HVAC, plumbing and electrical issues. Many schools are VERY OLD and need to be updated to properly serve the students.	3/8/2026 7:26 PM
249	Rather than looking at cutting cost through facility costs, minimize programs, school choice, and school board FTEs, consultant costs, travel and new initiatives under consideration for a truly transparent and balanced budget can be presented to the public.	3/8/2026 7:24 PM
250	I hope that teachers will be distributed across these schools to decrease class sizes and offer more programs. Thank you!	3/8/2026 7:24 PM
251	Please leave Oak Grove and Lakeside alone.	3/8/2026 7:23 PM
252	I'm very concerned that not enough will be completed, fast enough, and with the most sound tax appropriations. I'm very concerned that Dekalb's "opportunity" right now could be squandered, by good old Dekalb lackadaisically.	3/8/2026 7:22 PM
253	If you actually care about feedback, stop this process now, and provide actual information as to what you plan to do. To do this right now when you don't even have a superintendent is very wrong. The last few times DCDS tried redistricting it went poorly because the information was wrong and poorly communicated, and this is exactly the same thing again.	3/8/2026 7:22 PM
254	Lakeside can accommodate 3 years, freshman class can be put at Henderson Middle, and you can leave the elementary schools alone.	3/8/2026 7:16 PM
255	There is a wonderful possibility of Evensdale Elementry being expanded, do NOT destroy this community school.	3/8/2026 7:13 PM
256	Unsure	3/8/2026 7:07 PM
257	NA	3/8/2026 7:05 PM
258	Do not touch Coralwood. That school is special and serves a very unique community of students. It would be a devastating loss if you tried to change it. Don't consider closing Hawthorne. My child (a Coralwood graduate) is thriving there under great teachers.	3/8/2026 7:05 PM
259	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/8/2026 6:53 PM
260	Student educational quality would be sacrificed with the current proposal which is not acceptable given the present academic performance of students in DeKalb County.	3/8/2026 6:52 PM
261	The Lakeside high school cluster and specifically Oak Grove Elementary are a prime example	3/8/2026 6:44 PM

	of a community that supports public school education and the results speak for themselves. Closing a school of this caliber will reignite a trend of flight to the suburbs, increased private school enrollment in lieu of public education, and diminish a high income tax base. Revisiting this consolidation plan in this cluster may make sense if the enrollment trends decrease, rather than waht is being shown via current and forecasted enrollment numbers. If a short sighted decision is made, families will flee this region including this survey taker due to a clear lack of understanding from this committee.	
262	Please do not engage in such aggressive campus consolidation. Especially consider how these changes would impact programs like the French-English dual-language immersion track my son is enrolled in at Evansdale Elementary.	3/8/2026 6:42 PM
263	School choice was a great option for us to tailor our son’s education experience.	3/8/2026 6:38 PM
264	We moved to Oak Grove district specifically for how well of a job they do with inclusion for our special needs kids. It is truly a unique and amazing school and may special needs parents seek it out through moving here and the lottery. Please don’t close one of the only schools doing such a great job with our special needs kids and inclusion. You should be using Oak Grove as a model for elementary schools not closing it.	3/8/2026 6:38 PM
265	Ensuring equitable funding across all school clusters and communities is essential so that every school has the resources necessary to provide high-quality learning opportunities for all students. Additionally, encouraging families to contribute a designated number of volunteer hours to support their child’s school could further strengthen school communities and enhance student support.	3/8/2026 6:38 PM
266	Take the word equity out of the equation. Unfortunately, without proper parental involvement you will never get equity in public schools. The communities with ample parental engagement are doing well and do not want the disruptions and poor behavior from poorly run schools being fed into their schools. No one wants to be honest but, the truth is, if students do not have engaged parents then they fail. The students fail, the schools fail and the ones who don’t use school choice to get their children into different schools. This is why you have the problem you have. Parents who care, move their kids to successful districts. Equity is impossible. You will never achieve it and the more you force it on other districts the quicker you exasperate this growing issue.	3/8/2026 6:35 PM
267	Evansdale has been the anchor of our community for decades	3/8/2026 6:29 PM
268	Question 8: Additional Feedback Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove’s projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/8/2026 6:16 PM
269	Evansdale's French program is unique to the Lakeside cluster. - Neighborhood parent, teacher, and community volunteers provide needed resources and personnel for French students. Moving this program will eliminate a vital community to this program. - Older students mentor the younger students. It is critical to keep this program at Evansdale and within the Lakeside cluster to keep the program strong. - French teachers at Evansdale Elementary, Henderson Middle School, and Lakeside High Schools not only teach but live in and are a part of the community.	3/8/2026 6:15 PM
270	n/a	3/8/2026 6:09 PM
271	I want those who are currently zoned for Evansdale Elementary to remain zoned for Lakeside	3/8/2026 6:09 PM

	high school. Particularly if the number of students is lower in the county, then those zoned for Lakeside should remain zoned for Lakeside.	
272	Evansville has been a strong school. Closing it is short-sighted. However, if there are no other options and Evansdale needs to be merged with another school, it is imperative to keep Evansdale in the Henderson Middle and Lakeside cluster.	3/8/2026 6:05 PM
273	Please raise awareness of SAP beyond just school communities and get lawmakers engaged in increasing public school funding instead of closing schools.	3/8/2026 6:05 PM
274	Put the money where the communities are located as they pay the taxes and benefit from the local school and create more teaching jobs and administrative jobs.	3/8/2026 6:00 PM
275	Oak Grove Elementary is not underutilized, it is currently overcrowded. If capacity is an issue, the district should consider adjusting attendance boundaries rather than closing or relocating the school. Oak Grove Elementary is essential to the Lakeside/Oak Grove community, and closing or moving it would significantly impact local families. It is also worth noting that the Lakeside/Oak Grove area generates roughly 1.7–2× the district's average property tax base per student, reflecting the strong support our community provides to the district. For these reasons, I strongly urge the district to keep Oak Grove Elementary open.	3/8/2026 6:00 PM
276	There are things that DCSD has done well, mainly with programs such as the magnet program and early elementary/inclusion programs like that at Coralwood. These are the types of programs that should be expanded, not discontinued, and the SAP should take that into consideration when looking at the use of programs in the county. I know I am not including every program that is available in my examples, I am including the ones that have impacted our family directly.	3/8/2026 5:56 PM
277	Please do not shut down Oak Grove School. I understand that everyone has emotional ties to their own school and that this decision would be difficult for anyone. I would urge you to look at data (accurate) and facts. I would also suggest stopping any initiatives started by a corrupt leader and move towards a fresh start. I heard some of that philosophy in the meetings I attended and it was encouraging. And, I have no faith or trust in the school board. Stopping this planned chaos would be an opportunity to show that there is a willingness to be flexible and thoughtful for the students. Y'all are not overseeing tire factories. You are responsible for creating a context that provides the best opportunities for our children to learn. Mega schools, while highly profitable for the builders and businesses involved, deprives children of well known needs based on outcome data in the field of education. Please be wise. Please be thoughtful.	3/8/2026 5:54 PM
278	I have noticed that there are lots of young families moving into this neighborhood. I believe they would benefit from a great public school like Oak Grove.	3/8/2026 5:51 PM
279	Given the situation at APES, if feasible, consideration should be given to reducing the quantity of grade levels contained within the school to allow the current enrollment to shrink to a level to where the school's current facilities could adequately accommodate the students. I do not know all of the details, but I know that, currently, some upper grades (possibly 3rd, 4th and 5th) feed some students into Kittredge Magnet school. I'm not sure how that school functions, but having this school, dedicated to higher achieving students, while ideal, may not be of the greatest benefit to the families currently attending APES. It may make more sense to have all upper level elementary grades moved to a new/different school.	3/8/2026 5:51 PM
280	1) One of the main premises for SAP that has consistently been mentioned is the declining enrollment and projected decline in trends. We have not heard anything about the reasons for declining enrollment (even though population in Dekalb County is increasing) and any strategies to increase enrollment. 2. As mentioned previously, I think parents would like to hear about the programs. Specificially, I am interested in the Gifted and magnet schools and how they will be affected (or unaffected) in the next round.	3/8/2026 5:44 PM
281	Ashford Park needs to be fully rebuilt. In the meantime, the entire student population could be temporarily shifted to John Lewis ES, while remaining Chamblee Cluster. If AP students were to permanently move to JLES, then JLES must also be rezoned to Chamblee cluster. It does not make any sense to fully dismember and disassemble a high-functioning school community. If DCSD is truly concerned about equity, the district needs to focus more on programs and how to bring high-quality teaching and support to other schools before dismantling a school that thrives despite willful inattention from the district. If the district wants to put students first, then they need to look at student performance metrics (in various forms) and do what fits the	3/8/2026 5:39 PM

	students with least amount of student (and family) disruption and give them a building that fits the students….not the other way around. Put the students first!	
282	Oak Grove is a part of our neighborhood. We walk to get there. We walk home after school. It's one of the primary reasons we chose to live where we do. If we get rezoned to a repurposed middle school or overcrowded elementary school - we'll leave the district or find a private option. We want public ed to work. Our experience with OGE has been even better than we expected.	3/8/2026 5:36 PM
283	Listen to this input, reevaluate the numbers, make it make sense. Oak Grove already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected). OGE has four consecutive years of enrollment growth. OGE Ranks in the top tier academically. Plus it would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake to make this scenario work. Remove Oak Grove Elementary from the closure list.	3/8/2026 5:30 PM
284	We must think about unintended consequences as we pursue these changes. Let's not harm institutions that are performing well and where scholars are thriving (Dekalb School of the Arts) for short term solutions. The microclimates that students experience every day should be taken into account. Students should also get a voice in these decisions. It would be inappropriate and unwise for us to not involve all stakeholders in the decisions we make and to give proper weight to the students' voices since they will be most impacted.	3/8/2026 5:21 PM
285	The SAP program’s alignment with the traditional PK–5 / 6–8 / 9–12 grade structure is developmentally appropriate and promotes equity. This framework corresponds to recognized stages of childhood, early adolescence, and late adolescence, minimizing social-emotional and academic challenges that can arise from mixing students across very broad age ranges.	3/8/2026 5:20 PM
286	information about closing was not provided to the community if it had not been for a mother of 2 children given flyers	3/8/2026 5:20 PM
287	Please keep Brookhaven Fields in the same cluster as Ashford Park and Drew Valley. We invested a lot to move to this community and raise our family here. It is scary to think it could get broken apart.	3/8/2026 5:19 PM
288	grade bands work only if community within the school is established where interaction between the grades is deemed important to form a community. Students helping students	3/8/2026 5:17 PM
289	Again, I think it is too great a loss for elementary children to loose their neighborhood schools.	3/8/2026 5:13 PM
290	Make sure that current data is being used to make decisions. Get out to the schools, meet with parents , teachers, school administrators. Have the mind set of modeling top performers.	3/8/2026 5:12 PM
291	Again, you will be more successful if you promise to keep the existing clusters and attendance lines together but work to consolidate some facilities within the clusters.	3/8/2026 5:10 PM
292	The SAP project is a welcomed development that will reposition the schools greater impacts on the students	3/8/2026 5:10 PM
293	Redrawing the boundaries will inevitably split the children into different schools. It will disrupt the development of our children and cause dissension within communities. Additionally, there will be negative impact on some property values. Unless you'd like some lawsuits on your hands I'd suggest you dismiss all of this nonsense.	3/8/2026 4:57 PM
294	Kingsley has such a strong community and have worked hard to fight against unfair judgements. The school has amazing teachers, most all of them know all the students. It has helped make this transition to elementary school so easily. I worry about these larger schools for my future kindergartner.	3/8/2026 4:56 PM
295	The age groups need to remain separate, due to current social media norms, and age-based changes of today's society.	3/8/2026 4:56 PM
296	Please don’t close high performing schools or magnet programs and instead expand upon them to benefit more students	3/8/2026 4:55 PM
297	DCSD is currently suffering from a lack of community trust. This whole initiative was started under the leadership of a superintendent currently under indictment for fraud. Keeping the community together including already existing APES neighborhoods including Brookhaven, Fields and drew Valley. Keeping things consistent in what’s actually working in this district: APES is the top performing ES in DCSD and should be protected to keep teachers, staff,	3/8/2026 4:54 PM

	students, and family members in the same community that has proven time and time again that when the county fails to equip a school or community with resources and appropriate facilities, the community will support their school and ensure it has what it needs to succeed. DCSD risks losing these families and educators by messaging out a half baked plan that affects them directly. They will leave the district.	
298	It's going to take raising the median income of the neighborhoods, and making the neighborhoods more attractive to more families moving in, that can invest time and resources into the schools. So hopefully a slower approach can be rolled out to give things time to improve.	3/8/2026 4:53 PM
299	Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake	3/8/2026 4:53 PM
300	We pay hefty taxes to live in Ashford Park and specifically moved to this community to be able to walk to our elementary school. This will negatively affect our home value and encourage us to move away from Dekalb County. We are a medium to high tax bracket and good contributors to our community. Additionally there are massive data centers being developed in Dekalb County that are paying massive permitting and impact fees that should be going towards improving our schools not shutting them down.	3/8/2026 4:42 PM
301	Do not close evansdale elementary	3/8/2026 4:39 PM
302	You have put yourself in a pickle with a building's first proposal by an underqualified vendor with financial incentive to close schools that would create new expansion schools and spent most of their sessions arguing with parents. You have broken the public's trust. I would not release new scenarios until you can correct the data, as you will not gain what you lost back.	3/8/2026 4:37 PM
303	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment	3/8/2026 4:35 PM
304	Oak Grove has a high utilization, 89%expected to grow to 96%. It is also very highly ranked academically.	3/8/2026 4:34 PM
305	I know that Dekalb is receiving/about to receive substantial revenue from the Data Centers being built in the county. I work for one of the General Contractors who is leading construction for several Data Centers in the area. Take these funds and improve the school system, the schools, and improve the lives of the teachers. This is an opportunity to take a giant leap forward, not a step backwards.	3/8/2026 4:33 PM
306	Questions and investigations needs to be made as to why, the root cause of low enrollment. Has population in the country decreased or less children, or are parents/guardians making choices to send children elsewhere. School ratings/grades are not great among most of Dekalb county. 90% off schools across all bands would be an extremely difficult decision for me to send my child vs private school or homeschool	3/8/2026 4:28 PM
307	Oak Grove is the best	3/8/2026 4:25 PM
308	Oak Grove Elementary is the greatest school in the nation	3/8/2026 4:25 PM
309	Oak Grove Elementary is a model for a tight-knit school community, with parents of different income levels committing to public education for their children's through high school. Breaking	3/8/2026 4:25 PM

	up this school community may lead to lower levels of trust and involvement with DeKalb schools.	
310	Oak grove elementary is the best school that has ever existed.	3/8/2026 4:24 PM
311	Families want safe, neighborhood schools! Giant mergers don't feel like a sense of community	3/8/2026 4:24 PM
312	The list seems arbitrary to begin with, but that said, Oak Grove and Vanderlyn stand out as soar thumbs. If anything, both of these schools should be among the (if not literally the) *last* to be on a list of potential closures. And the powers that be are for sure hearing about it (but will they listen?).	3/8/2026 4:23 PM
313	I think it's important to maintain something that's actually working in this district: APES is the top performing ES in DCSD and should be protected to keep teachers, staff, students, and family members in the same community that has proven time and time again that when the county fails to equip a school or community with resources and appropriate facilities, the community will support their school and ensure it has what it needs to succeed. DCSD risks losing these families and educators by messaging out a half baked plan that affects them directly. They will leave the district.	3/8/2026 4:22 PM
314	Oak Grove already exceeds the 88% utilization target. It has had 4 consecutive years of enrollment growth, and ranks in the top tier academically. If the goal is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize school operating well below 70% utilization.	3/8/2026 4:21 PM
315	Ashford Park Elementary is a thriving community school that supports strong academics, engaged families, and long-term student success. Preserving the integrity of this school community by keeping the students and teachers together would serve the best interests of both students, teaching staff and the surrounding neighborhood.	3/8/2026 4:16 PM
316	It is just as important to keep our schools open in South Dekalb as it is in North Dekalb. Decisions such as this should certainly be heavily influenced by what the parents think	3/8/2026 4:14 PM
317	Why not relocate some of the students from the north to the south to make sure that the facilities are balanced. Change the boundaries just like it was done before to avoid over crowding not only in the north but also in the south. We need ALL students in DeKalb County to be provided with the best education possible. We need equality and quality education for our students, our teachers, administrators, staff and community in the entire DeKalb County School District.	3/8/2026 4:13 PM
318	Todos están muy buenos,porque maestros y alumnos asen su mejor esfuerzo para enseñar bien y aprender mejor	3/8/2026 4:12 PM
319	We are planning for our 3 girls to switch to Austin in the near future. It's important to me to try to keep teacher to student ratios low. I'd like to see two teachers in kindergarten classes. I went to Oak Grove as a kid and can't imagine closing that school. It's such a special community and so many families buy homes there solely because of Oak Grove.	3/8/2026 4:08 PM
320	I honestly don't agree with - or trust - this process continuing under an interim superintendent and knowing it was started under a superintendent indicted on federal charges of misconduct. The board should pause this process until the new superintendent is confirmed and THEY should then lead this process.	3/8/2026 4:07 PM
321	Family support of this school is significant and shows that it will continue you to be an attraction to young families	3/8/2026 4:06 PM
322	None at the moment	3/8/2026 4:06 PM
323	why not return to a K-6 model like in previous years to fill the elementary schools and decrease the need for trailers in middle/high school?	3/8/2026 4:02 PM
324	Closing both evansdale and Henderson mill is a very short sighted idea that will not work	3/8/2026 4:02 PM
325	Keep Brockett Elementary Open	3/8/2026 3:56 PM
326	I understand that these are just first steps. I understand that options need to be explored. However, to move forward with actually making decisions without having a BOE in place that demonstrates integrity and taken time to build trust is just perpetuating the circus.	3/8/2026 3:56 PM
327	I disagree with the proposed grade band and closing schools in our area will have a negative impact on our property values and is a disservice to our children.	3/8/2026 3:53 PM

328	I think elementary schools should not be closed. Close or consolidate middle and high schools. I think younger children will do better in smaller classroom with more teachers. As children mature then increase the class sizes.	3/8/2026 3:52 PM
329	It's absurd to make building decisions without talking about boundaries and programs. This whole process became a joke.	3/8/2026 3:52 PM
330	I think DCSD should focus more on the curriculum and resources for students and teachers. There is no reason we should be behind the state of Tennessee with providing an education for our students. Over the summer teachers need a revamping summit to address new strategies as well as dealing with students with disabilities.	3/8/2026 3:51 PM
331	Please do not shut down Oak Grove. This school is a cornerstone in my neighborhood. My kids have loved it. Also if the idea of growth is to move them to other elementary schools in this area, the roads are already so congested, the additional school traffic will send people over the edge and be so dangerous for the little ones.	3/8/2026 3:49 PM
332	You need to focus on the impacts to the schools that are expanding, and the disruption that such an expansion will cause to current students of the assigned facility, as well as to the individuals that live and work near the schools.	3/8/2026 3:31 PM
333	Again, I am completely against the discussion of closing so many schools. Bigger is not better. It's just bigger. My child is the product of a successful French immersion program that has helped shape her educational trajectory and is thriving. I think it would be a shame for others not to be able to experience dli programs as such.	3/8/2026 3:31 PM
334	N/A	3/8/2026 3:29 PM
335	4 day school weeks. I know it doesn't help with the problem of missing 20,000 seats but it might bring families and educators to DeKalb Co.	3/8/2026 3:28 PM
336	Our Ashford Park community has spent years pouring its heart and soul into making Ashford Park more than just a school; it is a vibrant, high-achieving family that has proven its worth through exceptional test scores and prestigious awards. We have worked incredibly hard to build this foundation of excellence, and we deserve to be seen as a role model to be invested in and expanded—not a line item to be cut. This isn't about administrative convenience or cutting costs; it’s about the children and the deep-rooted bonds that make our neighborhood thrive. Even if it means relocating to a nearby building within the Chamblee cluster to gain the space we need, our priority is staying together. We plead with you to protect our beloved community and choose growth over closure, ensuring that the excellence we’ve built continues to flourish for generations to come. Thank you!	3/8/2026 3:28 PM
337	Close the Ashford Park facility as a neighborhood school, shift the Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone to the current John Lewis Elementary facility, and preserve Chamblee cluster alignment.	3/8/2026 3:19 PM
338	I think you are doing the children a disservice to band schools together	3/8/2026 3:17 PM
339	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove’s projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/8/2026 3:15 PM
340	Before you focus on schools, you can save half a billion dollars by cutting the non teaching headcount in half.	3/8/2026 3:14 PM

341	We feel like the decision has already been made & these surveys are used to only appease the community. Millions of dollars have been spent to hire outside companies when that money could have been put into the schools to make the schools better. It feels like we can't trust Dekalb	3/8/2026 3:13 PM
342	Regarding the clusters I feel like it should be based of the parents preference but also the options should not be far away.	3/8/2026 3:06 PM
343	This entire process should be paused and reassessed once Dekalb County Schools has earned the trust of it's constituents and there's stable leadership in place. Also, my daughters are in the Ashford Park German Immersion program, and it has been a wonderful experience. Our expectation is to continue this experience while our daughters are attending Dekalb County Schools.	3/8/2026 3:04 PM
344	How will the SAP changes affect DCSD employees?	3/8/2026 3:02 PM
345	n/a	3/8/2026 3:00 PM
346	As the district develops the next round of scenarios, I encourage decision-makers to carefully consider both the data and the lived experiences of students and families in schools like Oak Grove Elementary within the Lakeside cluster. My daughter is currently a first-grade student at Oak Grove. When she first enrolled, the transition to a larger school environment was challenging for her. However, the leadership, teachers, and support systems at Oak Grove helped her find her footing quickly. Over the course of this year, she has grown tremendously both academically and socially. Her MAP scores have increased significantly, and she was recently recognized as Student of the Month. Experiences like this highlight the strength of Oak Grove's school culture and instructional environment. As someone who works professionally in public education, I fully understand the importance of evaluating enrollment trends, facility utilization, and long-term financial sustainability. Those are responsible practices for any school district. However, it is equally important to recognize when a school community is functioning exceptionally well. Schools like Oak Grove represent successful models of neighborhood-based education with strong leadership, engaged families, and measurable student outcomes. For the next round of scenarios, I would encourage the district to: • Ensure enrollment projections and utilization data are carefully validated at the cluster level before major structural decisions are made. • Prioritize maintaining successful neighborhood schools in communities with stable enrollment and strong performance. • Consider targeted solutions for areas experiencing sustained underutilization rather than applying uniform structural changes across the district. • Study and replicate the conditions that contribute to the success of high-performing schools like Oak Grove in other parts of the county. Thoughtful, data-driven planning that preserves strong school communities while addressing district-wide challenges will ultimately produce the best outcomes for students across DeKalb County.	3/8/2026 2:57 PM
347	Neighborhood parents, teachers, and community members support the school and provide volunteers for the French Immersion Program. Evansdale is a successful and diverse school that continues yea to serve the needs of the community.	3/8/2026 2:50 PM
348	less grades per school the more focus on the student. Dont mess it up!	3/8/2026 2:47 PM
349	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/8/2026 2:46 PM

350	Significantly more focus needs to be placed on the impacts of the proposed changes on the local communities.	3/8/2026 2:46 PM
351	Whatever occurs , Candace Steadman should not be an administrator in the county.	3/8/2026 2:45 PM
352	Our biggest wish is just to keep our community together as we have a very strong community of supportive families and active loving teachers that have been in the school for many years. It feels difficult to give any specific feedback without knowing where our children would be going if our school is closed. We do not want to be moved out of the Chamblee cluster. Most ideal scenario would be not closing an overcrowded well running and high performing school due to size of the lot and instead investing in this community and what we've put into our school by either increasing size of the school or doing a grade band scenario where certain grades go to a different campus. E Rivers had a very small campus and was able to increase school size and redevelop the school to their needs.	3/8/2026 2:45 PM
353	More support for the schools	3/8/2026 2:45 PM
354	Evansdale provides community engagement and support by hosting events and being a French Immersion school. Neighborhood parent, teacher, and community volunteers provide needed resources and personnel for French students. Moving the program would destroy this vital community. French teachers at Evansdale Elementary, Henderson Middle and Lakeside High Schools have put down strong roots in our community. Older students mentor the younger students. It is imperative to keep this program at Evansdale and within the Lakeside cluster to keep the program strong.	3/8/2026 2:44 PM
355	Please do not claim to reach out to the community to get everyone's voice when you cherry-pick questions and reframe them for the public to hear. Please do not put time limits on questions. Yes, your time matters but so does the community's time - and you get paid for it. Let families speak, share, question in the public forum. Please respect the question and answer truthfully.	3/8/2026 2:43 PM
356	Kittredge Magnet js #1 school and should not be eliminated. Rather, we need to see what is happening and see how we can replicate what is happening. Also, given challenges of the diverse areas, ethnicity, ESL students, need to solve for this and help ESL catch-up with English speakers. Montessori is also great to help kids learn materials.	3/8/2026 2:41 PM
357	If my children are not able to attend Oak Grove Elementary, we will certainly be moving out of this school district. I've heard this from many families who are worried about losing their community schools. Please re-think these scenarios, in order to preserve our schools.	3/8/2026 2:40 PM
358	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/8/2026 2:31 PM
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360	Brockett Elementary's location allows students in the immediate area to maintain a sense of	3/8/2026 2:29 PM

	neighborhood/community. Also, structurally the buildings sound and recently had HVAC upgrades. Brockett could also be kept open with enrollment maximized by expanding its zone or by providing Pre-K3 services there.	
361	Please attempt to keep neighborhoods together. Please do not rip kids away from high schools as they are in the middle of high school-they have so much pressure to think about college and friend groups and that seems really difficult as they are wrapping up their primary education. Relationships are strongly formed by this age and it would be really rough and disruptive to move during high school. With elementary school encompassing six grade levels, it makes sense to divide these up into more manageable sizes if changes are going to be made.	3/8/2026 2:27 PM
362	The district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, however oak Grove is currently at 89% capacity with projection to be at 96% for 2026-2027.	3/8/2026 2:24 PM
363	We need to continue to have community discussions involving potential changes to our school district.	3/8/2026 2:22 PM
364	I recognize that the district has framed SAP around enrollment trends and utilization. Any proposal should clearly demonstrate how those metrics are being applied at the cluster level. The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made. Vanderlyn is a diverse, academically strong, and inclusive community. Preserving stable elementary environments while solving high school challenges aligns with district priorities.	3/8/2026 2:20 PM
365	I think more data is necessary before considering eliminating the capacity of Oak Grove that is needed to support our communities investment.	3/8/2026 2:19 PM
366	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/8/2026 2:19 PM
367	I support district growth, but I strongly oppose moving our neighborhood out of the Dunwoody cluster. Peachtree Industrial is a major safety hazard for children and is not a walkable boundary. Our family chose this community because of the Dunwoody schools and the stability of the current feeder pattern. Please find solutions that allow the district to grow while keeping established neighborhoods in their existing clusters.	3/8/2026 2:18 PM
368	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to	3/8/2026 2:17 PM

	avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment. In addition, data on performance of the schools should be an important part of the decision making on which schools to keep open or close. Careful attention to how to support the receiving schools, what resources will be given to continue excellence in student instruction also need to be considered in this plan.	
369	Without data to back up what the long term ripple effect of consolidation will bring, then those who vote to move forward with any consolidation will be responsible for negative results. This means SAP should look at things such as why enrollment is declining, how to increase it, what cultures each school brings and what it would mean to merge one school culture with another. When merging schools, what supports and trainings are provided for the following years to equip all parties involved? How will the district reinvest the saved money back into the particular areas where the schools are closed rather than redistribute equally across the entire district? Bc if you re-distribute equally then you will continue to see the southside enrollment drop and the Northside increase as they are the ones who will keep consolidating resources as the concentration of the schools move further and further north.	3/8/2026 2:16 PM
370	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/8/2026 2:16 PM
371	Close Kingsley and rezone some of the houses to Vanderlyn to make up for the empty seats at Kingsley. Or, leave Kingsley open and rezone high tower	3/8/2026 2:14 PM
372	Closing schools are already near or above utilization targets redistribute students without reducing excess capacity. If the adjective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, we're consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion.	3/8/2026 2:07 PM
373	Concentrate on other areas besides South Dekalb area. Be inclusive.	3/8/2026 2:06 PM
374	Evansdale Elementary: neighborhood parent, teacher and community volunteers provide needed resources for French students. So would like to keep this program intact. French teacher at Evansdale, Henderson Mill middle and Lakeside High schools has strong roots in our community. Older students mentor. It is imperative to keep this program intact at Evansdale and within Lakeside cluster to keep the program strong.	3/8/2026 2:06 PM
375	Neighborhood parent, teacher, and community volunteers provide needed resources and personnel for French students. Moving the program would destroy this vital community. Also, French teacher at Evansdale Elementary, Henderson middle and Lakeside high Schools have put down strong roots in our community . Older students mentor the younger students. It is imperative to keep this program at Evansdale and within the Lakeside cluster to keep the program strong.	3/8/2026 2:00 PM
376	Oak grove elementary is top elementary in Dekalb. It should be used as an example rather than a victim of poor resource utilization	3/8/2026 1:59 PM
377	Please consider offering a well-written and much more thorough proposal next round, otherwise our ability to give feedback is limited.	3/8/2026 1:58 PM
378	Oak grove is highly utilized and highly sought out school and incredibly active within the community. It would be a shame to close it. There is no need. We need to find the money for facilities improvements and work on hiring leaders with the school system that aren't stealing money.	3/8/2026 1:57 PM

379	Evansdale elementary has a unique location and property size that would allow expansion both behind the school and on a second level of the existing facility all while maintaining the two playgrounds and a large soccer field and track all necessary for balanced physical as well as mental development. Many young families have moved into the Evansdale territory with hopes their children could be attending… closing the school would present enormous disruption to the area and its real estate values	3/8/2026 1:57 PM
380	Having smaller grouping of students in the same age group facilitates greater integration because it's important for fellow students to recruit students outside of their friend group in order to have a team or club. Smaller grade level to hearts within a specific school facilitate that.	3/8/2026 1:56 PM
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382	Oak Grove is a high performing and stable school with increasing enrollment. With significant employment and residential growth in the Clifton Corridor, future enrollment demand may increase. Maintaining Oak Grove and preserving current capacity will support long term planning, student choice opportunities, and community stability.	3/8/2026 1:54 PM
383	Having observed friends in other school districts I am in favor of less school transitions (not city of Decatur structures) and at the same time having 12 year olds and 18 year olds at the same school seems very challenging from a behavior management process. If they had to a change I would do preK to 8 and the. 9-12. I feel like the current system serves kids well.	3/8/2026 1:51 PM
384	N/A	3/8/2026 1:42 PM
385	Please do not announce scenarios without full context. This is a very emotionally powered topic, and I do not believe it is being explained or rolled out with enough sensitivity.	3/8/2026 1:38 PM
386	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/8/2026 1:33 PM
387	Please don't close our community school.	3/8/2026 1:30 PM
388	I also think that schools should get responsible bus drivers. My children sometimes don't get picked up or the bus comes late and that takes away learning time. I think schools should continue to focus on students education and I also think that the schools should try to become more like Gwinnett schools. The solution to this is not closing schools.	3/8/2026 1:29 PM

389	Oak grove is an excellent school	3/8/2026 1:27 PM
390	The next round of scenarios must reflect where the schools are overcrowded. It does not make sense to close assets in the area where the schools are already overcrowded. 85% of capacity is acceptable. 115% of capacity is completely unacceptable. Manage the resource allocation toward that asymmetric distribution of acceptability.	3/8/2026 1:25 PM
391	From my experience, there has not been enough consistency in the district making the necessary transitions from one school to another difficult.	3/8/2026 1:22 PM
392	Focus on keeping communities together and in the same clusters they are in today.	3/8/2026 1:19 PM
393	Neighborhood parent, teacher, and community volunteers provided the needed resources and personnel for French students. Moving the program would destroy the vital community. We have French teachers who have put down roots in the community (Lakeside and Evansdale area), and older students often mentor younger students. It is important to keep the program at Evansdale within the Lakeside cluster to keep the program strong.	3/8/2026 1:19 PM
394	Strong consideration should be given to preserving high schools, particularly Lithonia, assuming that the facility is (or can be made to be) suitable for that purpose. To that end, the amount of investment needed to bring the Druid Hills campus up to standards should be critically reconsidered in light of the other changes needed to address the mismatch between capacity and enrollment Districe-wide.	3/8/2026 1:17 PM
395	A emphasis should be made to keep existing clusters and students together. Moving students to a temporary school for a few years while their school is renovated or built, but keeping students within the same cluster would be preferred. Most communities have been built up around the elementary, middle school, and high school path with family, friendships, teammates, and relationships. Moving physical school buildings, or even having the latest and nicest school buildings is a much less important issue compared to keeping communities together.	3/8/2026 1:10 PM
396	Please don’t make thriving schools suffer for other schools with poor enrollment	3/8/2026 1:09 PM
397	Why aren't other scenarios being presented now? Why wait?	3/8/2026 1:09 PM
398	Evansdale’s French language immersion program is a unique offering to the Lakeside cluster and a beloved opportunity for the communities’ children’s and teachers alike. - the French teachers at Evansdale ES, Henderson HS, and lakeside HS have put down strong roots in our community. Older students mentor the younger students. It is imperative to keep this program at Evansdale’s and within the Lakeside cluster to keep the program strong and thriving.	3/8/2026 1:07 PM
399	My feedback is that people, in general, cannot comprehend global vision. Especially parents. And, this will always be tainted with Dr. Sauce’s predecessor’s footprint. But, this is important work, Dr. Sauce has set a precedent from day one, that he is listening, and I pray that people will avoid divisiveness and imagine a future that promotes positive experiences in every area of our county though it may not be exactly what they think they should have.	3/8/2026 1:05 PM
400	The French immersion program is a valuable program that should continue.	3/8/2026 1:05 PM
401	Please avoid small carve outs and keep our communities intact.	3/8/2026 1:00 PM
402	The high achiever magnet program is the most successful program in Dekalb schools. The wait list is long enough to accommodate a second 4-6 Kittredge-like school in the Tucker/Lakeside cluster area, where the population requires a larger amount of advanced placement courses already. Wadsworth accommodates the Druid Hills and southern Dekalb area. As Chamblee school demand increases (mostly due to the magnet program being there in the first place), redistricting may occur, making the magnet program (whose population stays the same) the scapegoat of the community. The high achiever magnet program was made to provide the opportunity for ALL high-achieving students to receive the necessary resources, teachers, and classes to achieve academic excellence. It was NOT founded to cater to a particular neighborhood. It is important for this program to be open for all areas of Dekalb, due to extreme advanced placement class differences in schools. This is why a stand-alone high achiever magnet 7-12 school makes sense. However, it needs to have modern buildings to accommodate this population’s unique needs. A new 7-12 magnet school also needs to be in an area that is easy for parents to send their kids. Looking at the data, there is a large population of kids from Druid Hills, Dunwoody, Chamblee, and Lakeside at Kittredge. Any new magnet program needs to be accessible to these kids. A 7-12 school in south east dekalb	3/8/2026 12:56 PM

	would be a huge burden for these families who presently make up the largest high achiever magnet population. Parents would simply go to other schools if that became the option. It needs to stay in the north or central region in order to be successful.	
403	Want to see consideration of the community as well as your geography basis for planning.	3/8/2026 12:53 PM
404	Please don't close Oak Grove.	3/8/2026 12:49 PM
405	Why close schools that are doing well? Just charge more in taxes and leave our better schools alone. Close the worst performers not the best.	3/8/2026 12:48 PM
406	Please consider what is best for the students and teacher not just what is more convenient for the district.	3/8/2026 12:46 PM
407	Communities are important to schools and schools to communities. Oak Grove is highly supported by the community. Child populations are variable. If there is extra space in a thriving school, accept students from outside the area who wish to attend. But expect that the number of children in any age group will go up and down.	3/8/2026 12:44 PM
408	Why is the sas committee moving from closing 16 Elementary schools to 27? Nearby Elementary schools-sagamore and Briarlake are barely under capacity so where would Oak Grove students go? Although there is a financial benefit to closing schools school quality should also be considered. I have worked in 800 plus Elementary Schools and they do not match the quality of what we have at Oak Geove ES.	3/8/2026 12:43 PM
409	None at this time	3/8/2026 12:37 PM
410	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/8/2026 12:36 PM
411	Please create a larger map with a readable font that you can click on to magnify. Also provide a chart with actual scenarios of where students would be moved.	3/8/2026 12:30 PM
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	has 23% students with disabilities. Families actively seek out OGE for inclusion quality. The school also receives more federal IDEA dollars than Title I schools due to this model. Higher IEP/504 rate funds 2 teachers per classroom for those students. Spreading students across larger schools would be a disservice to all. OGE should be replicated, not dismantled.	
413	My main concern is that this is too big a change all at once. For a district as large and with as much SES and other diversity as DeKalb it would be better to start with a small test region and see if the changes improve student outcomes before rolling out massive changes district wide.	3/8/2026 12:24 PM
414	Evansdale has several parking lots, two playgrounds, and a large field that could be used or converted for other things. Evansdale's enrollment is projected to increase over 600 students by 2030. Evansdale can accomodate increased traffic. It is situated inside a neighborhood and not on a main road like the neighboring schools so it's safer.	3/8/2026 12:13 PM
415	Evansdale is an important part of the Lakeside cluster and fosters an important community and cluster relationship through its French DLI program. French teachers, students, and parents at Evansdale, Henderson Mill and Lakeside High collaborate with each other to foster love of the language and mastery of the French language. Lakeside High School French students often tutor the younger elementary French DLI students. The French DLI program is an important part of Henderson Middle with successful academic results seen from kindergarten through twelfth.	3/8/2026 12:00 PM
416	No consolidation should be allowed under any circumstances	3/8/2026 11:57 AM
417	I again just hope that demographics are considered when combining territories of schools. I also hope that appropriate resources are allocated to mitigate any potential negative outcomes from the combining of territories.	3/8/2026 11:57 AM
418	I would like to see scenarios with half or fewer school closures over a longer period of time. I understand Dekalb county has fallen behind on consolidation but the school system does not get to play catchup at the expense of the students and their communities.	3/8/2026 11:53 AM
419	Please take the time to better explain the why of the proposed changes. Specifically cite why schools need to be the particular size, how much money in actual dollars is being wasted each year on these excess facilities, what the fiscal and school house realities would be if these changes aren't made (higher taxes, lower teacher pay, lower services, etc). This would go a long way in selling the changes to the stakeholders and has not properly been communicated so far. DCSD has a long history of starting these structural change projects and not completing them because they are too hard (Dunwoody cluster redistricting in 2000, Cross Keys expansion/replacement for the last 20 years, Druid Hills debacle, 2015 North Dekalb high school expansion plans, etc). DCSD leadership needs to step up, make the hard choices that benefit the district as a whole and execute the plan no matter the complaints of a vocal minority. Without this all of DCSD will be dealing with the fallout for decades.	3/8/2026 11:51 AM
420	I am in strong favor of consolidating in order to free up funds to reduce classs sizes. A teacher has a fixed amount of time and mental energy in a day. When there are 30 students, that attention gets stretched thin. When there are 15, it does not just feel different. It functions differently. Fewer students means more feedback. Better connections. More individualized instruction. More time for each child. More learning. Class size matters.	3/8/2026 11:44 AM
421	Perhaps if the schools are not over capacity anymore, then trailers for classrooms would not be needed? This would be a welcome improvement and return to “normal” school building environment.	3/8/2026 11:37 AM
422	These school closures should have been implemented for the last decade or more but now the system is scrambling to catch up to a problem that has been put off by many leaders over the years. We must maintain good safe facilities with excellent outcomes to do whatever we can do protect public schooling.	3/8/2026 11:35 AM
423	Please keep in mind the attachments these schools bring to the long standing neighborhoods that are in.	3/8/2026 11:34 AM
424	I have seen first hand the declining youth population in Southern Dekalb. I can understand the need to make adjustments. I am only concerned about equity among the schools. Even though our population is declining here, we should have the same access and quality of services in South Dekalb.	3/8/2026 11:30 AM
425	This constant redistricting is exhausting. Please come up with a different way to manage the	3/8/2026 11:30 AM

	school district.	
426	Please make the fiscally responsible choice.	3/8/2026 11:28 AM
427	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/8/2026 11:28 AM
428	If students are traveling further distances already I can see the bands being more effective.	3/8/2026 11:26 AM
429	Additional information needs to be made to the community to have a better understanding of the picture as a whole and how it would impact each family individually. Additionally, I know this isn't mentioned in this phase but I urge the district to maintain the centralized High Achievers Magnet program as single-site facilities. It is a proven model that protects the specific needs of advanced learners and ensures DeKalb remains a competitive choice for academically gifted families. In a local school setting, these students are often socially isolated; in a Magnet setting, they find a sense of belonging that is essential for their mental health and academic confidence. High Achievers Magnet schools act as a center of excellence, housing a high concentration of teachers specifically trained and endorsed in gifted education. Spreading this expertise across multiple campuses would weaken the program's impact and make it nearly impossible to maintain the same standard of specialized instruction and advanced resource allocation. I also think it is imperative to remember the building these schools are housed in. If you are saying that Phase I is just about Buildings, please include those facilities in your recommendations.	3/8/2026 11:23 AM
430	Sending our kids through DCSD had always been a little tenuous for us given the use of laptops at such an early age and overall rankings compared to east Cobb schools. The quality of our elementary school was going to be the test for us, but if we lose that, we'll have no choice but to leave Dekalb county.	3/8/2026 11:21 AM
431	This is crazy! Just crazy!	3/8/2026 11:20 AM
432	I think this could work, but you will need to be very careful with this and make sure all grade levels stay on their designated hallways unless they have an upper level class. Also, all electives should be centrally located in the building so it wants to be too much interactions with upper class students. I would love to be a part of this discussion. My email is klcobb4@gmail.com.	3/8/2026 11:16 AM
433	Oak grove already exceeds utilization target. Has four years of enrollment growth and ranks top tier academically.	3/8/2026 11:09 AM
434	While a PK-3 and 4-5 split is conceptually ideal, it poses practical challenges for parents with multiple children attending different schools. To address this, schools within the same cluster must maintain an organic, close-knit relationship, such as co-hosting events. This new paradigm requires high connectivity between schools. Furthermore, there should be flexibility in teacher transfers, with the central district—rather than individual principals—assigning staff based on their commute distances. Periodically rotating teachers, principals and vice-principals could also strengthen this inter-school synergy. Lastly, we must consider that a PK-3/4-5 split may not fully resolve the financial issues intended to be addressed through consolidation.	3/8/2026 11:08 AM
435	N/A	3/8/2026 11:04 AM
436	What would the school hours look like for all the new changes? How do the changes affect the families' routines?	3/8/2026 10:57 AM

437	As future proposals are considered, it will be important to carefully evaluate how consolidation and larger school sizes could affect elementary students. Very large elementary schools may present challenges related to supervision, transportation, and maintaining strong relationships among students, families, and school staff. Smaller or neighborhood-based elementary schools often allow teachers and administrators to better know their students and provide more individualized support. In addition, maintaining strong parent engagement will be important, as family involvement plays a key role in supporting student success. Balancing efficient use of facilities with the developmental needs of younger learners will be an important consideration as decisions move forward.	3/8/2026 10:55 AM
438	The county needs to take a hard look at administration costs and remember two things 1. There job is to educate our kids. Nothing more. 2. The citizens pay for the system and the output recently has been subpar. We need to have three types of high schools 1 College bound 2 Those destined for vocational work such as plumbing and electrical. 3 The students who need a place to be off of the streets. Literally glorified baby sitting. These students are detrimental to the first two groups of students I noted.	3/8/2026 10:54 AM
439	New charts should individually enumerate EACH school, its capacity, its current enrollment, any attendance trends unique to it, and its condition. This data might better explain especially the logic for closing so many elementary schools and how a few were selected for enhancements.	3/8/2026 10:39 AM
440	I support the Brookhaven community’s strong support of the public school system now and for many, many years to come therefore, I support the following position… keeping our trajectory in the Chamblee MS and HS cluster, and the pathway of closing the Ashford Park Elementary School facility as a neighborhood school, and shifting the Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone to the current John Lewis Elementary facility, and preserve our (current attendance zone) Chamblee Cluster.	3/8/2026 10:35 AM
441	Please consider spending more time to understand WHY enrollment is falling before making major changes. My kids go to a large elementary school, and we love it. I am not against larger schools, but I am not convinced the district is fully understanding the issues that created falling enrollment. I'm also not convinced that the district office is trustworthy when it comes to making any decisions when it comes to funding, increasing efficiencies, or long-range planning.	3/8/2026 10:23 AM
442	It is very hard to be extremely definitive on feedback without the bigger picture. What happens to my kids if the school closes? Where do we go? I understand that is hard to say until we have a firmer lay of the land but leaves people very nervous about what comes next.	3/8/2026 10:19 AM
443	Allow Evansdale to remain open to keep the community strong, this area a desirable place to live, and keep children safe and at the top of the budget priority list.	3/8/2026 10:17 AM
444	Strong neighborhood schools help attract and retain families, support stable property values, and contribute to the district’s tax base. Disrupting a school that is nearly full and academically successful could have ripple effects that extend beyond the building itself and may unintentionally accelerate enrollment decline rather than solve it.	3/8/2026 10:12 AM
445	We are happy with Oak Grove. We would love a better middle school option that was not quite so large.	3/8/2026 10:11 AM
446	You CANNOT divorce the HOW from the WHAT when these decisions are being made by SAP (and disseminated). SAP is deciding to close some of the highest performing schools in the district (Vanderlyn). It is one of the top schools in the district because of the administration, teaching staff, and community support. If no plan is implemented for those staff members around transitioning to other equal/better roles (and importantly the WHY), then staff members who made Vanderlyn the high-performance school that it is will simply leave the district. Without clear plans in place for staff members at Vanderlyn, Kingsley, Ashford Park (for example), the district WILL be losing some of its best teaching/administrative talent to private or neighboring school districts. Furthermore, it seems that Dr Sauce is not putting any weight or stamp behind these SAP decisions being made. The superintendent must be able to get behind the decisions behind the SAP. When a company lays off employees, the WHY, EMPATHY, and CONVEYANCE of this information comes from the company president. These decisions carry equal weight, so they should be owned, blessed, and understood by the district's leadership (Specifically Dr. Sauce).	3/8/2026 10:07 AM
447	Keep LRES open.	3/8/2026 10:04 AM

448	Keep the elementary schools walkable. Pushing people out of their neighborhoods only furthers the nightmare of traffic we already deal with. Neighborhoods and community support is vital to education. As soon as you push these schools out and create mega schools, the community and parental involvement and support will drop, overloading admin and teachers even more, and creating more disconnect between community and kids.	3/8/2026 10:01 AM
449	Oak Grove elementary does not have excess capacity there's over 200 students on the waitlist, including more than 100 kindergartners. Oak Grove is not under utilized.	3/8/2026 9:55 AM
450	DCDS is becoming a source of stress to taxpaying families. Hence the exodus to private schools in the past decade. This is a mess. DCDS wants to close 30 schools? To even bring the idea out for proposal signals how poorly run DCDS is. This is some office within the bloated administration trying to justify its existence. Sad that it is being done at the cost of taxpayer schools	3/8/2026 9:55 AM
451	The Ashford park scenario impacts my family and community directly. I think there are a number of scenarios that help keep one of the top performing schools in the district open and keep the community together. If the building needs to close, the attendees and staff could move to JLES, and JLES shifted into the the chamblee HS cluster. The main reason for this is to keep the strong community involvement together which helps the children and staff. Most importantly students from a top performing school are not moved into a low performing school and continue to receive a high quality education.	3/8/2026 9:54 AM
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453	Use our tax dollars for the kids and their actual education and not to pay higher ups salaries and bonuses. Thanks	3/8/2026 9:43 AM
454	Need to consider programs while considering buildings. Moving gifted or language immersion to lower performing schools. Closing/consolidating makes sense for south Dekalb, it does not make sense for Chamblee cluster. Please consider the impact of teachers with school closures being announced- how to keep strong teachers and admin at schools that are closing?	3/8/2026 9:42 AM
455	My children went through Oak Grove Elementary, Henderson middle school, and then Lakeside High School. Oak Grove Elementary was the best experience. HMS the worst, and Lakeside generally good (because it offers advanced classes). Instead of closing Oak Grove Elementary maybe you could consider expanding it to include sixth grade or even seventh and eighth grades. It is a fantastic school and I wish my children could've stayed there longer rather than going to Henderson middle school.	3/8/2026 9:41 AM
456	Our child has attended OGE since pre-K and is thriving—thanks to exceptional teachers and strong parent involvement. Closing OGE will damage the community and student outcomes. Please reconsider and explore alternatives that preserve OGE.	3/8/2026 9:40 AM
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459	Our elementary zone is tight-knit, and parents from within our cluster almost exclusively would like children living within the Ashford Park zone to stay together instead of being split up. We would also like to stay within the Chamblee cluster.	3/8/2026 8:48 AM
460	Our area is building new homes because of the reputation of Oak Grove E and the development in the area. The sales of homes are always linked to OGE, Henderson and Lakeside as a criteria. Oak Grove Elementary's academic performance, test scores and teacher retention have not been included in the closure criteria.	3/8/2026 8:47 AM
461	We need to see the boundaries before we can provide useful feedback. It doesn't help anything if I don't know where my kids will be in the next couple years. The lines and boundaries need to be shared soon.	3/8/2026 8:45 AM
462	Larger schools mean larger classes, I feel it would be less effective for the students	3/8/2026 8:39 AM
463	Please consider the well being of our children and their social/emotional growth. Tucker is a strong community with a strong desire to strengthen our neighborhoods and the schools that they feed. Duscussions with families throughout the cluster as are that we want our cluster to remain in tact.	3/8/2026 8:37 AM
464	The combined Vanderlyn and Dunwoody High School campus presents an opportunity to explore thoughtful, phased solutions that address secondary capacity while preserving elementary access.	3/8/2026 8:30 AM
465	What are plans to mitigate risks of closing too many schools and over enrolling at schools. If plans include reopening schools, what are the plans around that including hiring and securing resources?	3/8/2026 8:29 AM
466	I am incredibly disappointed that SAP and HPM's first scenario drifted so far away from what they told the community it would be. They said that there would be a BUILDINGS ONLY scenario, but this first scenario released 1) did not include all buildings, and 2) told the community without other context WHAT those buildings would be used for (i.e., middle school to high school). This type of bait and switch is what makes the community not trust you and gives the impression that some decisions have already been made without community input. If you're going to release a buildings scenario, it should have included ALL buildings (where are Kitteredge, DSA, etc???) and it should NOT have included WHAT purpose those buildings will be used for (middle school, high school, etc). People are rightfully mad because you're giving them half of a redistricting plan and because HPM is not following the plan laid out from the beginning. They're also mad because the SAP Q&A page keeps changing and even the most	3/8/2026 8:28 AM

	involved and informed community members can't keep up. For example, the first SAP Q&A page initially said that building capacity was calculated using all current mobile classrooms and now it says that the future model assumes no mobile classrooms. Which is it? Why the switch? The HPM scenario said that there would be no expansion at Dunwoody High school but there has also been some insinuation that Vanderlyn could be used for some DHS expansion. Which is it? It makes sense that decisions will change as the process goes on, but you need to own when decisions or assumptions change and be transparent about why and SAP isn't doing that. Communities can't be expected to go through the Q&A page regularly just to see when SAP changes its mind on things. Add a section that clearly explains what you've changed through the process and WHY so that parents aren't gaslit in community meetings when they quote the SAP Q&A page from a month ago. I understand the need for changes to the district, but I am very troubled that there does not seem to be enough data to support the decisions being made, or the data is not easily accessible to the public. I don't want soundbites; I want to be able to review HPM's full dataset and bring it to the district's attention if I find errors in assumptions, and I can't even find it. I want to see the process by which the district double checked enrollment numbers and future projections used by HPM. I want to see that there was another layer of reliable review and decision-making used to ensure that if we are making decisions this big, they are based on correct data and assumptions. This is a big decision that impacts communities all over a huge geographical area. It needs to be done right. That means that it needs to be data-driven and not emotional. Redistricting should be done in a way that makes sense geographically, not based on keeping 2026 schools together now. Ten years from now, families moving into the area shouldn't have to deal with a gerrymandered school map that doesn't make any sense geographically simply because some parents whose children are by then long through their educations, yelled the loudest at community meetings back in 2026. If you want to placate current families and make a transition easier, what you need is a change to the district policy to temporarily allow more school choice to affected families, not a permanently gerrymandered district map that doesn't make the most geographical sense. While community input is important, the district ultimately needs to be making data-driven decisions for decisions this big. Finally, it is unacceptable that Dr. Sauce as interim superintendent isn't taking a bigger role in guiding this process. SAP has no leader, and decisions this important need to be made with leadership's full oversight. He cannot and should not be hands-off. He should be personally reviewing and approving every single scenario BEFORE it is released to the public, and if he doesn't think that he can get fully behind a scenario for any reason, then he needs to tell HPM to go back to the drawing board until there is a scenario he can fully support. Nothing should be released for public comment until Dr. Sauce has personally reviewed it, fully vetted and checked its data assumptions, ensured that it meets SAP's guiding principles as explained to him, ensured that it meets the district's needs, and ensured the feasibility of the plan. That's leadership, and it's incredibly lacking at the moment.	
467	Please do not break up our community. Brookhaven is a tight-knit community, and I can't imagine having our city broken up and going to two different middle and high schools. Quite honestly, I also can't imagine what it would be like without Ashford Park Elementary School at the heart of the community. Ashford Park Elementary and the rest of the Chamblee cluster are the reason we moved to the area back in 2005.	3/8/2026 8:25 AM
468	Please evaluate WHY dekalb county has decreasing enrollment. Are the number of children decreasing, or are parents choosing private schools? If so, why? What can dekalb county do to improve their programming and better compete?	3/8/2026 8:22 AM
469	You say that you need to consolidate schools because there are fewer enrollments than current capacity and you want to maintain enrichment programs (such as robotics, sports, debate, etc). But the truth is, enrollment is declining because people don't have confidence that Dekalb Schools will give their students a quality education. They are moving out of the Perimeter for better public schools or paying for private school or choosing charter schools. Note that the Dekalb elementary schools that are expected to decline in enrollment over the next 5 years (Toney, McNair Discovery, Columbia, Flat Shoals) all have low scores at GreatSchools.org (scores of 4 or 5 out of 10). Parents read these reviews when deciding where to live. In contrast, Evansdale has a GreatSchools score of 8 out of 10 and it's enrollment is expected to rise over the next 5 years. So, if you are wanting to attract enrollment, your strategy should be to increase the quality of the schools by attracting effective teachers and firing ineffective ones.	3/8/2026 8:20 AM
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471	The changes proposed are not well thought through and some of these changes are drastic to some families	3/8/2026 8:06 AM
472	My main issue with the listed plan is the lack of commitment to the Magnet programs. The Kittredge Magnet program is the number one elementary program in the state and it seems that DCSD is committed to ruining it. By not committing to continue the school as a separate Magnet school (or expanding it to a 4-8 school), you are creating uncertainty among the population which has led to many qualifying families not applying and to existing families to consider other options. I currently have two students in the KMS-->Chamblee Magnet program and we are applying to private schools for next year because there have been no guarantees that we will be able to continue in the Magnet school in the future. We have to make a decision now and don't have time to wait for DCSD to tell us next year or the year after that the entire program is going away, or being shifted to each "home school" or moved to the south part of the county where a commute would be prohbitive for us. Continued incompetence and extremely wasteful spending is why so many excellent students have decided to leave DCSD over the last 20 years. If you spent half the money that is wasted on district level administration on schools/students/teachers, the entire district would attract and retain many more students. STOP WASTEFUL DISTRICT LEVEL ADMINISTRATIVE SPENDING!	3/8/2026 7:49 AM
473	Dr. Sauce is coming out swinging. Any development project needs community support for zoning before it has a pulse. I do not believe the County will get community support for a variety of reasons. DOA.	3/8/2026 7:42 AM
474	We're very concerned about high school spaces and quality on the north end of the county (Dunwoody and Chamblee high schools). If the magnet program does not feed into Chamblee, we will go to private schools. Further, Kittredge is the most amazing program in all of DCSD. I would prioritize getting that one right ahead of all else in the county. Currently with no mention in the SAP plans, parents worry it is either an afterthought or major changes are coming and the program is being dismantled and put into other schools which would be a true shame. Give Kittredge space for 4-8 and let them them continue their amazing success for Dekalb county.	3/8/2026 7:33 AM
475	Thank you for all you do. I appreciate your allowing stakeholders the opportunity to give feedback and input in the process. This comes from a previous DCSD student and current DCSD educator.	3/8/2026 5:59 AM
476	Do not close Vanderlyn! Additionally, consolidating and enlarging Chestnut will make the traffic on North Peachtree intolerable.	3/8/2026 4:55 AM
477	Better facilities are needed to better serve our students where funds can be properly used. However, this can take away from community. There needs to be more opportunities for our students to utilize sub-communities i.e. clubs, sports, theater plays for all elementary school kids can participate in, not just 4th/ 5th graders and older.	3/8/2026 3:25 AM
478	As future scenarios are developed, it may be helpful to consider several key factors that directly impact student success and school effectiveness. First, maintaining developmentally appropriate groupings should remain a priority. Early elementary grades (K–2) often benefit from being grouped together because these years focus heavily on foundational literacy, phonics, and early numeracy. Keeping these grades aligned allows teachers to collaborate closely on early intervention strategies and foundational skill development. Second, it will be important to consider the impact of transitions on students and families. Each additional school transition can create adjustment challenges for younger students. Whenever possible, minimizing the number of transitions between schools may help support stronger relationships,	3/8/2026 1:18 AM

	continuity of learning, and family engagement. Another important consideration is equitable access to resources and support services. Schools within each cluster should have balanced access to intervention programs, special education services, ESOL supports, and enrichment opportunities. Grade band changes should ensure that no school becomes disproportionately responsible for high-need populations without adequate staffing and support. Additionally, the district may want to review capacity, enrollment projections, and class size balance across clusters. Grade band structures should be designed in ways that distribute enrollment efficiently while still maintaining manageable class sizes and appropriate learning environments. Finally, teacher collaboration and vertical alignment should be a key part of planning. Grade band structures that allow teachers to work closely with colleagues teaching similar developmental levels can strengthen instructional consistency and improve student outcomes. Overall, thoughtful planning around developmental needs, student transitions, resource equity, and instructional collaboration will help ensure that any future grade band scenario supports both students and educators effectively.	
479	N/A	3/7/2026 11:58 PM
480	Close the most empty schools, and move spread those students to other elementary schools ONLY IF they have open space and DO NOT OVER LOAD THEM!!! Please!!!!!!!!!!	3/7/2026 11:50 PM
481	Losing the walkable local elementary schools and the community building due to that proximity is a disappointment. Especially while young being in closer proximity is most ideal when thinking of pre-k and kindergarten ages especially.	3/7/2026 11:28 PM
482	I think middle school is a very important phase in a child's development. The current model starts to focus on testing for kids to progress to middle school as early as the 3rd grade. The maturity level of the kids in this stage needs specialized focus that will be diminished if the cluster is expanded to PK-8 model. Additionally, the limited activities for the high school cluster by grouping of grades 6-12 is not ideal.	3/7/2026 11:22 PM
483	Even without providing detail, showing capacity for school choice programs of varying sizes under the new plan would be helpful. Some elementary school programs (like Kittredge magnet program for high achievers and Evansdale French immersion) are linked to middle and high schools. Considering facilities independently makes it difficult to understand the plan for the programs, but having at least a generic plan would be helpful. Also, I will note that my family was seriously considering moving to Gwinnett county until my children got into Kittredge Magnet School. These school choice programs do keep some families in the district, although I do wish DCSD wasn't so dependent on them.	3/7/2026 11:13 PM
484	Please give us some maps on where students might go.	3/7/2026 11:02 PM
485	I disagree with the consolidations because it will displace several, teachers, students, and families. Families will have to travel further distances to get their kids to school, schools will suffer from crowding, and learning will not be a priority. It will also affect the culture at said schools receiving new students, and it will take years for everyone to adjust.	3/7/2026 10:56 PM
486	My youngest son, a junior in high school, is looking forward to the Oak Grove tradition of graduating high school seniors visiting Oak Grove for a parade next year.	3/7/2026 10:55 PM
487	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4-16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target 189% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion.	3/7/2026 10:53 PM
488	1) get rid of the fat at the county office before taking things away from our kids. 2) sell the 6.5 million dollar property 3) leave our community schools alone!	3/7/2026 10:35 PM
489	Evansdale’s French program is unique to the Lakeside cluster. Neighborhood parent, teacher, and community volunteers provide resources and personnel for French students, creating a vibrant community. French teachers at Evansdale, Henderson Middle, and Lakeside have put down roots in their community that would be destroyed with thus restructuring.	3/7/2026 10:28 PM
490	Really good school	3/7/2026 10:26 PM

491	N/O	3/7/2026 10:22 PM
492	I am in favor of expanding/rebuilding Huntley Hills, Montgomery, and Chestnut in North Dekalb. I am also highly in favor of closing Ashford Park since it is an unsustainable campus (portables, limited acreage for expansion, source of division for previous decades). These stated primary driver of the SAP effort is to make the county more financially sustainable and reduce unnecessary costs from unfilled seats. However, no information has been provided on how this scenario meets this goal vs other scenarios considered. Is there a clear number 1 best scenario for cost or are there a few? Financial impact of each scenario should be acknowledged and discussed since it is the primary driver of this process.	3/7/2026 10:21 PM
493	Moving the french community would destroy the roots that have been built over many years in the community. Within the Evansdale to Henderson Middle to Lakeside lineage, we have older students who mentor younger students. There are strong community ties built within the French learning. The large Evansdale site can continue to sustain the strong French program as well as accomodate for expansion to hold addtional programs. Our lot has ample space for additional buildings, play and parking.	3/7/2026 10:19 PM
494	Keep Oak Grove out of the plans.	3/7/2026 10:12 PM
495	McLendon is a very central aspect of our neighborhood, though it’s very blighted now with its large field of dust and weeds and no shade, I worry greatly about what will become of it when the school is closed. It’s already common for people to drink and smoke there at night or on the weekends. To lose a school in walking distance has its downsides, but to gain an abandoned building is a real concern. I’d hope that either a charter moved in or the property be redeveloped.	3/7/2026 10:07 PM
496	Ashford park is a true neighborhood school with involved community. Closing it to bus the kids to a bigger school (that was a community school now is extremely large) ruins the small community of a school that kids need. Make the zone for ashford park smaller to fit the capacity - don’t close the school.	3/7/2026 9:52 PM
497	I am both a DCSD parent and a graduate myself. I had an excellent experience in DeKalb Schools as a student; I would not be the person I am now without my teachers and opportunities--both educational and social--from those years. Being a DeKalb County student showed me a diverse world from an early age, and that was and continues to be a truly invaluable foundation for my life. I can only imagine that this must be an incredibly demanding and complex task to undertake, with countless stakeholders. And I understand that the number of students being educated by the district has shifted since I was in school here and warrants discussion and in some respects change. But I am disappointed to know that the goal is to move toward elementary schools of 600 or more students. I think that is far too large a number to be beneficial to a child, especially in these early years of education. I think one reason I had such a positive elementary school experience was because my school--Laurel Ridge--was a solid, small neighborhood school with strong parent, staff, and community involvement. Now that my own child is at Oak Grove, I see these benefits in action as well. Teachers and parents are plugged in; we see one another around the community as well as school events. Smaller elementary schools create an interwoven educational ecosystem that still feels personal and shows children the interdependence and importance of community in and out of the classroom. School is not just a place where they are a number. I've heard the statement on the virtual SAP meetings that schools of 600+ qualify the school for more state funding, and it's such a shame that this is the case. I don't know if the pros of state funding outweigh the cons of such a large pool of students. I've also heard the argument that larger schools don't necessarily equal larger class sizes, and I would like more assurance that this would truly be the case. When asked what the plan would be if higher-performing schools such as Oak Grove were closed, the responses from the district/HPM that I've heard have been that "the teachers and resources will follow the students" to the new school and that is supposed to ensure that the high performance element will stick. I see that as an absolutely empty statement and I can't even believe that any individual in this process would say such a thing "on the record." It's not realistic at all to think that you could replicate such circumstances in a different (larger) school--there are so many factors that would impact which teachers go where if their school closes (if they even want to stay in the district), how programs are set up and resources are distributed, etc. Even with state funding, there's no guarantee of how that will shake out in terms of intangibles, which so often make a school and community what it is. It was incredibly frustrating and disappointing to see such a wave-it-off response that is supposed to be reassuring but couldn't be backed up in any way. I know this scenario focuses only on the buildings and that others related to programs, etc. are to follow. But if there was no	3/7/2026 9:50 PM

	consideration of traffic patterns and flow done in tandem with the building scenario, that seems like a big miss. Taking away Oak Grove and putting these students at Briarlake (which is on the main thoroughfare of Lavista squeezed right between two traffic light intersections) or Sagamore Hills (in the middle of a small neighborhood right on the edge of the main roads going to Buckhead, Emory, and I-85) sounds truly hellish in terms of what it would do to traffic that is already quite substantial in this (still growing) area. I'm also concerned about the proposed expansions to schools that would stay open and take on more students. I've heard a lot of talk about "building up" instead of "out," given acreage limitations of some campuses. This seems like it would cause even more disruption to the students who already attend these schools--it wouldn't simply be an addition to the building that might be blocked off but not impact current classrooms, it would be an entire addition *on top of* classrooms that are currently being used. How can students and teachers avoid being impacted by such a massive construction project that would clearly take more than the 2 months that summer break provides? If the goal of SAP is to close the gap of utilization, then the focus should be on schools that are well under 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Unfortunately, the district has a history of corrupt leadership dating back to when I was a student and continuing to the very recent present. This doesn't give parents much confidence in the process to begin with, and I'm worried that even more families will choose to look elsewhere for their children's education, which will make the district even less successful. Please consider slowing this process down into phases and look into more data focused on what primarily drives the under-utilization. This would help with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. I want all the children of DeKalb Schools to succeed, including my own. I don't think that consolidating into elementary schools of 600 or more kids is the way to do that, especially in an area that has high-performing schools and is experiencing a lot of growth. Thank you. (As a postscript, can Dr. Sauce please start writing emails along with sending videos, or at least include a transcript? Different people have different learning styles and I much prefer to read words rather than sit and watch a video to learn information. As a full-time working parent, it's also more time efficient.)	
498	n/A	3/7/2026 9:37 PM
499	the system has to face this problem and generate efficiency. I am not sure the grade bands configuration has to be changed, but i do think it worth experimenting with to see how schools perform.	3/7/2026 9:23 PM
500	My concern is the execution of any plan as they occur over a long period. Communicating clear timelines and conveying confidence that they can be achieved is important.	3/7/2026 9:20 PM
501	Please consider the importance of strong neighborhood school like Evansdale Elementary School and Henderson Middle School, this schools provide a supportive environment for students and families in our community.	3/7/2026 9:20 PM
502	Please do not close Oak Grove Elementary. Thank you for listening.	3/7/2026 9:10 PM
503	You need to look at WHERE kids will go when you close buildings. Closing Ashford Park, for example, and building at Montgomery (in a high traffic zone) and/or Huntley Hills makes no sense geographically.	3/7/2026 9:07 PM
504	Please consider including campus-level or phased options that address secondary capacity needs while maintaining elementary access where possible. Seeing multiple solution types side-by-side would help the community better understand the full range of possibilities. I also was to see clear definitions for robust programing, low operating costs and small schools.	3/7/2026 9:07 PM
505	Please be cautious about the data you have invested in. Also, please use common sense and not be too quick to re-imagine our schools and communities. Please be careful! Because your decisions will affect so many people for years to come.	3/7/2026 9:03 PM
506	Based on what I have seen and heard so far, this process has been messy at best. We have been given inconsistent data and conflicting answers that don't coincide with the County's own stated objectives. Best case is that this process is not going well. Worst case is that we are not being told the truth. In the webinar I attended we were also told that this process is about fixing a facilities problem. Not about teaching and learning. Apparently that would come later. If this is truly about capacity, then as I mentioned before, let us explore alternatives for expanding a school that is performing well, and that is well loved.	3/7/2026 9:01 PM
507	Vehemently opposed to the proposed changes. Consolidation of schools would lead to larger	3/7/2026 8:53 PM

	class sizes, lower community involvement and poorer learning conditions.	
508	I think it should not change . I think that if they want to bring more students in , they should teach better and make sure test scores can grow so they can reach high scores and ratings as other county's .	3/7/2026 8:52 PM
509	I would love to remain in conversation as a community member but I hope you get the parental involvement and input necessary for what appears to be a massive shift.	3/7/2026 8:45 PM
510	There has been an elementary school in the Oak Grove neighborhood since pre- civil war!! When the current one was built, the community petitioned that it be named Oak Grove to continue this line. Oak Grove has been known for its Special needs programs which not only benefit those children, but all the other children in the school to be more loving, caring individuals. Please keep it open!!	3/7/2026 8:40 PM
511	I understand and support the need to address overcrowding at Dunwoody High School. I recognize that Vanderlyn's proximity to the high school places our campus within a broader facilities planning conversation. I also recognize that the district has framed SAP around enrollment trends and utilization. Any proposal should clearly demonstrate how those metrics are being applied at the cluster level. The combined Vanderlyn and Dunwoody High School campus presents an opportunity to explore thoughtful, phased solutions that address secondary capacity while preserving elementary access. The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made. Vanderlyn is a diverse, academically strong, and inclusive community. Preserving stable elementary environments while solving high school challenges aligns with district priorities. I would welcome collaboration between district leaders and both school communities to explore campus-level solutions that address high school capacity while preserving the Vanderlyn community.	3/7/2026 8:40 PM
512	Grade bands are less important to us. We are most concerned that Evansdale remain open and that Evansdale kids go on to Lakeside High School.	3/7/2026 8:35 PM
513	Oak Grove already exceeds 88% utilization. Has 4 consecutive years of enrollment growth and ranks in top tier academically. It would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake. District should be targeting those schools operating well below 70% capacity.	3/7/2026 8:29 PM
514	None	3/7/2026 8:26 PM
515	Please just do your best for our students and neighborhoods. We're counting on you.	3/7/2026 8:21 PM
516	None	3/7/2026 8:20 PM
517	Smaller schools are better for kids especially little kids	3/7/2026 8:20 PM
518	Oak Grove Elementary has always had a reputation as one of the best elementary schools in the county. Losing it will be a disservice to the community. Closing it will cause property values to decrease and make DeKalb County to be less desirable.	3/7/2026 8:20 PM
519	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. This proposed closure DOES NOT address the stated objective. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/7/2026 8:01 PM

520	The school district’s plan is flawed and not consistent with their mandate to provide education.	3/7/2026 8:01 PM
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522	This will be very disruptive to the community	3/7/2026 7:56 PM
523	Our community needs A LOT more information to truly give feedback. Saying you are closing the local elementary school with no information on where the students are going does not make sense. Will there be a new building? Will the community stay together? Where will the school feed? Where will the special programs go?	3/7/2026 7:56 PM
524	Excelente	3/7/2026 7:47 PM
525	Oak Grove: Oak Grove already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected)	3/7/2026 7:41 PM
526	Please consider the importance of strong neighborhood schools like Evansdale Elementary. This school provides a supportive environment for students and families and is an important part of the community. Before closing schools like Evansdale, the district should explore alternatives that protect stability for young students.	3/7/2026 7:34 PM
527	Concerning the Lakeside clusters, I don't believe there is any need or justification for closing any elementary schools.	3/7/2026 7:32 PM
528	We need to see actual concrete plans for where students of closed schools go, and will be incredibly frustrated, disappointed, and need to consider other education options if the Ashford Park elementary community is removed from the Chamblee cluster. That is of the utmost importance to maintain, with a secondary but equally important consideration being keeping the Ashford Park elementary community together. This community has long invested and worked for a quality public education. That means K-12 and means the community must stay together and stay in the Chamblee cluster. Anything else and we simply cannot say we can stay in the community or in Dekalb public schools. If Ashford Park must close then the students should stay together at another facility that continues to feed into the Chamblee cluster.	3/7/2026 7:20 PM
529	Creo que es muy buena elementary, excelente por cierto, y espero siga asi por mucho tiempo	3/7/2026 7:12 PM
530	Evansdale Elementary School is neighborhood school in a great community. The two of these things go hand in hand. There are other more effective ways to cut budgets within the county office, there are too many personnel and staff that have salaries that definitely need to be address. This staff has no direct involvement with schools and education of our children.	3/7/2026 7:11 PM
531	Support the traditional grand band.	3/7/2026 7:10 PM
532	Losing affluent, high-achieving families from the DCSD to Private Schools due to programs like Georgia Promise creates a harmful cycle of declining funding, engagement, and program quality; to stop it, focus on retaining and attracting those families by strengthening and promoting gifted/advanced and enrichment programs, increasing family engagement, and studying successful practices from high-performing districts.	3/7/2026 7:09 PM
533	More early learning centers Balanced classrooms Be competitive and a better options by providing education that prepares students for their future Don’t close so many schools in Black neighborhoods just to bus them to Whiter neighborhoods	3/7/2026 7:06 PM

534	Tener suficientes conductores para los autobuses.	3/7/2026 7:05 PM
535	Keep our schools open!! Every year there are more children in our neighborhood! Our suicide is growing for school aged children!	3/7/2026 7:01 PM
536	Look at where you are slated to spend money on construction that is already approved. Those building will be great. Look at the fact cross keys doesn't have a middle school. Look at keeping strong and great schools strong and together so they can remain great.	3/7/2026 6:58 PM
537	We need neighborhood schools to stay open as they help communities thrive. There are plenty of other ways to cut budgets within the county office. There are too many unnecessary jobs with bloated salaries by those who are not directly involved with educating children.	3/7/2026 6:57 PM
538	Children are better educated with fewer students per class, consolidation of high performing and less well performing schools will contribute to a lowering of standards and a poorer education for all.	3/7/2026 6:56 PM
539	I have no additional feedback at this time.	3/7/2026 6:49 PM
540	Your plan does not seem to include any measure for the sense of community that will be lost by removing schools. Oak Grove ES plays an ESSENTIAL role in our neighborhood as it hosts many family events throughout the year and allows children to walk to and from school, a wonderful way for kids to build independence as they grow older. Please consider the impact you are making by destroying a beloved anchor that ties together our community.	3/7/2026 6:47 PM
541	Keep all schools open	3/7/2026 6:36 PM
542	Neighborhood schools need to stay open to help communities thrive. There are many other ways to reduce budgets especially within county personnel that are directly involved with educating children.	3/7/2026 6:33 PM
543	Please allow more time for community feedback and increased transparency.	3/7/2026 6:29 PM
544	Evansdale has a big footprint that would allow for expansion. At the same time you could keep it's athletic, which I believe is important.	3/7/2026 6:27 PM
545	We are just really hoping to preserve our elementary school Ashford Park so that our daughter can attend a school with diversity in rise to any challenges that she may face. My husband and I did not attend private school and we would really like for our child to not do so as well. By closing this elementary school you will make many families scramble and pay exorbitant amounts for private schools given the unknown of attending a different public elementary school. I am a pediatrician in Sandy Springs and I see a lot of private school children and I really want my daughter to be able to attend a public school where she has a sense of diversity and different economic backgrounds. Please please keep Ashford Park open for my daughter and for all the children and all the families who cannot afford to go elsewhere.	3/7/2026 6:21 PM
546	More early learning centers and the arts should be returned	3/7/2026 6:19 PM
547	I would like for Kittredge to remain 4 to 6. Chamblee Middle as 6 to 8 with the magnet program and Chamblee high as 9 to 12. I think all students in the Chamblee High magnet should be able to complete their studies at Chamblee High even if the magnet program is moved. I think Dekalb is trying to move the magnet program just like you moved Kittredge out Chamblee and over to Druid Hills.	3/7/2026 6:13 PM
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549	As a staff member/teacher I love DCSS and completely see the need and benefit of these changes, and I am excited to contribute what I can for the long term improvement of our services for our students.	3/7/2026 6:00 PM
550	No tengo ningún in conveniente todos están ala ferfeccion	3/7/2026 5:41 PM
551	Better data on trends of population in the proposed changes would enable more rational choices to achieve the utilization goals. Dividing a fully utilized school among those currently underutilized seems to seek maximum disruption as the tool to address underutilization. Perhaps removing the fully utilized from the mix would give a better picture of where change would help a community rather than disrupting it	3/7/2026 5:40 PM
552	Closing high performing elementary schools seems a poor idea all around	3/7/2026 5:31 PM
553	The more teachers and smaller classes are benefit to all the students. Why work to make it worse.	3/7/2026 5:28 PM
554	Consolidating McNair cluster facilities and potentially grouping grade bands with primary students is concerning.	3/7/2026 5:22 PM
555	The ability of neighborhood children to walk to school adds so much to the cohesiveness of the community and promotes interaction between neighbors. We are protective of these relationships.	3/7/2026 5:21 PM
556	What I'm not seeing here is how certain specialized programs, currently housed within certain facilities will be managed, if school population attendance zones shift. Prime example: the Kittredge Magnet, Chamblee Middle, and Chamblee High School pathway. This is one of the strongest overall programs, with CHS being one of the most highly regarded HS in the county and in the state for the last 30 years, due in large part because of the unique dyanmic fostered between the combined magnet and residential population. And, for those that may not be aware, the magnet program was intentionally and strategically placed at CHS and has never been anywhere else. In fact, were it not for the magnet program being placed at Chamblee, DCSD wouldn't even have a building at CHS or even own the property today. On a more general level, one way to boost attendance is to restore the district's prestige and instill confidence in families -- from what I've observed, a great deal more families are electing to send their kids to private schools, even where amazing public schools exist in their neighborhoods. 20 years of poor and at times corrupt leadership, poor decisions, lack of accountability has driven many families away, even from the best of our DCSD schools.	3/7/2026 5:19 PM
557	Ashford Park community of Ashford park, Drew Valley, Brookhaven Fields are a strong community that should stay together and continue to be in the Chamblee cluster. We as an entire school should move to John Lewis facility and move John Lewis into the Chamblee cluster. I am on Drew Valley and if we are rezoned to a lower ranked education school without the current kids/staff that makes the higher ranking, you will see an outflow to private school.	3/7/2026 5:14 PM
558	Our vote is to please keep Oak Grove Elementary open.	3/7/2026 5:12 PM
559	Oak Grove has been a great school for both my children and I would hate to see this tight knit school community revamped with a massive school. Kids learn better in smaller environments at an early age. As a former Dekalb school employee for over 30 years there are huge pluses in smaller neighborhood schools	3/7/2026 5:12 PM
560	Dekalb county should spend money on education. There are other places they can cut funding such as animal shelters, etc. Education should be top priority in spending.	3/7/2026 5:10 PM
561	Everything the school board does is idiotic. You should be ashamed at the Devon Horton debacle. All the unnecessary central office staff her hired should be fired. The entire school board should be forced to pay back his salary. Then they should be sent to prison with Horton.	3/7/2026 5:06 PM
562	I do not have any additional feedback at this time.	3/7/2026 5:06 PM
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564	Pay teachers more, increase school funding - reduce police/immigration funding	3/7/2026 4:56 PM
565	Evansdale need remain open given its lot size, capacity, French track, and quality condition	3/7/2026 4:56 PM
566	I'll be glad if they don't school the school.because my cousins go there also there's a lot of staffs and teachers that are really nice and helpful with the kids learning .	3/7/2026 4:49 PM
567	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/7/2026 4:42 PM
568	As a grandparent of a student at Oak Grove Elementary School and as a resident and member of the surrounding community within my zip code 30033, I urge you to reconsider this plan. It appears to have limited (and erroneous) data, and does not include any assessment or data regarding the over-staffing, misuse of funds, and other factors within the administration of DeKalb County Schools.that likely are contributing to the financial issues the administration is trying to solve. First look within. Again, a transparent and full audit assessing the impact to communities on closing and reorganizing schools rather than solely focusing on financial issues is the only way to approach the problem. If Dekalb County schools continues down this road, communities will be negatively impacted. The ripple effect will be that DeKalb County will see even further decline as hard-working, engaged, higher income contributing families will migrate away from this county.	3/7/2026 4:40 PM
569	While I am in support of closing APES and moving the FULL zone to John Lewish, I also encourage consideration of ways to minimize change for the John Lewis community. One option worth exploring would be relocating the current Pre-K and Special Education programs to the Ashford Park facility so the building can continue serving important district needs.	3/7/2026 4:39 PM
570	Stop trying to close community elementary schools, mega schools are terrible for the community and offer very little benefit besides "efficiency" for the county.	3/7/2026 4:24 PM
571	The school is great.	3/7/2026 4:24 PM
572	Hoping for more transparency on the decision process and why there is advocacy for certain decisions	3/7/2026 4:21 PM
573	Some studies have shown that pk-8/9-12 have the most benefits for the students	3/7/2026 4:19 PM
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575	DeKalb seems to want to close excellent schools like Evansdale and Oak Grove in strong neighborhoods. You will have people moving out of DeKalb if you follow this plan.	3/7/2026 4:16 PM
576	Please keep the Dunwoody HS district as it stands today. It's important to preserve the only high school in our city. Thank you!	3/7/2026 4:15 PM
577	High academic performing schools do so because of strong community, faculty, and PTA. Why would you mess with a formula of success?! Renovate. Don't relocate!	3/7/2026 4:15 PM
578	Don't take our school away!	3/7/2026 4:01 PM
579	I'm a community member and feel the neighborhood school, Evansdale should serve this neighborhood.	3/7/2026 3:54 PM
580	The Evsndale neighborhood has been paying much higher taxes to the county for decades. Closing the school would destroy that tax base and decimate a community.	3/7/2026 3:54 PM
581	I have not heard how language immersion programs would be addressed. For example, if a student is at Evansdale in the French immersion program—what will happen to these French teachers—will the students no longer take French—how will this be handled? In addition to the above concerns, Briarlake is also a smaller school than Evansdale. Briarlake is also 10 years older than Evansdale. It does not make sense to use an older and smaller school to solve this problem. Livsey is 4 years newer than Evansdale but it is smaller and the layout of the land and the smaller land area is problematic. Of course, I am biased to Evansdale, but I can be objective having been an educator for 43 years. In looking at Briarlake and Livsey, it doesn't make sense to close Evansdale. Evansdale already has over 500 students and is likely to have over 600 students in the next few years. Evansdale has land to expand…and it is not off busy Chamblee-Tucker Road or busy LaVista Road—which is a safety concern. I also have concerns about longer bus rides, which means students have to get up earlier and get home later. Another consideration is Lakeside High School. Lakeside is well regarded in the county and metro Atlanta area. Making bad decisions to Lakeside's feeder schools will negatively impact Lakeside's success. As I stated at the beginning, it seems like the decline in enrollment and older school facilities was just noticed—and you are trying to do something that should have begun years ago too quickly…to the detriment of DeKalb students. Though I know a lot of time has gone into this, I do not believe it is a plan that serves DeKalb students well.	3/7/2026 3:53 PM
582	Dekalb needs to re-evaluate why so many students are choosing to go to private and alternative schools instead of the public system. The issue starts there.	3/7/2026 3:50 PM
583	If the object is to close the utilization gap, the district should focus on schools operating well below 70% utilization. Consolidation there would improve efficiency in a meaningful way. Please clarify what data were used in making the district's enrollment projections. Were all inputs weighted appropriately? Were Oak Grove's growth trends considered and included? Thank you for the opportunity to comment!	3/7/2026 3:45 PM
584	Why would you close Evansdale? It has a lot of room to expand, and has separate playgrounds and multiple parking lots. It's perfectly situated to grow, and the area is growing with increased projections for enrollments. Does it need to be renovated? Yes, but closing it would be such a waste of good space and baseline facilities. Closing Evansdale and Henderson Middle would disrupt the French immersion program and continuity, which is so well received and valued. Again, why? Eliminating Evansdale and Henderson Mill would destroy the French program ... what a shame.	3/7/2026 3:33 PM
585	Again, please protect the Chamblee magnet program. It offers significant opportunities to students who do not live in the Chamblee cluster or other similar clusters.	3/7/2026 3:31 PM

586	Consider informing everyone of possible scenarios as they relate to closures.	3/7/2026 3:30 PM
587	You have many professional educators among the families in the neighborhoods served by Oak Grove. Let us help!	3/7/2026 3:06 PM
588	Young children are the most vulnerable student group and benefit greatly from small, community-based school environments. Large schools often require heightened security measures such as metal detectors and frequent active-shooter drills. While safety is essential, these practices can create stress and anxiety that young children may not yet have the emotional maturity to process. Chronic stress at early ages can negatively affect focus, emotional regulation, and early literacy development. Elementary-age children thrive when they feel safe, supported, and personally known by educators. It is the responsibility of adults and policymakers to design learning environments that protect children's emotional well-being while supporting academic growth. Preserving smaller elementary schools helps shelter young learners during their most formative developmental years.	3/7/2026 3:05 PM
589	Evansdale elementary una pequeña escuela de barrio con muy buenas referencias y con el apoyo de las familias	3/7/2026 2:52 PM
590	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: •Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) •Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth •Ranks in the top tier academically •Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/7/2026 2:50 PM
591	What is working should not be sacrificed. Keep Oak Grove intact.	3/7/2026 2:48 PM
592	Listen to all sides	3/7/2026 2:43 PM
593	I just think the smaller elementary schools are better for the kids.	3/7/2026 2:40 PM
594	I am calling on the county to immediately stop this school closure study. Instead of spending resources on consultants and projects aimed at downsizing our community, I ask that you spend our tax dollars where they belong: on our teachers and our children's education. Our neighborhood is not a series of line items to be consolidated; it is a community that deserves an investment in its future.	3/7/2026 2:23 PM
595	The focus grade bands selected above with help to focus on the needs, skills and academic achievements. Each level allows each school to better meet the needs of the students.	3/7/2026 2:22 PM
596	We want more transparent cost information. I do not believe closing 27 schools, many of which are almost at capacity and performing well, is prudent. I support looking at schools overall, but there is no reason to close many of these schools. It will result in more students leaving the district for private and will perpetuate the cycle we've seen in South DeKalb.	3/7/2026 1:57 PM
597	Please consider slightly expanding Evansdale Please consider slowing down this process	3/7/2026 1:50 PM
598	Use reason - do not break up top performing schools. Even if you only care about buildings, shuffling Elementary schools in the Lakeside cluster does not make sense and is a waste of money. Focus on schools extremely over or under capacity.	3/7/2026 1:49 PM
599	The most critical data-set to analyze is the utilization-to-performance-to-per-pupil-cost ratio, combined with K-3 early literacy outcomes and community stability markers- not simply raw capacity percentages. A deeper analysis demonstrates that: 1. Closing small, high-performing schools costs more money long-term than right-sizing them 2. Federal, state, and local funding formulas reward school stability and student outcomes, not just enrollment size 3. Best practices from comparable districts show that mixed-size portfolios outperform aggressive	3/7/2026 1:47 PM

	consolidation strategies 4. Community-anchored schools generate measurable non-fiscal benefits that appear in federal Title I allocation formulas and state accountability metrics To make the right decisions for the long-term, please compare: 1. “Incremental cost analysis” showing only the truly variable costs of operating each school 2. Transition costs for closure and consolidation (bussing disruption, facility retrofitting, staff retraining), this alone often exceeds 5-7 years of “savings” 3. Attrition costs: Research shows 12-18% of families either leave the district or move to private schools when their neighborhood school closes 4. The total revenue-per-student for each school. Not the cost - REVENUE: Title I allocation (federal), QBE per-pupil amount (state), Local property tax per-pupil, ESPLOST per-pupil (capital), Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) score. Necessary data from each school in order to understand and compare the full scope: 1. Student enrollment by month (September data point) for each year 2. Academic performance data including: - MAP testing scores (reading and math) for grades K-5 - CCRPI scores and components, current and 5-year trend - Subgroup performance (race/ethnicity, ELL status, special education status, economically disadvantaged status) - Specialized programs (inclusion, ELL, gifted, special ed, IB) 3. Financial data including: - Title I and other federal allocation amount - QBE state per-pupil funding amount - District allocation of local property tax revenue per-pupil - ESPLOST allocation and actual capital projects funded - Annual incremental operating cost 4. Facility data including: - Building condition assessment scores - Deferred maintenance backlog amounts - Life expectancy dates for major building systems (roof, HVAC, electrical) - Recent ESPLOST investments 5. Enrollment projections by year for the next 10 years, with methodology documented 6. Transportation route data showing current bus routes, distances, and annual operating costs 7. Utilization rates (current enrollment ÷ building capacity) for each year 8. Community feedback received on SAP to date (all written comments, emails, survey responses)	
600	Some children may need additional help within each grade. I do believe then there should be one on one tutoring available to families that have children that are in need of additional assistance with homework and testing skills so they can complete each grade with their classmates. Each grade should be singular … never combined with another grade bracket. Elementary schools should always be separated from high schools. Keeping some smaller schools that has a full staff and decently full classrooms should stay open to better the communities they have been placed in!	3/7/2026 1:43 PM
601	La escuela de Brockett está en buen vecindario	3/7/2026 1:28 PM
602	- Incorrect focus for a first step: by focusing on just buildings first and trying to make decisions based on that, you’re going to force/limit some of the options later. More appropriate first step: collect all data (buildings/class sizes/programs/student achievement records/accessibility needs/etc), group the data, look for trends across them, and have community meetings. The current plan takes consultants work too far by providing recs - that’s ok, but let’s stop throwing good money and time after bad - set aside the data they provided and take a step back. - — there are many ways to comply with requirements for redistricting. Based on the data available data so far, it seems like the on the ground situation shows the south part of the county is in a very different situation than the north. I’m guessing more granular data would show additional trends and differences. Maybe the solution is applying a per student or per school $ amount, and approaching the communities for input as to priorities (for example, i wouldn’t want to speak for anyone definitively, but I could see a situation where the focus for the north is new/expanding buildings, while the focus in the south is closing buildings and expanding programs at those schools, as well as transportation options to reduce commute times to the school). - — a more correct focus would be on child educational and psychological needs. This is particularly true for this particular group of kids - they’ve already had a huge disruption (Covid) that is still impacting them and their learning. It’s unclear to me what additional impacts this redistricting have for them, particularly if they’re (again) separated from friends. - — if y’all are dead set on this path of school buildings decision first without additional info, then 1) in the next round, please work to keep school co- mmunities together; and 2) please consider making class sizes larger for magnet schools, reevaluate whether current school enrollments at magnet schools are appropriate, and for any child whose community can’t be kept together, reopening/adjusting admissions criteria for all of the magnet schools.	3/7/2026 1:23 PM
603	Many families have moved to the Chamblee cluster for the HS and the middle. By changing the clusters many families will not support this and are looking forward to sending their children to Chamblee Middle and HS.	3/7/2026 1:18 PM
604	Middle school age students are transitioning from young children to adolescents which is a fragile and vulnerable time for these children. 6-8th graders should not be exposed to 9-12th grade high schoolers.	3/7/2026 1:17 PM

605	Do not close oak grove it is an amazing community and it is my child hood	3/7/2026 1:15 PM
606	Evansdale elementary is an integral part of our community and it cannot be closed.	3/7/2026 1:14 PM
607	It seems you do not address the problem if you now have to open schools specifically for PK-3 and then 4-5 - two facilities open where you had one.	3/7/2026 1:14 PM
608	Como comunidad deseara con todo corazón. Que no cierren brockett	3/7/2026 1:02 PM
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610	I love the band it sounds good	3/7/2026 12:55 PM
611	N/A	3/7/2026 12:42 PM
612	Please please please DO NOT shut down Evansdale or interrupt the French immersion program. These institutions/programs are beloved in our community.	3/7/2026 12:36 PM
613	Nobody wants a huge elementary school. Lakeside is very overcrowded.	3/7/2026 11:59 AM
614	I hope future scenarios consider how important access to strong schools is for families who are not zoned for them. Opportunities like this help keep families within DeKalb County School District rather than seeking private or charter options. Preserving high-performing schools and the programs that allow broader access to them should be an important part of long-term planning.	3/7/2026 11:58 AM
615	Lakeside is overcrowded.	3/7/2026 11:56 AM
616	As a community member, I encourage DeKalb County School District to prioritize maintaining strong neighborhood elementary schools that families rely on. Schools such as Oak Grove Elementary School serve as important community anchors and help attract and retain families in the public school system. Future scenarios should carefully consider walkability, transportation impacts, and the role these schools play in maintaining stable neighborhoods and long-term enrollment.	3/7/2026 11:54 AM
617	Oak Grove Elementary has been a vital part of Oak Grove for many decades and provides a very good education for children. Please do NOT close it.	3/7/2026 11:49 AM
618	Resource concentration is important, but it should not come at the expense of successful schools. Instead, DCSD should prioritize investments and consolidation in under-enrolled or under-performing facilities while protecting strong schools like Oak Grove Elementary School that are helping the district retain and attract students. Closing neighborhood elementary schools significantly disrupts communities. Families choose neighborhoods based on elementary school access. The closure of Oak Grove Elementary School would likely increase traffic, lengthen bus routes, and weaken a long-standing community hub that supports families beyond academics. Oak Grove Elementary School should remain open because it has strong academic performance, a stable and engaged community, and a reputation that attracts families to public schools rather than private options. Maintaining successful schools helps stabilize enrollment across the district and strengthens community trust in DCSD.	3/7/2026 11:47 AM
619	I will be advocating to keep Dekalb School of the Arts programming.	3/7/2026 11:45 AM
620	There are too many risks of older students taking advantage of younger students when mixed in buses and in buildings, please keep the traditional Pk-5, 6-8, 9-12 bands.	3/7/2026 11:34 AM

621	These neighborhoods were built and grew to support independent schools.	3/7/2026 11:32 AM
622	As future scenarios are developed, it will be important to consider the impact on instructional quality, transportation, and staffing. Schools receiving additional students should have the necessary classroom space, special education resources, and intervention supports in place before transitions occur. Clear communication with staff and families throughout the process will also be essential to ensure that changes are implemented successfully and that student learning remains the priority.	3/7/2026 11:31 AM
623	Do not destroy the fabric of the communities by shuttering the elementary schools that bring the communities together. Oak Grove elementary is the reason why families move into this district. That is exactly how we want to spend our tax dollars. We a should prioritize education and community over a narrow dollars and cents analysts.	3/7/2026 11:29 AM
624	Children would be hurt if Kingsley Elementary school is closed! KES is more than a school, it's a family organization. I'm a retired lawyer who lives in the neighhood of KES. This is my fourth year as a volunteer with 4th and 5th graders. I'm with the students from 8:15-1:50 every Wednesday from August to May, so I know them well. Many are from disfunctional families that offer little academic or emotional support. KES, throught its extremely dedicated teachers and staff, many of whom have been at KES for years, fill the void. The children must have this support, and it won't be available at this level at a larger school. I donate my time to help these children who are in need. I recognize that while my efforts assist them, it's nothing compared to the tender loving care that they receive and require from KES. Please do NOT close this school! Thank you, Bret L. Block, Esq.	3/7/2026 11:29 AM
625	Keep Oak Grove, Sagamore, Lakeside, and Henderson.	3/7/2026 11:22 AM
626	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/7/2026 11:16 AM
627	Consider bands that reflect better schools….school enrollment if not considering why it's low will not declining will not affect quality. Use other resources that have affected student success. Do not let a small compass group affect everyone else's opinions.	3/7/2026 11:10 AM
628	Oak Grove should not close or consolidate	3/7/2026 11:09 AM
629	I would welcome collaboration between district leaders and both school communities to explore campus-level solutions that address high school capacity while preserving the Vanderlyn community.	3/7/2026 11:08 AM
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631	The district should continue to prioritize transparency, community input, and equitable access to programs while considering transportation, capacity, and the impact on school communities.	3/7/2026 11:05 AM
632	I think what you first need to do is get feedback from the community to come up with a reasonable plan. This was not a very effective way to inspire trust with parents in the community. I think stepping back and getting more feedback before proposing a plan is necessary. And the argument that is central to this plan about the number of students 110,090 2000 is incorrect. If you look at the data any parent will know that.	3/7/2026 11:04 AM
633	Please include recommendations from recognized bodies/authorities in these proposed	3/7/2026 10:55 AM

	changes and any known learning outcomes from each variation.	
634	Please balance community cohesion with economic factors and respect the value of hyperlocal elementary schools for our community.	3/7/2026 10:47 AM
635	Additional feedback to give would be to include more hands-on activities throughout the school in order for them to gain understanding of what they're learning.	3/7/2026 10:47 AM
636	Evansdale is a large property with good traffic and parking options for an expanded campus	3/7/2026 10:45 AM
637	We love our neighborhood school and want to see it continue to flourish. Even with trailers and rundown facilities, our school is one of the most overcrowded in a neighborhood where many can afford to go private. I think that means APES is doing something right and we should try to replicate that learning environment across other districts. I worry if we close the school without clear plan of where all the students will go (and stay together in the chamblee has trajectory) than you will lose far too many families and resources to private options.	3/7/2026 10:43 AM
638	None	3/7/2026 10:42 AM
639	Evansdale has a robust French Immersion program that is deeply embedded in the community and the current k-12 schools. It is imperative to keep this program at Evansdale and within the Lakeside cluster to keep the program strong. It took years of effort and resources to build this program to where it is today. Disrupting the program would waste tremendous resources and diminish a flourishing and unique DeKalb county educational resource.	3/7/2026 10:41 AM
640	Evansdale should be renovated and expanded. • At 10.1 acres, Evansdale's lot size is bigger than neighboring schools recommended for expansion. • Evansdale is unique in that it has a large, separate play field, two playgrounds, and multiple parking lots. Our site can accommodate additions in the back of the school and still have ample play and parking space. • Evansdale is uniquely situated to accommodate increased traffic, as it takes up two sides of a large neighborhood block.	3/7/2026 10:40 AM
641	As long as my child can have access to better programs and education experience.	3/7/2026 10:38 AM
642	Scenario 1's proposal to close 27 elementary schools far exceeds the previously discussed range of 4–16 and raises concerns about Oak Grove. The school already surpasses the district's 88% utilization target, with 89% current and 96% projected enrollment, has experienced four years of sustained growth, and ranks among the top academically. Closing Oak Grove would shift students to Sagamore Hills and Briarlake, both of which would require significant capacity adjustments, meaning closures would redistribute students without meaningfully reducing excess capacity. If the goal is to address underutilization, the district should focus on schools operating well below 70%, where consolidation can improve efficiency without requiring major capital expansion. Key clarifications are needed before moving forward: whether recent employment growth and residential developments were included in projections, whether pandemic-era data distort post-2023 trends, Oak Grove's projected utilization for 2028 and 2030, and the comparative costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding nearby schools. A phased, data-driven strategy targeting the largest underutilization drivers would better support fiscal responsibility and long-term planning, ensuring capacity remains in place to accommodate ongoing growth in this corridor.	3/7/2026 10:31 AM
643	Make it fair and equal for all kids in all communities	3/7/2026 10:20 AM
644	As a current Dunwoody resident, we would be STRONGLY OPPOSED to any scenario that moves us out of the Dunwoody HS cluster. We are currently assigned to Chesnut Elementary.	3/7/2026 10:17 AM
645	I think this consolidation would be a major disruption in the education system and may cost more money in the long run. What is going to happen to all the abandoned schools? Instead of slashing taxes, divert more towards the schools.	3/7/2026 10:13 AM
646	Be very careful of changing things just by looking at statistics. The age range in neighborhoods with older people leaving and being replaced by younger families should be considered.	3/7/2026 10:02 AM
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649	We need information on all of the implications including attendance boundaries for each scenario. Please also explain why new construction is not possible at existing high performing locations.	3/7/2026 9:56 AM
650	Evansdale is a large property and the building could expand on its current land.	3/7/2026 9:49 AM
651	More data from these decisions should be released with regards to dollars and cents.	3/7/2026 9:46 AM
652	Don't continue to drag this process out. Executive decisions need to be made and we need to start focusing on improving the classroom experience for the children and the teachers.	3/7/2026 9:44 AM
653	You guys need to acknowledge and address the things the county has done to date. Everyone is angry. Letting buildings rot while buying new buildings for OFFICES. We're not stupid. Multiple supers, BAD decisions left and right. Where has the money gone? No one is going to be on board with any of this until you address the issues. On the flip side, make this happen and quickly. Don't stretch it out for years. Redistributing has been needed since the county introduced middle schools. Get rid of school choice that ships kids across the county and rips communities apart. Keeping local and the SAME at every cluster.	3/7/2026 9:42 AM
654	I feel that all grades are important.	3/7/2026 9:37 AM
655	Scenario 1 proposes 26 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove Elementary: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this corridor encompassing Oak Grove Elementary should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/7/2026 9:34 AM

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657	Oak Grove Elementary is a close community school and awards of excellence for years.	3/7/2026 9:31 AM
658	Individual schools should be liked at independently. Midvale Elementary serves the needs of the community and schof be off the chopping block. If our preschool programs were expanded there would be more seats available for K through 12. This could double the need for seats available if just 1 additional PreK was added at some elementary schools such as Midvale.	3/7/2026 9:30 AM
659	I think careful consideration needs to be taken when thinking about having 6-12 grade bands (maturity levels, what the youngest kids could potentially be exposed to by the oldest kids). I, personally think moving kids from an elementary school (youngest being 11) into a school where seniors are 18 poses significant risks to the younger students. Even private schools have upper and lower campuses to separate specific ages.	3/7/2026 9:25 AM
660	Please don't take away Montessori from HHES. We have 3 kids, 2 in the program already, 1 that we hope gets a spot in the future. We bought our house in this district with dreams of sending our kids to a Montessori school.	3/7/2026 9:23 AM
661	Parking at our school is very small, whenever we have events we park in the neighborhood with long walks while bringing young children or multiple children. This is an issue now with a small neighborhood school but will intensify if the school is expanded. Consider more parking in your plans.	3/7/2026 9:20 AM
662	Distributionn if closed schools needs to be considered so that pockets of dekalb are not unfairly affected by change. Dont be racist and classist idiots and assume "if they dont like the options and the changes, they have school choice and have other options." Thats not a realistic and reasonable option for many families.	3/7/2026 9:12 AM
663	Oak Grove Elementary is a solid school. Parent involvement is extremely high. It is the glue that keep our community connected.	3/7/2026 9:06 AM
664	If you said it took $500k of community fundraising to keep the school, I'm confident we can do it.	3/7/2026 9:06 AM
665	Future scenarios should clearly show the data and assumptions used to make decisions, including capacity, utilization, travel impact, and where students would actually be placed. Transparency and validation of the underlying data are critical for community trust and for evaluating whether proposed solutions truly address the district's capacity challenges.	3/7/2026 9:04 AM
666	Our students will be much more success if they can be allowed to stay at the elementary school through grade 8 and then go to high school. They are not prepared, mentally, socially or psychologically, to a separate school in grade 6. Please give our children more time to grow before shipping them off to a separate campus at a separate school. BIG mistake Delalb County !!	3/7/2026 9:04 AM
667	Too wide of age groups in one school increases the risk for the students and strains the staff. Keep the bands small.	3/7/2026 9:03 AM
668	If Dekalb Schools is suffering from a shortfall in income, maybe it should look at non-instructional jobs (County office staff and salaries). Additionally, if Dekalb School Board would vet and then hire a qualified superintendent instead of felons and failures, payoff to get rid of such would stop.	3/7/2026 9:03 AM

669	none	3/7/2026 8:59 AM
670	Local schools are important to building and maintaining a strong community	3/7/2026 8:57 AM
671	Oak Grove Elementary is a very important part of this thriving community and should not be closed.	3/7/2026 8:39 AM
672	can the consolidations be cut from 27 consolidations to 12 consolidations (4 elementary facilities 4 middle school facilities 4 high school facilities) can clarifications be provided regarding how the facilities that are closed due to consolidations will be repurposed?	3/7/2026 8:20 AM
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674	I want the schools to stay in the same cluster. Montgomery ,Chamblee middle, Chamblee high school also kittredge magnet school.	3/7/2026 8:14 AM
675	Evansdale elementary should remain open and be part of the Lakeside high school district.	3/7/2026 8:00 AM
676	The state of DCPS is most unfortunate. The families that could afford private school did a mass exodus due to the dilapidated buildings and lack of vision due to revolving door superintendents. So much of this could have been prevented. So unfortunate.	3/7/2026 7:58 AM
677	Please provide additional information on the next step if school will be closed. Where will the students be reassigned and how? What cluster if move?	3/7/2026 7:49 AM
678	I've lived in Dekalb since 1992 and owned property here since 1999. Like many of my neighbors, I chose my neighborhood based on Lakeside High School and my children graduated from there. A decision to close Evansdale and redistrict our children into Tucker or Doraville has many impacts to the quality of life for our neighborhood. I implore the Board to keep Evansdale open, expand its capacity and allow it to stay in the Lakeside High School cluster.	3/7/2026 7:49 AM
679	Keep academically successful community schools like Oak Grove Elementary open.	3/7/2026 7:41 AM
680	The community will be better able to comment if you pair building closure info with how boundaries would be affected.	3/7/2026 7:34 AM
681	Keep Montgomery, Huntley hills and Ashford park families in the chamblee cluster. Keep the magnet program in Chamblee. Kids in keswick village, Keswick park and sexton woods should all stay at Montgomery elementary since together they form 1 neighborhood unit.	3/7/2026 7:04 AM
682	Would school choice go away? What about families who already opted in to school choice? I think it needs to go away when the lines are re-drawn. There are lots of great ideas about how to improve chesnut elementary - changing the entrance to be off such a main road, more parking for visitors and staff, more areas for meetings and staff to meet with parents, less trailers, etc. I am excited to see the plans for our school! I am worried about losing so many amazing families to Doraville schools - especially those who live in the Carver Heights neighborhood. They are VERY active at school and need to stay with us. If chesnut is expanded to hold 900 students, please make sure our school has enough admin support across all grades - it feels like we do our best with a little. More support is needed! Thank you!	3/7/2026 6:52 AM
683	I drive on Lavista Road and Briarlake, Coralwood, Sagamore Hills, and McLendon are all within a few minutes of each other. Are you closing any of the Area 1 schools in the District. You won't inconvenience those parents or their children.	3/7/2026 4:56 AM

684	Keep Oak Grove Elementary open. It's a great school and the community supports it's continuation.	3/7/2026 3:10 AM
685	I would've liked an option to say I don't know. Feedback from parents, teachers, administrators should be considered on the cluster concept and individualization of choice.	3/7/2026 1:47 AM
686	As DCSD evaluates future scenarios, the district should prioritize strengthening schools that are already producing strong academic outcomes. Decisions about consolidation should reinforce what is working, not dismantle it. Preserving successful neighborhood schools is one of the most effective ways to retain families in the district and sustain long-term enrollment.	3/7/2026 12:12 AM
687	So far, so good. Looking at it objectively, this makes sense.	3/6/2026 11:34 PM
688	When I was growing up GA ranked one of the lowest for public schools in the nation, and this seems to be headed back in that direction. This feels more like a move to devalue our education system and push more people to support vouchers rather than strengthening our schools. There is a reason why other schools have tried to duplicate Ashford Park when building magnet schools. You can say that closing Ashford Park is just about the building, but that school is the crown jewel of public schools in Brookhaven and closing it impacts the people here. It would tear apart this community and greatly impact us and our neighbors.	3/6/2026 11:27 PM
689	I believe prioritizing the consolidation of underutilized schools should take priority. Closing a school that meets and exceeds utilization metrics will unduly displace the community and will not assist in utilization of the schools in the immediate are without significant and unnecessary construction, disruption to surrounding neighborhoods. None of this looks at the disruption to the quality school that Oak Grove is, the disruption of the education to the displaced students and community, and the knowledge that other expansion projects of elementary schools in DeKalb county have not provided the outcomes of increased quality education metrics.	3/6/2026 11:02 PM
690	Keeping neighborhood community schools, particularly elementary schools, should be a top priority.	3/6/2026 10:52 PM
691	My daughter was fortunate enough to get into Oak Grove via school choice and the progress she has made has been tremendous. She is a student with a 504 plan recently and was recently diagnosed with a specific learning disability in math; she is currently in the evaluation process. Oak Grove has been extraordinary for her, as well as the numerous students at Oak Grove with a 504 plan or IEP (approximately 23% of students). She has grown 18 percentile points in math on MAP, and the leadership and support under Principal Ms. Kennedy have been exceptional. Stability is critical to my daughter and the students of Oak Grove's continued academic and emotional progress.	3/6/2026 10:48 PM
692	DO NOT CLOSE OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY. This would be a terrible loss to a thriving community. Oak Grove has a place in the hearts of many that have attended, have subsequently sent their own children there, and donated money to after they left.	3/6/2026 10:48 PM
693	I appreciate the effort that DeKalb County Schools is making through the Student Assignment Project to address declining enrollment and excess facility capacity. However, the proposal to close Ashford Park Elementary raises significant concerns because it appears to conflict with the district's stated goals and risks undermining one of the strongest school communities in the system. First, Ashford Park Elementary is both high-performing and heavily utilized, serving roughly 776 students in a facility designed for approximately 480. The stated purpose of the SAP process is to address underutilized capacity across the district. Closing a school that is already significantly over capacity and in high demand does not address the core capacity challenge. Instead, it risks redistributing students away from one of the district's strongest schools and weakening a community that is currently thriving. Second, the SAP proposal focuses heavily on declining enrollment but does not sufficiently address the root causes behind why families leave DeKalb County Schools. Across the metro Atlanta region, families often make decisions about where to live based on confidence in public school quality, cluster stability, and the predictability of school assignments from elementary through high school. Without addressing these drivers—such as academic consistency, program quality, and feeder pattern stability—facility consolidation alone may accelerate the loss of students rather than stabilize enrollment. Third, the Chamblee High cluster is one of the strongest academic clusters in DeKalb County, and preserving the continuity of that cluster should be a priority for retaining families in the public school system. Many parents choose to remain in DeKalb specifically because they value the pathway from Ashford Park Elementary through the Chamblee cluster. Disrupting that pathway risks fragmenting a community of highly engaged families who are deeply committed to public education and may otherwise choose	3/6/2026 10:48 PM

	private schools or neighboring districts if that stability is removed. Fourth, Ashford Park represents a model of extraordinary parental engagement and community investment. Schools like this benefit from strong volunteer participation, PTA fundraising, and community involvement that significantly enhance the educational experience for students. When highly engaged school communities are disrupted, the district risks losing not only students but also the volunteer time, philanthropic support, and enrichment programming that strengthen the broader system. Fifth, the district should also consider the broader economic implications of closing high-performing neighborhood schools. Strong public schools are one of the primary drivers of residential stability and property values. Major disruption to schools within the Chamblee cluster could negatively impact property values in Brookhaven and surrounding communities, which ultimately affects the county's tax base and long-term economic stability. Additionally, the Brookhaven and Chamblee areas are experiencing continued population turnover and redevelopment that bring young families into the community. Long-term enrollment demand in this part of DeKalb County is structurally stronger than in many other parts of the district. Closing Ashford Park risks eliminating capacity in one of the few areas where enrollment demand is likely to grow over time. Finally, I would encourage the district to consider a broader strategic framework for the SAP process that includes identifying and preserving "anchor schools." Anchor schools are high-performing, high-demand schools within each cluster that serve as stabilizing forces for enrollment and community engagement. Schools like Ashford Park help retain families in the public system and provide models for best practices that can be replicated elsewhere in the district. Rather than closing these schools, the district should analyze the factors that make them successful and seek to expand those practices across the system. In summary, a more sustainable approach to the Student Assignment Project would: • Prioritize consolidation among consistently under-enrolled schools where capacity utilization is low • Preserve high-performing, high-demand schools such as Ashford Park Elementary • Maintain strong feeder clusters like the Chamblee High cluster to retain families in public education • Conduct a deeper analysis of the root causes behind enrollment decline and implement strategies to address them • Identify and protect "anchor schools" that stabilize communities and strengthen the overall district Ashford Park Elementary is not simply another facility within the district—it is a school that represents strong academic performance, high enrollment demand, extraordinary community engagement, and long-term stability for families committed to DeKalb County Schools. Preserving and learning from schools like Ashford Park will ultimately do far more to strengthen the district than closing them.	
694	The elementary schools you are suggesting to close such as Evansdale, oak grove, ashford park, vanderlyn are some of the highest performing ones and the reason people move into the area. I would think focusing on keeping the schools that perform well would be a better plan than keeping low performing schools.	3/6/2026 10:46 PM
695	Community schools that feed into each other yields benefits that benefit the students, parents and society in general. Oak Grove is an excellent school that has produced graduates who do well in High School and College.	3/6/2026 10:38 PM
696	Evansdale Elementary School has long been a cornerstone of our community. It is more than just a building—it is where relationships are built, teachers invest deeply in students, and families form lasting connections. Closing this school would not only disrupt the education of current students but also dismantle a community that has been thoughtfully built over many years. Families in this area made intentional decisions about where to live based on the stability and continuity of the Lakeside High School cluster and the French DLI program. Many households have children at multiple grade levels, and removing Evansdale from this cluster or closing it entirely would create unnecessary disruption for students and families who rely on that continuity.	3/6/2026 10:38 PM
697	Instead of closing, Consider repurposing facilities into magnet/theme schools that would greatly benefit and fit the culture of our cluster.	3/6/2026 10:32 PM
698	Smaller kids tend to work well with others and be more accepting of others. As they get older, the differences in the ages become much greater.	3/6/2026 10:25 PM
699	In my opinion, this process should be slow and methodical. School closures should start at the schools that are actually below capacity and are low performing, and then reevaluated if they improved. Additionally, we need to know where our kids will go to school to give adequate feedback. Will boundaries be redrawn between school districts?	3/6/2026 9:56 PM
700	I specifically advocate for retaining Evansdale Elementary given its unique French Program which is an example of an educational asset that if promoted and advertised could attract	3/6/2026 9:17 PM

	parents and growth in enrollment. There must be greater focus on forward-thinking activities on how to retain and grow DeKalb Schools enrollment. Parents desire affordable, local schools and it is easier than expected to help parents choose public schools over private schools or schools outside of DeKalb. Schools must remain local and local schools must have reasonable flexibility with curriculum and methods, with accountability maintained through performance measures. The past year's attempt at standardization, homogeneity, and other practices promoted by Mr. Horton have not been effective and are increasing dissatisfaction as many parents will attest to. Devote resources to unique educational programs at schools such as DLI and science-focused tracks and parents will return. School closures will drive away many affluent parents as well as disproportionately hurt poorer families who can least afford longer travel times and greater disconnection from local education resources.	
701	To preserve a school, consider adding specialized programs to maximize use of the facility.	3/6/2026 9:12 PM
702	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/6/2026 9:10 PM
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704	The optics will be bad no matter what you do. It looks like another attempt to avoid any appearance of division by racial lines, but the facts are the facts - the southern part of the district radically skews to undercapacity while the middle and norther part of the district are closer to appropriate utilization.	3/6/2026 9:02 PM
705	The city can keep building homes Why keep closing schools. Education is important more than the investors that's buying up everything	3/6/2026 8:56 PM
706	There a few fundamental problems that will not allow this plan to work: 1) This plan was started under Dr. Horton, now indicted for fraud; DeKalb county parents are at an all time low in terms of their confidence in DCSD leadership. You can not expect DeKalb county parents to "trust" the process if they can't trust the system. These are BIG changes for some area. Without public buy-in, you will run into BIG opposition 2) SAP has clearly been working for some time on this process; but, every parent I talk to feels completely blind-sided by the announcement. We are completely inundated with communication from our schools (particularly if you have kids in more than one school) and DCSD. So while I'm sure there was communication along the way, we receive so messages, a complete reorganization of our school system was not on	3/6/2026 8:49 PM

	anyone's radar 3) These changes are being made due to low enrollment. These changes are very likely to further decrease enrollment. Mistrust of DSCD, closing local smaller walk-able schools so that kids have to be transported by bus to a larger school will not help increase enrollment. It will worsen the problem. I have heard many people speaking of pulling their kids and putting them in private school. Anyone with the means to do so will pull their kids out of DCSD, further decreasing our enrollment. And then you'll have the same enrollment problem again.	
707	Keep Montgomery, Huntley hills and Ashford park families in the chamblee cluster. Keep the magnet program in Chamblee. Kids in keswick village, Keswick park and sexton woods should all stay at Montgomery elementary since together they form 1 neighborhood unit.	3/6/2026 8:43 PM
708	PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE EVANSDALE ELEMENTARY! It is a gem and a gift to have a school that is so diverse and community oriented. Larger schools feel much less personal and I think would negatively impact property values. I think many kids feel safer in a smaller school setting and their feelings of safety are vitally important in a time of unmitigated school shootings.	3/6/2026 8:42 PM
709	If there are scholl that have empty seats ,move them about, if schools need help getting better, then send money to them. My school has great teachers, it's perfect size and I am learning so well.	3/6/2026 8:23 PM
710	Que hayan nuevas escuelas Y que se, la educación se un poco más buena en tecnologías	3/6/2026 8:21 PM
711	N/A	3/6/2026 8:20 PM
712	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/6/2026 8:17 PM
713	I don't love most of these options. I'd hate for my kid to move schools every 3 years. But having pre-k kids and 8th graders in the same building doesn't seem like the best idea either.	3/6/2026 8:17 PM
714	I would welcome collaboration between district leaders and school communities to explore campus-level solutions that address high school capacity while preserving the Vanderlyn community.	3/6/2026 8:15 PM
715	Schools that have desirable special programs can absolutely fill those spots. Fix the buildings or build new ones, don't move us	3/6/2026 8:05 PM
716	There has been a strong response and a goal towards organization in order to preserve our neighborhood's spot and its current cluster and neighborhood elementary school. I think it would be a significant waste of county resources in order to continue down this path that is very, obviously not supported by the public and its tax base.	3/6/2026 8:00 PM
717	Please consider adding additional pre-K classrooms. Our communities would highly benefit from this, and with the lottery waitlist, it is clearly needed and would fill higher utilized schools.	3/6/2026 7:54 PM
718	The next round of scenarios should not include school closures for the high schools unless ABSOLUTELY necessary, such as a dangerous facility to occupy. Closures will be less volatile for elementary and middle school students. Let's keep this data people first and not facility first. Think of the broader socioeconomic outcomes with each scenario. I have not seen that data yet.	3/6/2026 7:52 PM

719	I ask again that the county review the performance of Robert Shaw Theme school and reconsider closing such a valuable school that has produced excellent scholars for years.	3/6/2026 7:50 PM
720	You do not look at demographics for those closing. There needs to be a similar quality of schooling and that is difficult to find. Where will the teachers go? What will happen to the existing facility? What is the true motivation. Quality of schooling is why parents are upset about Ashford park potential close. There is nothing equivalent or close around. It is a disservice to those students in the area deserving a higher quality education. You will reduce home prices and make families leave the area that moved specifically for the school cluster.	3/6/2026 7:40 PM
721	It’s insane to close Ashford park, a great school that is overcrowded! And a 26 million dollar upgrade of the cafeteria there is underway—why would you close it? Vanderlyn is another good one you all want to close. Keep high performing schools open and close low performing ones that aren’t full. It’s not rocket science. Also, why move the Ashford park cluster from a well-performing school like Chamblee high to a low performing school like Crosskeys? That’s not fair to take away the good highschool from this cluster.	3/6/2026 7:37 PM
722	Find a way to keep neighbors together to keep crime from spreading.	3/6/2026 7:29 PM
723	Oak Grove Elementary School: - Exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) - Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth - Ranks in the top tier academically - Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake	3/6/2026 7:29 PM
724	Just no reason whatsoever to close Oak Grove Elementary School as it would negatively impact our neighborhood and our kids education needs.	3/6/2026 7:23 PM
725	Maybe if DCSD didn’t waste money hiring people already under investigation (2 past superintendents)they could save and not be so worried about this.	3/6/2026 7:14 PM
726	This is all a major distraction before testing.	3/6/2026 7:10 PM
727	The entire rollout of this round-by-round process has been frustrating to families who will be affected by the SAP scenarios. I'm not going to repeat the same valid issues (board absence and disinterest in the clusters over the last couple of years, breaking the news days before schools in the district were going on break) that others have laid out on Facebook and in meetings, but the simple fact that you've now pulled back on the late March in-person meetings does NOT make this seem like a conversation with communities, but an ultimatum.	3/6/2026 7:10 PM
728	The first step to close facilities should be the last step. Planning for purpose not seats should be first with a clear financial plan. I am concerned weighing what the state funds today could change what the state funds tomorrow. Think locally first.	3/6/2026 7:09 PM
729	Unless schools are losing enrollment, renovations and expansion should be considered when you consider the long term hassle of students traveling on buses, congestion around Atlanta and Dekalb county, and the cost of students and parent traveling each day of the school year for the next 20 years.	3/6/2026 7:06 PM
730	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary School 1) our enrollment is growing every year since Covid 2) we are a top performing school we should be replicated not closed 3) a consulting company with construction interests should not be driving process. People buy their homes to belong to neighborhood schools for many reasons.	3/6/2026 7:04 PM
731	If these schools are closing, what will happen to the employees? I'm concerned.	3/6/2026 6:59 PM
732	I live in Oak Grove Community-went to Oak Grove as a kid. Excellent teachers	3/6/2026 6:58 PM
733	This is the cluster we used to have until the late 1990's	3/6/2026 6:52 PM
734	Based on the current 92k students attending school, let's consider the smaller class size can benefit the teachers and students for structure and learning. Please reassess the earlier assessment of closing schools. Examine other options such as how military and charter schools' functions with smaller number of students.	3/6/2026 6:50 PM
735	It is important to keep communities and neighborhoods together under the same high school. Once a child started under one high school they should be allowed to continue in that high school through graduation. Forcing children to switch school, communities, and friendships after starting at one high school will damage their mental and emotional health, as well as the likelihood that they will succeed academically.	3/6/2026 6:45 PM
736	It is important to keep communities together in the same highschool. And once a kid started	3/6/2026 6:45 PM

	one school, they shoould be grandfathered in and allowed to stay in that school until graduation. Whether they are a freshman or a junior/senior. Switching schools and community and friendships in the middle or after starting at one highschool is detrimental for mental health of teens. Please keep community in one school.	
737	I small children do not need to bus so far from home to go to school. They should be able to walk to the school in their neighborhood.	3/6/2026 6:37 PM
738	N/A	3/6/2026 6:34 PM
739	Reiterating the need to keep all elementary schools in the Dunwoody cluster IN the cluster. Scenario 1 provides an equitable access to all Dunwoody and keep the walkability of the cluster intact, as there is no change on highways since inception. Important to note the great sport and collaboration effort the schools among the Dunwoody cluster have with Peachtree Middle and DHS. Something important to note how many CES students keep going to Peachtree as they always have seen it part of the development and academic curriculum due to the close distance. Thank you to consider my survey insights.	3/6/2026 6:22 PM
740	Do not close best performing schools.	3/6/2026 6:03 PM
741	This school need to close , their horrible there	3/6/2026 5:52 PM
742	I also recognize that the district has framed SAP around enrollment trends and utilization. Any proposal should clearly demonstrate how those metrics are being applied at the cluster level. The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made.	3/6/2026 5:48 PM
743	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/6/2026 5:47 PM
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745	The grade spans above in other block was used where I went to school in the 1950's and 60's. I have no idea if it would work any better than other options.	3/6/2026 5:37 PM
746	Does any of this affect home millage rates?	3/6/2026 5:31 PM
747	High school should start from 8-12 grades	3/6/2026 5:26 PM

748	It would be nice if they would start with the families, the students and the staff directly impacted by all of this endless and expensive threats of change.	3/6/2026 5:23 PM
749	We will reject all proposals about closing oak grove elementary which is a trademark school	3/6/2026 5:20 PM
750	Because of emotional, physical and psychological development mixing Elementary, Middle and High School students together could pose a problem. Those issues were the basis for the current configuration. More than just space and resources must be considered.	3/6/2026 5:19 PM
751	Please do not shut down Oak elementary. It is an outstanding place and it should stay open. Lots of staff need that job and students need to learn there. It's the closest place for a lot of us. It's our community.	3/6/2026 5:11 PM
752	Priority should be given to fix actual problems, not made up ones used for optics to look like HPM is fair to all districts. This is unfair to this area. Adjust school with qctual large empty seats, adjust districts where growth has slowed. Adjust school with poor performance...send money to help fix these problems. Making changes where none are needed is ludicrous and wasteful of tax payers money	3/6/2026 5:09 PM
753	Why. It does not matter. This is the same game 25+ years.	3/6/2026 5:06 PM
754	Save schools that people deeply care about like oakgrove	3/6/2026 4:57 PM
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756	Save schools that people care about like oak grove.	3/6/2026 4:56 PM
757	How many certified teachers will be placed in a class? What will happen to teachers if and when their school site close?	3/6/2026 4:55 PM
758	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/6/2026 4:54 PM
759	Please don't close Ashford Park elementary! Sinc Giles Stevens	3/6/2026 4:53 PM
760	I have listed most of my ideas and concerns above, and would welcome any sessions involving parent input with the HPM representatives so that we can have a discussion of ideas and give feedback on what would and wouldnt work for our community. SOOOOOOO many people want to send their kids to the public schools and end up moving to Milton or private school (if they can afford it) because of distrust in Dekalb County. I think this distrust combined with teacher concerns of job security and lack of communication around this whole experience up to now will only cause a greater exodus of families from Dekalb county schools.	3/6/2026 4:51 PM
761	I have never seen a process that asks parents for feedback on closure decisions without also articulating what the alternative proposal for rezoning is. How can parents reasonable give feedback if they cannot respond to what will happen to their kids?	3/6/2026 4:47 PM
762	Many staff members were unable to login to the staff Teams meetings. I registered for both the 7am & the 4pm, but I could not login to the 7am at all. I got into the 4pm, but colleagues could not. I wound up losing audio in the 4pm meeting, so I had to wait for the video, anyway. Many staff found out about the meetings too late to attend.	3/6/2026 4:45 PM
763	At this time and always, we cannot afford to loose jobs and we just cannot ignore the need for efficiency if it is not at the cost of our diverse students' learning needs. Thank you!	3/6/2026 4:41 PM

764	The next step should involve deeper data analysis, data visualization, and a careful review of the survey results from the community. These analyses could help decision-makers better understand school performance, enrollment patterns, and community concerns. I understand that it is difficult to make everyone satisfied with decisions like this. However, by using data and listening to community feedback, the district can try to make the best and most balanced decision possible.	3/6/2026 4:35 PM
765	Middle schoolers are not high schoolers and need their own school	3/6/2026 4:11 PM
766	DCSD needs to be more transparent. It is not possible to close schools then talk about reasoning etc. They must occur concurrently.	3/6/2026 4:09 PM
767	No because every child learn different.	3/6/2026 4:03 PM
768	Do not bring Dekalb county schools by closing excellent schools. I will only make the county school system rankings worse.	3/6/2026 4:03 PM
769	Please do not close Ashford Park elementary, it is a neighborhood gem. People move to the area just to go to Ashford Park elementary.	3/6/2026 4:02 PM
770	It costs money and resources to heat, cool, maintain facilities that are under utilized. Children don't walk to these s hools they are driven by their parents. Just go look at the long lines of traffic clogging parents.	3/6/2026 3:59 PM
771	As a parent of 3 who moved to this area specifically for the school, it is very important to me that these considerations be taken into account. It's not simply that we don't want consolidation, it's that the data do not support anything of the sort for Oak Grove. Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with f iscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/6/2026 3:49 PM
772	There needs to be systems in place if big kids are allowed to be around little kids, especially around technology and illegal substances. All schools should remain open and FULLY FUNDED and not closed and absorbed into other schools that would inevitably lead to bigger classrooms.	3/6/2026 3:47 PM
773	Additional age bands might allow for neighborhoods to remain in their current school district, decrease the need for major building expansion and, with needed renovations, make the buildings more appropriate for the age group without losing the community buy in. Special programs (like the French program at Evansdale) could remain intact and even expand within the cluster. Losing school community support by dividing neighborhoods and moving them to different clusters will force families out of DeKalb County.	3/6/2026 3:46 PM
774	definitely keep ALL schools open and instead of preparing to close schools, direct that effort to get more state or federal funds or grants.	3/6/2026 3:45 PM
775	We prefer to keep the trailers rather than changing cluster. L	3/6/2026 3:44 PM
776	Evandale is where my kids went. My grandchildren should go to the same school. Our home was purchased based on this location	3/6/2026 3:43 PM
777	I think it would be a good use of some of the closed school buildings to make space for some exhibits for field trips. For example, a World War 2 exhibit that 5th graders could go visit. Could be changed monthly or offer several different programs. Would be efficient to get to and inexpensive.	3/6/2026 3:42 PM

778	As the district develops the next round of scenarios, I encourage leaders to continue focusing on solutions that strengthen the long-term stability of DeKalb County schools while minimizing disruption for students and families. I understand that declining enrollment means the district needs to evaluate how buildings are being used, and I support efforts to make sure resources are focused on academics, teachers, and student support rather than maintaining underused facilities. At the same time, it will be important to carefully consider how changes affect students day to day. Transportation times, school capacity, and student safety should all be major factors in any final decisions. If schools are consolidated, the receiving schools should have the staffing, resources, and facilities needed to support additional students without creating overcrowding or reducing program quality. I also encourage the district to prioritize age-appropriate learning environments when considering grade band changes. Younger students should not be placed in school settings that are primarily designed for much older students. Maintaining environments that are developmentally appropriate is important for both safety and student well-being. Finally, schools play an important role in the identity and stability of communities. Continued communication, transparency, and opportunities for family input will be essential as scenarios evolve. My priority as a parent is that any changes ultimately improve the educational experience for students across the district while maintaining strong, supportive school communities.	3/6/2026 3:39 PM
779	Keep Chestnut as is	3/6/2026 3:36 PM
780	I would hate for these schools to close because it would change the community. The community makes the school. Some communities are better than others, and some communities value education more than others. And some communities don’t get along with other communities. And some communities don’t get along with other communities, and trying to force all the communities to get along isn’t going to work. I sent my boys to the Globe Academy thinking that they would get a scoop of culture, and all it did was confirm that some people want to stay with the people that look like them, eat like them, and pray like them, and they don’t wanna be your token, Hispanic friend, token, Asian friend, or token, black friend. The teachers make the school, and you can’t re-create the same school in a different community because you need the people who fill the school and the teachers who teach the students. They have a horrible time educating because they have to overcome so many social issues. Please don’t close Oak Grove Elementary, and please don’t relocate KITTREDGE at assembly. Those schools have earned their spot. Those schools have produced wonderful students who have gone on to work in Georgia and have created a great workforce that you all should be proud of. Don’t penalize these kids for doing the hard work. I know you can figure it out. You can get creative. Some things on paper look great, but don’t forget the human element, and don’t forget that just because you don’t understand it doesn’t mean it’s not happening, or that just because you think it’s racist doesn’t mean it’s not an actual factor.	3/6/2026 3:36 PM
781	N/A	3/6/2026 3:27 PM
782	Biggest Priority: Keeping the Ashford Park Elementary community together and being in close proximity to our elementary school.	3/6/2026 3:16 PM
783	I am concerned with the finances surrounding this initiative since it started under Horton. While I think we need to efficiently use building space, I believe the closure of 27 schools is very drastic.	3/6/2026 3:09 PM
784	Instead of closures, DCSD should use the 20,000 'empty seats' to pilot smaller class sizes (15–18 students) and specialized 'Micro-School' hubs for STEM, Arts, or Special Education. Future scenarios should model PK–8 grade bands in underutilized buildings to improve student retention and provide stable community anchors. Don't prioritize operational efficiency over the proven educational benefits of smaller, specialized neighborhood schools.	3/6/2026 3:02 PM
785	Na	3/6/2026 3:00 PM
786	Make McNair Middle a theme or magnet school so the Barack Obama Elementary kids have somewhere to go. That building has a lot of technological capabilities that are not being utilized.	3/6/2026 2:59 PM
787	None	3/6/2026 2:58 PM
788	Robert Shaw Theme School is an important part of the community and should remain open. The school serves many families who value its supportive environment, cultural diversity, and commitment to student success. Closing neighborhood schools can weaken communities and place unnecessary burdens on families, especially younger students who would have to travel	3/6/2026 2:57 PM

	farther and adjust to new environments. I strongly encourage the district to prioritize maintaining and strengthening schools like Robert Shaw rather than consolidating or closing them.	
789	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake One of the assumptions often associated with school closures is that they produce significant operating cost savings. However, research from other districts suggests that the financial impact is often much smaller than expected. In many districts, estimated annual savings per closed school are typically in the range of $500,000 to $1 million, because many costs remain in the system AND closures can create new costs. Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/6/2026 2:57 PM
790	None for now.	3/6/2026 2:54 PM
791	NA	3/6/2026 2:51 PM
792	Specifically for Evansdale Elementary. Our parents, teachers, and staff have worked hard to secure and develop our French program. This program draws people to our community. It is non/transferable and it continues into HMS, which is an argument for staying in our cluster There is a lack of clarity of the data used and decision making to make these decisions, not to mention that this plan was hatched by Horton, who has been charged with fraud; general distrust of the board and the process. There is a high probability that enrollment will drop if we lose our local elementary school as some people will go to private school/alternative options rather than send their child to a "mega school" that is further away	3/6/2026 2:48 PM
793	Prek to 6, 7-9, 10-12	3/6/2026 2:46 PM
794	To reiterate what I have said above, I find the framing on these questions, particularly unhelpful. We are not really weighing in on grade band scenarios, or at least it does not seem that way. Way. We are weighing in on the closure of specific schools. This district has not built the level of trust with Community where people feel like they understand or believe in the vision the district is working towards.	3/6/2026 2:42 PM
795	As the district develops future scenarios, it will be important to consider transportation time, class sizes, and the availability of specialized services such as special education, counseling, and intervention support. Community input should continue to be prioritized, and families should receive clear information about how changes may impact their students. Ensuring that all schools remain safe, well-resourced, and supportive learning environments should be the top priority in any facilities decision.	3/6/2026 2:37 PM
796	Try to keep class sizes from being to large.	3/6/2026 2:36 PM
797	I can't emphasize enough how important and fair it is to ensure Ashford Park students all get to remain together and as part of the Chamblee cluster.	3/6/2026 2:35 PM
798	Evansdale's French program has local vounteers and resources who are already involved. Those resources and volunteers may not be available in other neighborhoods. It is also critical to keep the French program in the Lakeside cluster as the program and its teachers have strong roots in the Lakeside community.	3/6/2026 2:33 PM
799	Whatever you do, make sure operational capacity is created to hold teachers and administrators accountable and conduct meaningful performance management reviews monthly/quarterly/annually. I'm very disappointed with the DCSD, the facilities are below standard (not even the school facilities operators care that the HVAC systems don't work for	3/6/2026 2:32 PM

	months, water leaks, etc..), each school is like it's own sovereign nation making up rules on the fly, teachers are incorrectly incentivized, the administrators are like small cartels stealing money with no regard or accountability. Majority of the teachers and administrators are flying under the radar picking up their next annual step in pay and focusing on tenure to retire. It's shameful what I've witnessed with my two kids going through the DCSD system and glad my last one only has a year left. As a son of a life long teacher (50 years) I use to think teachers were underpaid, what I've experienced and researched with the compensation and salary bands (call it total rewards) they are overpaid. DCSD needs true leaders, people who have worked in the private sector that can solve problems and drive results, not a bunch of career teachers/administrators rising through the ranks that are not competent to run the education programs for our kids.	
800	The TEACHERS who will be affected by this merger need to be supported and reassured that a clear plan and a strong leader will be in place to guide us through this transition.	3/6/2026 2:30 PM
801	Lithonia is the oldest High School in Southest DeKalb, its a shame to heritage and history to not have a Lithonia High School.	3/6/2026 2:28 PM
802	I think this could be a good opportunity to further integrate schools race wise (because sadly we are still very segregated as far as that goes) which would over all be better for everyone. However some of the schools that will possibly close are going to deter families from going to their “new schools” and seek out another county or private schools then furthering the divide. So again i think a lot of trust needs to be built between the community and DeKalb County. Aka prove you are in it for the kids and not just for improving the bottom line. In short, put your money where your mouth is, respectfully.	3/6/2026 2:25 PM
803	Different rounds of feedback and information gathering is a great protocol for these important decisions. I am impressed with the process.	3/6/2026 2:23 PM
804	Staff how would we be placed at the new schools.	3/6/2026 2:23 PM
805	Actually listen to teacher and parent feedback and use it to inform decisions. The district just spent millions of dollars on a new building. Don't close our smaller and amazing schools to "save money".	3/6/2026 2:22 PM
806	Community members need to be included in decisions. Research should be done on the possible psychological effects of changing the grade bands of students.	3/6/2026 2:21 PM
807	Please offer us solutions for Dunwoody High. It’s an important school that is massively over crowded. It needs help now, not in 6-8 years	3/6/2026 2:21 PM
808	I currently have a child at Kittredge Magnet. I think it's very important to keep an academic magnet program intact and available as an option for Dekalb students to high achievers can find a place to be challenged while also aiming to build/expand/update schools and redraw lines in a way that is equitable for all kids and that balances the resources fairly so that all students are met where they are. Part of this includes designing any new schools or expanded schools in a way that provides use of the outdoors, daylight, etc. and limits overcrowding in classrooms.	3/6/2026 2:20 PM
809	New construction on 124 at Lithonia Industrial and new construction on Stephenson Road; Multi-unit apartment buildings on Covington Hwy: The population will increase.	3/6/2026 2:18 PM
810	I find making decisions on buildings difficult without additional information. With the information I do have, it is focused on Ashford Park Elementary. That facility is not in good condition and it over capacity. I can get behind closing the facility - however - I prioritize keeping my neighborhood in the chamblee cluster. priorities: (1) remain in same cluster (2) keep our elementary community in tact (3) keep our building operational.	3/6/2026 2:15 PM
811	Chesnut knows how to successfully deliver exceptional educational services to a diverse population. CES is one of the most diverse elementary schools in the Dunwoody cluster, and we believe it is extremely important that CES continue to execute what it knows how to do for these families. As evidence of this, Chesnut is a GA Distinguished School and in the top 5% of all Title 1 schools in the state of Georgia. I support expansion opportunities for Dunwoody High School to help alleviate its overcrowding, which would help ensure that all families in the City of Dunwoody could be served by one high school, which strengths our entire Dunwoody community. As all Dunwoody cluster elementary schools roll up to the same middle and high school, I want the best opportunities and outcomes for our students even after they leave	3/6/2026 2:15 PM

	Chesnut. Better utilization of the available land around DHS would best serve all families within the City of Dunwoody.	
812	The bottom line is that cluster-specific grade band decisions, grounded in enrollment data, facility conditions, and genuine community input, will produce better long-term outcomes than a countywide template applied uniformly. The goal should be coherence within clusters and equity across them — not identical structures everywhere.	3/6/2026 2:14 PM
813	Please think creatively on use of staff resources and efficiency in operating buildings before jumping to highly disruptive options such as the massive student concentration plans under discussion	3/6/2026 2:13 PM
814	PK-7 and 8-12 gives the 8th graders the experience before hits their GPA (in most cases)	3/6/2026 2:12 PM
815	As future options are developed, I encourage the district to prioritize decisions that maintain stability for students and minimize disruption to established school communities. It will be important to consider not only enrollment numbers and facility capacity, but also the overall impact on students' academic progress, social-emotional well-being, and access to support services. Many students rely on consistent relationships with school staff, counselors, and support teams, and major structural changes can affect those supports. Additionally, family accessibility and transportation should remain key considerations. Any future scenarios should take into account travel times for students, the ability of families to stay connected to their school community, and the potential strain on transportation systems. I would also encourage continued engagement with school leaders, teachers, counselors, and families throughout the process. Those working directly with students each day can provide valuable insight into how potential changes may impact learning environments and student success. Overall, thoughtful planning, transparent communication, and stakeholder input will be essential in developing scenarios that best support students, families, and staff across the district. Thank you again for allowing stakeholders the opportunity to provide input.	3/6/2026 2:11 PM
816	OGE needs upgrades but should remain as our neighborhood school.	3/6/2026 2:10 PM
817	If Dunwoody high school needs space Vanderlyn is happy to give them land to build on. Taking away a school where the children are thriving can't be the only solution.	3/6/2026 2:08 PM
818	The county just did some renovations On midvale	3/6/2026 2:06 PM
819	Please consider the pulse of the community if you put some schools back to their original status and place those who were to remain open as now closed or repurposed. This would not sit well with the community.	3/6/2026 2:04 PM
820	This entire SAP doesn't make sense. On paper it may, sure. But, it's clear DCSD is trying to do more with less. Period. This is the way things have been trending at DCSD for years now. It's also clear that with each new school year, DCSD cares less and less for the very teachers it employs.	3/6/2026 2:03 PM
821	I have lived in the Oak Grove community for nearly 50 years and our 3 daughters are products of the Dekalb School system. I know the type of quality education that has always been provided by both Oak Grove and Lakeside. They have proven to be exceptional institutions and exemplary of quality public education the entire time I have lived in the community. They show a strength and commitment that is hard to reproduce. I fear our community would lose so much if these schools are closed. It would be an irreparable tear and hole in our community.	3/6/2026 2:02 PM
822	As noted previously, I would like to understand how any re-districting lines may be impacted based on the proposed closures.	3/6/2026 1:59 PM
823	The new big underattended schools should be converted to school employee single housing	3/6/2026 1:58 PM
824	Please consider putting assistant principals back in classrooms to teach at least 1/day a week.	3/6/2026 1:54 PM
825	I think middle grades can be a difficult group, behavior wise. It would be wise to separate the 6th graders from the rest of middle school. This would allow 6th graders time to mature and cause fewer issues in middle school.	3/6/2026 1:54 PM
826	Oak Grove Elementary should remain intact.	3/6/2026 1:51 PM
827	Please keep DeKalb county schools open and opportunities for the children to get a good education	3/6/2026 1:50 PM

828	none	3/6/2026 1:45 PM
829	While I think it’s ok if grade bands are different by cluster, I think it could be hard to implement and manage as a district. It would certainly cause increased complexity.	3/6/2026 1:44 PM
830	none at this time	3/6/2026 1:42 PM
831	I just want what's best for the teachers and the district.	3/6/2026 1:39 PM
832	We should value high performing schools, family choice and stability, and successful programming.	3/6/2026 1:38 PM
833	Keep Sagamore Hills open!	3/6/2026 1:37 PM
834	none	3/6/2026 1:33 PM
835	I strongly believe that the current grade bands at my child's school should remain unchanged. Closing or consolidating these grade levels will negatively impact students by forcing them to travel much longer distances to attend classes. It is essential for children to remain in a familiar and accessible environment for their stability and academic success. Please prioritize student proximity and family convenience in the next round of scenarios.	3/6/2026 1:30 PM
836	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove’s projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/6/2026 1:24 PM
837	Good schools deserve to be saved from being closed. Instead it is beneficial to remodel the school to accommodate more students	3/6/2026 1:21 PM
838	I believe our neighborhood school Evansdale Elementary and community would be needlessly harmed by closing. It’s crazy!	3/6/2026 1:19 PM
839	Don’t listen to the loudest voices. Go with proven best standards.	3/6/2026 1:16 PM
840	The District should carefully consider special ed needs before thinking about closing buildings. There is a GREAT need for more preschool special education classes. The location of these classes should not be up to the principals of each building as this is a district wide need.	3/6/2026 1:14 PM
841	I am strongly opposed to the proposed closure of Oak Grove Elementary. A building adequacy score of 71% does not reflect a school that is failing — it reflects a school that needs investment, not elimination. Rather than close Oak Grove and displace its students, I urge the district to direct capital funds toward improving the existing facility. The plan to redirect students to Sagamore Hills and Briarlake only works if those expansion projects are fully funded and completed on time, which is far from guaranteed. The district's own data shows that the proposed closures are contingent on capital investments at receiving schools. If those projects are delayed or underfunded, students from Oak Grove will be pushed into already strained facilities. Before closing any school, the district must demonstrate — with a concrete, funded plan — that receiving schools can absorb additional students without compromising the quality of education. Oak Grove is more than a building. It is a neighborhood anchor. Closing it disrupts the relationships, routines, and community ties that help children thrive, especially at the elementary level. The district's own research acknowledges that school transitions can cause academic disruption — and this proposal would force that disruption on young children who have done nothing wrong.	3/6/2026 1:13 PM
842	Evansdale's French program is unique to the Lakeside cluster. Teachers and parents have put down strong roots in the community	3/6/2026 1:09 PM

843	Do not close Evansdale Elementary.	3/6/2026 12:53 PM
844	None	3/6/2026 12:48 PM
845	I love this school because 3 of the teachers that I have through Brockett Elementry School they we`re amazing they treat me good they give me and my class a break of 20-30 minutes to play with our computers and I also like this school because we have 30 minutes UBT.	3/6/2026 12:47 PM
846	I love Brockett because were all a family and love being loved	3/6/2026 12:47 PM
847	I love Brocket because it is the best and I know all the teacher and they know me and I don't want it to close because I want my sister and my brother can come to this school and have the same experinans like me if this school shut down I wont be able to see the teachers that I love so much .	3/6/2026 12:47 PM
848	the people know my name in 2 grade	3/6/2026 12:47 PM
849	I love Brockett, I love the teachers, and all my friends, I love how when I was new they welcome me with open arms and I made a best friend in just a few minutes after my arrival and I could not imagine going to a different school than Brockett.	3/6/2026 12:47 PM
850	I want my sisters to have the sam as me	3/6/2026 12:47 PM
851	I have been here since prek and I like everyone in my class.i know a lot of teacher my mom knows the princable very well and I know so many teachers my whole fam has been here plsssssssssssssssss o love this school	3/6/2026 12:46 PM
852	I love how my old teachers remember me and say hi to me! I also want my sister to be at this school till 5th!	3/6/2026 12:46 PM
853	I am okay with Brockett, talking and chatting with teachers and cupcakes on birthdays, but some teachers are mean and make kids suicidal and don't do anything for bullying	3/6/2026 12:46 PM
854	I love going to a school where I am familiar with everyone and I already have so many friends here. I also want my little sister to have the same opportunities I did because she is my only little sister. Please do not close Brockett.	3/6/2026 12:46 PM
855	I love going to a small school and being familiar with almost all the teachers. If you close our school a LOT of schools will close.[Including the building.	3/6/2026 12:46 PM
856	Reverify all middle and high school addresses	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
857	I love Brockett and l love my.	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
858	I love brockett because all my teachers know me and the teachers are very kind and nice my teacher know me very much and other teachers.	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
859	So I love Brockett only on Fridays and Thursdays but pls don't shut down da schools	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
860	I love brockettElementry school because I was here la 2 to 3 years but I like here because i have so much friends on this school and good teachers.	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
861	I love going to know each teacher and I love how they know my name. It is very good to have a playground to be very nice and talk to our friends in lunch and I love Brockett.	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
862	I love my teacher because they have my back in they make sure we are good in nice	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
863	I love that everyone knows each other, kids and adults.	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
864	I love brockett and going to a small school, where everybody knows each other and we can all be comfortable with everything/anyone. Please do not close brockett, it holds memories and is a safe, learning experience.	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
865	I LOVE BROCKETT BECAUSE THERE ARE LOVELY TEACHERS THAT CAN HELP YOU WITH STUFF YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT.	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
866	I love my teacher even though I give her a nasty attitude and I'm not sure how I'm going to handle Brockett closing down so please don't close it down	3/6/2026 12:45 PM
867	I like when I go to my old school I would say hi to teacher's and say it to other kids I know.	3/6/2026 12:44 PM
868	I love Brokett and love the cool playground and love how all the teachers now me and how	3/6/2026 12:44 PM

	there's so many clubs like soccer basket ball dance ECT	
869	I love this school where everybody knows me and it feels like I'm at home.	3/6/2026 12:43 PM
870	Brockett is cool beans so don't make it close down	3/6/2026 12:43 PM
871	I love my teacher. I want to know the teacher.	3/6/2026 12:43 PM
872	How much does having older students in the same building as younger students affect the younger students? 9-12 is good leave it alone. PreK could be a building of their own. K-3 is good. 4-6 is good. 7-8 is good. Keep 6th grade out of middle school. They get influenced by the older students. 7-8 need to be watched closer. PreK can have everything their size. Staff can deal better with those students who need extra help with the emotional and learning challenges. Each level can prepare students for the next level. It's a lot of levels, but weeding out the behaviors could be good.	3/6/2026 12:39 PM
873	need to take into account drop off and pick up ESPECIALLY for elementary schools that are expanding as they currently affect traffic pattern at their given capacity and would need to greatly expand parent parking and drop off process	3/6/2026 12:28 PM
874	Thanks for the opportunity for feedback, hopefully the community feedback is factored in	3/6/2026 12:22 PM
875	Please let us know what this will look like in the future. Where will administrators and teachers go who are in the schools that are closing?	3/6/2026 12:22 PM
876	Large public schools have been horrible for our youth today, our kids are really suffering from them. It is so difficult for the kids to find a place, make a team, find life lasting friends. These kids are a number. The parents are a number as well as they struggle to find a community they can belong to. Ashford Park is an actual community, one that so many want to belong to, it should be the model for what others are trying to be like. It would be such a Dekalb County idiot move to get rid of such a gem. Please do not do this. Please try to raise up all of your other schools to the Ashford Park standard instead of lowering them to the bottom of the barrel.	3/6/2026 12:12 PM
877	With the facilities that will be closed they can be repurposed for extra curriculum facilities that are able to certify students in different trades. As well as being trades available to the public for a fee. Some can be repurposed as to be rented spaces or pods by small business owners. in that community or district not outsiders.	3/6/2026 12:11 PM
878	Staff at consolidated or closed schools should be allowed to keep their positions with the district.	3/6/2026 12:06 PM
879	Having taught in DeKalb County for 30 years before retiring, I find it incredible that schools that are highly successful are marked for closure. Bringing students into that successful environment seems like a much more desirable model. As a taxpayer I recognize the challenges. As a former teacher, I know the shortcomings of the DeKalb School System. Neighborhood schools should not be closed because of past wasteful practices. I would look to reducing the upper level "administrative" positions and expenses and putting the money to use at the local school level. Overstaffing in administration and understaffing in local schools has gone on for years.	3/6/2026 12:01 PM
880	Vanderlyn is open to collaborating with the district and high school to share our space. It's wonderful to be so close and have high school students help out with our events and encouraging our young students. We don't want that to end. Our teachers and staff have developed over time to create an outstanding school environment and we have many school choice students from Dunwoody, Chestnut and Kingsley with a waitlist for many more. Our staff and strong community is why parents are trying to move their children to Vanderlyn away from the schools that you want our community pushed towards. Please be open to considering keeping Vanderlyn open by moving some Kingsley neighborhoods to vanderlyn (closer than chestnut) and allowing us to be at capacity- our building was built to handle 624 students which meets the target requirement of 600. Let us do that and partner with the high school on field space by transforming our parking/outside space to accommodate and better utilize that space for all students (elementary and high school)	3/6/2026 11:57 AM
881	I am coin warned about the money being spent on Ashford Park renovations currently and the fact this it is on the closure list. I don't want the closure of Ashford Park to have an impact on Montgomery's boundaries. I do not want to see the Montgomery boundaries changed, and also	3/6/2026 11:53 AM

	think Ashford park should go unchanged. Both of these schools have wonderful and high performing school communities and wonderful neighborhoods.	
882	one of the most pivotal things I think that needs to be considered again is the ratio of student to teacher qualified teachers teachers who are skilled and trained in classroom management cultural competency of the learning plans and learning styles of the students based on their background their trauma experiences what they have been experienced and exposed to each Community is different and in some communities parents have the language to make the arguments to meet the needs of their children but in some communities the parents don't even know because they're not aware of the resources that are available or could be made available to help their child to help their community.	3/6/2026 11:52 AM
883	This is a community based school, keeps housing right also.	3/6/2026 11:50 AM
884	What is the plan to accommodate special subjects and child learning theories. Such as longer school day to facilitate more recess, especially among younger kids. Schools for younger children should be right sized to the community, mega schools are not wanted.	3/6/2026 11:39 AM
885	Can the next round include more details on timelines and when will see these changes. Will schools close the end of next school year? Will it be 2 years? Also, can it include more details on programs and if opening Early Child Learning Centers will be done at locations that are closing. My child attends Champion and in the current scenario the current building will become a large elementary, where could the program be potentially housed? Is there a current building that can hold them in one place or will the Middle school theme program go away? And if going away how soon will that happen?	3/6/2026 11:39 AM
886	The boundaries for the Dunwoody Cluster Elementary Schools need to be redrawn. It is shocking to me that one Elementary School is zoned for the majority of Apartment Complexes, while others have 1 or 0. This is not about excluding people based on where they live, but the fact of the matter is that segment of the school population is more transient in nature, and to create a stable community at a school, it needs to be appropriately divided amongst the Elementary Schools. To reiterate - a school shouldn't lose resources/funding due to fluctuating populations, when the boundaries are not drawn evenly.	3/6/2026 11:35 AM
887	Would any changes made be implemented simultaneously or over multiple years?	3/6/2026 11:34 AM
888	Please don’t close the schools- I know people at several other schools on this list and everyone is sad/ unhappy about it!	3/6/2026 11:29 AM
889	Bob Mathis Elementary School is achieving growth and success in every classroom preparing students to become productive lifelong learners in a diverse society.	3/6/2026 11:29 AM
890	Ashford Park, Chamblee Middle School, and Chamblee High School should remain unchanged . The Ashford Park community as a whole supports the education of all the students in the cluster financially, philosophically, and are there for the teachers as well as the administration.	3/6/2026 11:24 AM
891	How will busing be handled for the elementary school attendance areas that close those schools? Our elementary students already catch the bus at about 6:45 am to get to school on time. Students who have to go farther will have to get up even earlier. Please keep this in mind.	3/6/2026 11:20 AM
892	It would be really sad to loose good teachers due to the extended travel times because they were displaced.	3/6/2026 11:19 AM
893	I feel as though the goal of these scenarios doesn't meet the need of the county.	3/6/2026 11:18 AM
894	Please check all the last few years how successful is school all that school students are very great personalities and also succeeded	3/6/2026 11:02 AM
895	You have the ability to do such immense planning with AI, and I hope the consultants we've hired are understanding the power (not just using "AI", but actually have it build programs that simulate different scenarios to the individual-child level).	3/6/2026 11:00 AM
896	If you have to move Ashford Park, please keep our community together and in the Chamblee cluster. I would be open to you redistricting John Lewis Elementary (with the opening of Dresden and other schools) and moving all of AP into JL facility but I would also like JL to be in Chamblee Cluster to keep our community together.	3/6/2026 10:56 AM
897	Truly I can’t think of anything WORSE than the school consolidation plan. You hired a criminal	3/6/2026 10:55 AM

	as the superintendent so clearly are not the best judges of character. Do better. You claim to care about what is best for our kids but clearly you do not. Solve the actual issues that are hurting dekalb county schools vs making a horrible consolidation plan. Keep our schools small. Resources are spread thin? Fix the real issues, make dekalb schools something great so parents want to send their kids to our schools. I'd like to see scenarios that admit to the leadership mistakes that have been made and a scenario to gain back trust in the school system. You have a real opportunity to make positive change that will impacts real lives. Don't screw it up like you are with this horrible plan.	
898	This decision is horrible and the transparency from the school board is abysmal	3/6/2026 10:53 AM
899	Prioritize keeping schools in low income areas	3/6/2026 10:47 AM
900	We are a new Midvale family and we are in awe of this school. As a family of four, we have experienced a "merged" elementary school in DeKalb. Now that we've seen both sides, we will fight for the better option. My daughter started at Midvale this year in second grade. She had been at Smoke Rise Elementary since PreK. After the Idlewood merge, it became a "mega" school with 1,200ish students. It changed drastically after the influx of students. My son is currently in PreK at SRES. We do not want a giant school for our kids, and it seems like that's where we may be heading at Midvale. It feels like the kids at SRES are numbers now. There isn't a sense of community, and the concept of "all the teachers know the kids' names" doesn't exist there. The school is far too large for that. Administration isn't proactive with issues, because they are simply trying to keep up, and keep their heads above water. The teachers don't seem happy; they seem overwhelmed with huge class sizes and an unsupportive administration. Kids only get to do music class and art class every nine days, when it used to be once (sometimes twice!) a week. I don't want that future for my children. When my eldest started at Midvale, it was a breath of fresh air for her, and for her father and me. At SRES, we were so used to the negativity, the lack of outside time (they go days without going outside!), the focus on testing, and the weak admin, that we didn't know that elementary schools aren't all like that. Midvale Elementary School is exactly what an elementary school should be. The teachers are warm and kind, and they know the kids by names. They focus on the individual child, they provide adequate outdoor time, and the principal and VP are caring and involved. The staff is kind and involved because they have the space to be. They aren't overwhelmed. These small schools are what make Tucker GREAT. The data doesn't lie — look at the numbers of families who have left SRES since the merge was announced. Almost every SRES family I know applied for School Choice because they no longer want to be a part of this unhappy mega school that has no community. We want better for our children. Please do not close Midvale. Keep it small. I've seen both sides, and I'm here to say that the smaller, neighborhood schools are far better.	3/6/2026 10:46 AM
901	Feeding into Lakeside Highschool is imperative. We need to be in the Lakeside Cluster and NOT in Tucker or in Doraville.	3/6/2026 10:44 AM
902	Having a cluster in which the current school breakdown would benefit my family the most. Any cluster grade banding that would eliminate Evansdale Elementary would not be effective or appropriate for my family's current situation.	3/6/2026 10:43 AM
903	Please do not bus kids all over. Kids need to walk and be close to their home school	3/6/2026 10:38 AM
904	I am happy with the current situation.	3/6/2026 10:38 AM
905	No consolidation	3/6/2026 10:36 AM
906	I vote to keep Evansdale elementary open.	3/6/2026 10:32 AM
907	I believe that as an alternative technical high schools that focus heavily on all trades need to be introduce in all clusters. Life skills need to be introduced early so that students can have better focus on what they want to become in life.	3/6/2026 10:30 AM
908	To fully understand scenarios for us, we need more information than "Ashford Park might close". What matters most to us is where we would be zoned and where the magnet programs would be. Right now the scenarios just have us potentially losing things and that feels extremely precarious and worrisome. We need some stability and more information.	3/6/2026 10:29 AM
909	The international community school is an amazing school also serving specific needs of the diverse community. I'd feel fine extending that school to eighth grade.	3/6/2026 10:14 AM
910	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–	3/6/2026 10:08 AM

	16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	
911	Raise sales taxes by 1.5% and keep our communities safe, our children safe, and our schools open. Stop giving tax breaks to large corporations, have them fund these students by pilot program funding, college prep-scholarship programs, or have them sponsor an entire school district. Stop the greed and invest in our communities.	3/6/2026 10:07 AM
912	Evansdale should stay open, especially given all the growth in the area and possible additional apartment complexes.	3/6/2026 10:05 AM
913	As the district develops the next round of facilities scenarios, I encourage decision-makers to evaluate schools not only through the lens of building utilization but also through the broader role they play in supporting academic opportunity, district-wide programs, and community engagement. Evansdale Elementary is not simply a neighborhood school. It is home to a district-wide French dual-language immersion program, strong STEM programming, and a highly engaged community supported by the Evansdale Foundation and an active PTA. Schools that combine unique academic offerings, strong performance, and deep community investment should be carefully considered before being included in consolidation scenarios. Evansdale's French dual-language immersion program attracts families from across DeKalb County through a lottery-based choice program. Students spend half of their instructional time learning in French, developing language proficiency and global competency. The program has also earned international recognition through the LabelFrancÉducation designation, awarded by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs to schools that demonstrate excellence in bilingual French education. Importantly, the immersion pathway does not end at Evansdale. Students continue their language learning at Henderson Middle School, where Evansdale parents and teachers helped build the continuation of the program, and then into advanced French coursework at Lakeside High School. This creates a long-term academic pathway that supports sustained language proficiency and represents years of collaboration between families, educators, and the district. Evansdale has also demonstrated strong academic growth and achievement. The school was recently named a Georgia Title I Reward School, placing it among the top-performing Title I schools in the state for student growth. In addition, Evansdale offers robust STEM opportunities that encourage innovation, inquiry-based learning, and participation in robotics competitions, technology fairs, and project-based science programs. The school's success is reinforced by extraordinary community engagement. The Evansdale Foundation and an active PTA provide substantial financial and volunteer support that enhances classroom resources, enrichment programs, and student opportunities. This partnership between families and the district represents a significant asset that contributes directly to the school's success. It is also important to consider cluster stability. Evansdale has long been part of the Lakeside cluster, and families often make long-term decisions about where to live based on that educational pathway. Over the years, there have been multiple proposals to move Evansdale out of the Lakeside cluster and into nearby clusters. Now, the possibility of closing the school entirely—while nearby schools such as Pleasantdale Elementary School have recently been expanded and Livsey Elementary School may also be expanded—raises understandable questions about how these decisions align with the district's long-term planning strategy. Schools that combine strong academic outcomes, specialized programs, and deep community investment often play an important role in attracting and retaining families within a public school system. Preserving successful schools like Evansdale should be an important consideration as the district refines its facilities planning.	3/6/2026 10:05 AM
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915	Do not go after small elementary schools that are barely under enrolled and try to consolidate them into underperforming schools.	3/6/2026 9:59 AM
916	The budget doesn't seem to allocated correctly. Also certain programs are allocated more fluently areas of DeKalb	3/6/2026 9:58 AM
917	We know these are hard decisions but Evansdale is unique and special	3/6/2026 9:53 AM
918	I prefer the split at 6th, because some kids could access higher level courses earlier in areas of strength. Also those with sporting ability could train with the higher level teams. Music programs could also be improved with instruction from a higher level band director/music dept chapter who could oversee the improvement of the music department from the beginning while exposing younger kids to drama, band, orchestra, chorus, etc earlier. That could also have the downside of giving fewer opportunities to younger players or scholars if resources are at the current high school level. Traffic could be worse with more students driving to bigger campuses. Busses would need fewer routes, but mixed ages on the busses could be problematic for 6-12. I think that having localized elementary schools helps foster community and should be cherished and preserved where possible. We also don't have the money to perform repairs on the buildings slated for them at this point. How could we make mega schools if we don't have funds to build them? Yes, we could sell properties to raise funds, but why don't we change properties to athletic fields or another pool facility to make things more equitable around the county? I really do believe change needs to come, but as a parent in a cluster that needs to keep their IB certification, we will need to keep some things the same to hold on to these important programs for our future scholars.	3/6/2026 9:52 AM
919	Checking the veracity and accuracy of the occupancy data is primordial. The firm that was hired to evaluate has no skin on the game, local experts should be involved and have a say. If decisions are made on inaccurate data it would cause a lot of harm to our students and community. Secondly, DCSD have some really excellent programs that are coming under scrutiny for no good reason in my opinion. Those magnet and choice programs should be supported and used as models to improve others, not targets of dismantling. "Fixing" something that is working fine is not the way to elevate the education of the students. These rumors have created great anxiety in those top performing programs, such as DSA	3/6/2026 9:51 AM
920	I think the professionals should do what they think is best	3/6/2026 9:48 AM
921	The closure of Evansdale Elementary will devastate this community and this neighborhood. I am firmly opposed to it and will lobby against anyone who supports it. I do not care at all that there is more space than necessary and that it is inefficient. Fix the corruption and mismanagement and irresponsible use of funds in the Dekalb School Board before you address this issue, and maybe you'll have the moral standing to make the argument you are trying to make. Right now you certainly do not.	3/6/2026 9:48 AM
922	Na	3/6/2026 9:47 AM
923	Evansdale has a long history of high parental involvement, one of the most important elements for school success.	3/6/2026 9:47 AM
924	I do not feel comfortable with middle school and high schoolers being pooled together	3/6/2026 9:45 AM
925	I think you have to be really careful putting younger kids with older kids just to satisfy butts in seats.	3/6/2026 9:41 AM
926	Close all the schools and the district	3/6/2026 9:37 AM

927	I personally don't think thoughts are being made specifically for those kids that will be negatively impacted by this change. We are at DAA and my kid is thriving there in the arts. And we plan on attending the DESA for high school. She is already having anxiety about how her 8th grade and 9-12th grade is going to look like with these changes.	3/6/2026 9:32 AM
928	Middle school banding option is critical. Exposing 6th graders to high schoolers opens the door to potential harassment, early drug and alcohol use, and other inappropriate behaviors that they are not prepared for.	3/6/2026 9:27 AM
929	Please really listen to community feedback. I know this comes down to numbers, but if some of these schools need more money to stay open, I do think that a fund raising campaign would be successful.	3/6/2026 9:24 AM
930	I would welcome collaboration between district leaders and both school communities to explore campus-level solutions that address high school capacity while preserving the Vanderlyn community. As homeowners who specifically purchased a home in this area a few years ago to ensure our child was districted for a highly rated elementary school because we believe in the public school system, we're very concerned that this will disrupt the level of education that we had anticipated. While I understand why Vanderlyn Elementary was put on this list due to it's proximity to Dunwoody High School, it's diversity, academically strong, high enrollment, and inclusive community I think should be considered.	3/6/2026 9:18 AM
931	While I think that sending preliminary scenarios for review and input is extremely helpful, I think more thought should have gone into the results of each scenario and how the children of the impacted schools will be affected - my biggest question, is what is the actual plan for the schools that will close and where those kids will go - and what will happen to the kids at the schools they move to (will this just cause new capacity issues?). It just feels almost as if the SAP committee threw darts at a wall and said "hey this sounds good", without explaining what will happen next.	3/6/2026 9:16 AM
932	As the district moves into Round 2, I ask that DeKalb Schools provide more transparent data, more scenario modeling, and more opportunities for meaningful community input. Families need a clearer understanding of the long-term impacts on Montgomery and the Chamblee cluster before they can support any major structural changes.	3/6/2026 9:13 AM
933	Evansdale is projected to increase to over 600 in 2030.	3/6/2026 9:10 AM
934	Please consider sharing the plan for programs and boundaries as soon as possible. This would create more practical and elaborate feedback.	3/6/2026 9:10 AM
935	Do not close oak grove elementary!	3/6/2026 9:09 AM
936	Help the kids develop so that are willing to learn.	3/6/2026 9:06 AM
937	There needs to be information shared on where students from the proposed schools to be closed will attend so that the county can then get feedback from the community on the proposed scenarios. Right now it feels as though some of the strongest schools in the district have been forgotten.	3/6/2026 9:03 AM
938	Consolidation for balancing enrollment will tear down qualitative success of the school which has been a model.	3/6/2026 9:03 AM
939	take into consideration that expanded schools should have plenty of additional space, I don't think maximizing a building initially is a good plan since overcrowding can become an issue very quickly. In our years in the district, I seen expanded school become overcrowded by the time the expansions are finished (i.e.Lakeside was still well above capacity even after the last addition was added- a case of too little too late)	3/6/2026 9:02 AM
940	Closing schools are already near or above utilization targets needlessly redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity.. The district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion nor community disruption.	3/6/2026 9:02 AM
941	Please keep the schools small and not overpopulate them by grouping them into others and closing existing ones. Mega schools are not the answer.	3/6/2026 8:58 AM
942	Future arrangements should prioritize stability for students, especially those in special education who benefits from consistent support, services and routines. Transportation, class	3/6/2026 8:51 AM

	sizes and access to specialized resources should be carefully considered. Parent and community input should always remain central to all decisions.	
943	Oak Grove elementary school is a high-performing school with a tradition of excellence that other elementary schools would benefit to emulate. More students should be directed to this effective school rather than closing it down.	3/6/2026 8:50 AM
944	I would like data for how consolidation will impact student success, academics, behavior, positive learning environment, and over all scores. Will there be an abundance of trailers or class sizes that make instruction difficult.	3/6/2026 8:47 AM
945	Another area to readjust funding: we are sitting in PLCs with multiple district level personnel being paid to be there when ONE person would do. The other 1 or 2 often sit there watching or possibly assist in passing out information. PLCs should not have paid "babysitters." Many of the PLCs are also not relevant to specific staff but mandatory from county level directives. We need to differentiate PLCs. We need to reduce the number of positions that are not directly serving students and are not located within school buildings to directly serve students.	3/6/2026 8:45 AM
946	Oak Grove is operating at capacity. No justification for closing it. Families with small children are moving into the neighborhood.	3/6/2026 8:44 AM
947	Please lay out where students who are zoned for an elementary school that is recommended to close would then go for elementary school.	3/6/2026 8:39 AM
948	We need more understanding on how this contract with HPM came to be as the have previously worked with Horton. HPM is using a cut and paste approach that previously wasn't fruitful in Illinois. The fact that they are putting the numbers together to er (which are wrong) and will be benefiting from any expansion projects is a huge conflict of interest,	3/6/2026 8:38 AM
949	You are not making community informed decisions. Listen to your elementary parents before even more enrollment drops because parents move away or seek private/home schooling and your funding becomes worse's Don't alienate who you have in the "interest" of money when you guys purchased a building for millions and then had MORE funneled in for renovations without the input of your community.	3/6/2026 8:33 AM
950	Remember, you work for the citizens of DeKalb County. Please do the right thing, not the easiest or most lucrative.	3/6/2026 8:32 AM
951	Try renovating and upgrading getting better staff whom actually care about the education and scholars. Don't close the school down. Take the time to build it up!!!!	3/6/2026 8:31 AM
952	I like the way you are gathering info and allowing families to give input.	3/6/2026 8:30 AM
953	I believe we should focus on bettering the existing schools and providing more teachers as well as upgrading the school facilities where necessary. Grouping schools into another and taking people out of the area they have looked forward to having their kids go to school in does not seem fair.	3/6/2026 8:28 AM
954	Please do not close our amazing neighborhood schools. These are the heart of our communities.	3/6/2026 8:20 AM
955	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/6/2026 8:16 AM
956	SAP creo que es un proyecto que quiere aprovechar los recursos necesarios que habían	3/6/2026 8:16 AM

	estado sin aprovechamiento. Sin embargo considero que si deciden cerrar las escuelas que no hay matrícula suficiente están en lo correcto. En mi área las escuelas que conozco están en su máxima capacidad creo y deben de asignarles más presupuesto para la administración, maestros, alimentación y materiales educativos.	
957	Our neighborhood school, Laurel Ridge Elementary, is a huge part of our neighborhood and community. Our child is in high school, but our neighborhood elementary school still impacts us and improves our connection to our neighbors.	3/6/2026 8:08 AM
958	I am a parent and also an educator in GCPS. I have worked in a variety of buildings in my 11 year career at the elementary level. A concern I have is elementary buildings being so large that they lose the community closeness of all the adults and students knowing each other. While in high school, the students are independent enough to be fine without such a close tight knit community. With early scholars that are 4-6 years old it is absolutely vital that schools are small and not too overwhelming. This is when these small children are learning to navigate their educational careers for the first time and it is imperative that the environment stay warm and close knit.	3/6/2026 8:02 AM
959	While you are concentrating on the number of students in our schools, the sizes of the classes need to be evaluated. In addition, the types of teachers needed to be evaluated, i.e., more special needs teachers, are needed due to teachers seeing more mental issues. Also, classroom sizes need to be reduced so teachers can teach effectively and help students master their content. In conclusion, I think all the schools need to stay where they are and be repaired as needed for each school.	3/6/2026 8:02 AM
960	Please listen to the constituents!	3/6/2026 8:01 AM
961	So not close mistake. It is one of the few IB schools.	3/6/2026 7:58 AM
962	Do not take budget from Dunwoody or Austin	3/6/2026 7:58 AM
963	I would prefer to see investment in Ashford park and or maintain the community and German immersion programs if moved to another school.	3/6/2026 7:56 AM
964	Ok	3/6/2026 7:44 AM
965	I know this process is difficult. Please be sure you are clearly communicating expectations of how proposed public meetings will function.	3/6/2026 7:29 AM
966	Thank you for the opportunity to give my input.	3/6/2026 7:28 AM
967	none	3/6/2026 7:24 AM
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969	While the district is addressing under-enrollment overall, it is important to recognize that some schools are already operating near capacity. Any consolidation or redistribution of students should carefully consider building capacity so that already crowded schools are not further impacted. In addition, the physical condition of school buildings should be a major factor in future scenarios. Some facilities are aging and experiencing ongoing maintenance issues, including unreliable heating and air conditioning in classrooms. Ensuring that buildings meet safety standards, are properly maintained, and provide a comfortable and welcoming learning	3/6/2026 6:56 AM

	environment for students and staff should be a priority when determining which facilities remain open, are renovated, or are rebuilt. Transportation times, building safety regulations, and the overall condition of facilities should be carefully evaluated so that the final plan improves learning environments across the district.	
970	The ultimate goal is to have a good school district like gwinnett and be able to gain the same funding	3/6/2026 6:51 AM
971	I really think that the list should be looked at again. Being in the Elementary setting, maybe the schools whose numbers that don't get over the 200-300 enrollment, work with those and see what can be done to maybe cluster those somehow.	3/6/2026 6:45 AM
972	Please ensure that the written communication about SAP are written on an 8th grade reading level. Many of our parents/staff don't understand terms such as cascading, consolidation, excess capacity, low educational capacity. Speak plainly, the school is not performing well in academics, the school building is too small while this school building over here is 2x as large (I'm sure ChatGPT can assist with this task). If you want parents engaged especially areas taking the biggest hit (South and East DeKalb) you have to meet people where they are. Those parents are not engaged because they don't understand exactly what is happening. They are looking to social media for interpretation, and unfortunately the interpretation is coming across like the District doesn't care about the Black communities it serves.	3/6/2026 6:43 AM
973	Please take look at the needs of the school/students rather than size.	3/6/2026 6:41 AM
974	It would be a huge mistake to close a school like Oak Grove in Dekalb County as it will no longer draw families who are choosing the area for the school. The community is strong and viable. Many parents take their children out for middle school but then reenroll for high school keeping the community strong. Dekalb will be impacted if families don't want to move to the area.	3/6/2026 6:36 AM
975	This seems like a plan to close higher performing schools with increasing enrollment and push those kids and their parents resources to drive further to lower performing schools. This will impact property value and instead, you'll see a mass exodus of the higher performing students. If you must consolidate, do so specifically where enrollment is decreasing. Don't close the Ashford Park where performance is top of county and there's a 30+ person waitlist for prek. Should be adding resources to this school.	3/6/2026 6:28 AM
976	Any grade band changes should consider how they will affect schools that already have successful programs and strong community support.	3/6/2026 6:12 AM
977	Include ideas for repurposing the closing school buildings and how the district and how the district can work with the county to ensure communities have good options to fill in the gaps from the closed schools.	3/6/2026 6:01 AM
978	Why is McNair Middle being turned into an elementary? Their labs and things are sized for older students. It looks like a small college. Can it become the high school instead? My kids were very disappointed to move from McNair Middle to McNair High because they felt like they should have a nicer school as they got older, and McNair High has small halls, classrooms without windows, and it's all concrete block.	3/6/2026 4:52 AM
979	Sports facilities need SERIOUS UPGRADES: fields with no lights means students lose valuable time in class, plus transportation makes it such that competing is a challenge. Dekalb does not even try to compete with surrounding counties. Dekalb has lost students to private schools and Decatur and sports facilities has much to do with that loss.	3/6/2026 3:16 AM
980	Equal access to all communities	3/6/2026 2:32 AM
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982	OGE is a neighborhood gem. It is a high achieving school with excellent performance. It has a very high proportion of students who qualify for special needs, and it is considered to be one of the best schools at meeting the needs of those students — in fact, it has been suggested that OGE's approach be adopted by other schools. Many of these families come to OGE because their previous schools did not meet their children's needs and they have found a supportive community at OGE. Additionally, I am concerned by the conflict of interest in HPM evaluating the schools, and then potentially making a lot of money if the proposal is implemented. I am ever more concerned when I look at the data and see that HPM's assessment is not accurate. OGE does not have any problem with under-utilization and so it should never have been on the list. The growth projections for future years is also not accurate and does not reflect the major economic growth in the neighboring community. I have heard that the next phase of the proposal will be announced shortly after this survey closes, but how can the SAP possibly take the feedback from families and neighbors into consideration if the next phase is announced so soon after the survey closes.	3/6/2026 12:21 AM
983	I think that letting in some of the older students to give their feedback and their opinion and how they feel will be very helpful to how this impacts everyone	3/6/2026 12:10 AM
984	I loved my K-8 school, with 6-8 in a separate part of the building. We were well-prepared academically and emotionally for 9-12 and college.	3/6/2026 12:05 AM
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986	Please keep in mind that strengthening the schools and community would likely draw students in/back. We are zoned for Smokerise, but it's not very close to our house and doesn't feel like a community school for us. That, plus significant issues in the school culture (obsessed with test scores) led us to choose to home school. Our numbers have been increasing, and if people feel more separated from their schools, more will home school, private school, or move, exacerbating rather than alleviating this problem.	3/5/2026 11:40 PM
987	I had one student at DSA when it was 8-12 grade. The higher enrollment numbers at that time meant he had the option for a variety of AP classes in-person. My second student has experienced DSA as 9-12 with lower enrollment and less teacher numbers. She had to take more virtual classes to meet the advanced academic experience that would keep her academically challenged. While we love the supportive dynamic of a smaller school, the academic offerings would be stronger with a larger student body.	3/5/2026 11:24 PM
988	If Ashford Park Elementary needs to be closed or repurposed to pre-K, please keep the Ashford Park/Drew Valley neighborhood intact and rezone John Lewis to Chamblee High cluster	3/5/2026 11:20 PM
989	As the district considers the next round of scenarios, it will be important to prioritize solutions that strengthen existing school communities rather than relying primarily on consolidation. For the Cedar Grove cluster, investing in strong academic or theme-based programs could help attract and retain students while making better use of existing facilities. The district should	3/5/2026 11:13 PM

	also carefully consider transportation impacts on students and families if consolidation leads to increased busing. Keeping students in their local community schools supports engagement, extracurricular participation, and stability for families. Finally, if changes such as a 6–12 configuration are considered for Cedar Grove, the district should ensure long-term investment in facility repairs and clearly communicate plans for maintaining the buildings so the community can feel confident that these schools will continue to serve students for years to come.	
990	I encourage the district to carefully review the long-term enrollment assumptions being used to inform these scenarios. For example, the projections currently show Fernbank Elementary's enrollment stabilizing in the coming years, yet the surrounding area has experienced steady growth for several years and continues to see new housing development and strong demand for neighborhood schools. If projections underestimate future enrollment, consolidation decisions made today could quickly lead to overcapacity conditions. Given the long-term impact of redistricting and facility planning decisions, it would be helpful for the district to ensure that projections fully reflect recent growth trends and housing patterns. As future scenarios are developed, I encourage DCSD to include analysis of: optimal elementary school size based on research and operational factors strain on shared instructional resources (cafeterias, libraries, and technology spaces) traffic and arrival/dismissal safety relative to enrollment levels validation of enrollment projections against recent housing and population trends These factors have a significant impact on the daily experience of students, staff, and families and should be considered alongside building capacity when planning for the district's future.	3/5/2026 11:12 PM
991	I'd like for scenarios to consider transportation needs (bus routes) for lower income neighborhoods. I'd also like for buildings with larger capacity to be inspected for code compliance and safety. Consolidating to larger, dilapidated buildings negates potential benefits to students. Thank you for the thoughtful consideration in collecting feedback from a representative group of stakeholders.	3/5/2026 10:53 PM
992	Please consider the importance of strong neighborthood schools like evansdale Elementary.this school provides a suportivve for students and families and is an important part of the community. Before closing schools like evansdale the district school	3/5/2026 10:34 PM
993	Instead of closing schools, why not focus on reducing class sizes by reallocating resources?	3/5/2026 10:33 PM
994	My children attend Montgomery Elementary which already seems to be in great need of renovation and utilizes trailers outside of the main buildings and yet the SAP is closing / consolidating. I don't want my children to be redistricted from their current cluster but also have concerns that Montgomery is overcrowded and that children that are recognized as gifted are not taught to their full potential.	3/5/2026 10:32 PM
995	Rely on accurate up-to-date data to inform any potential decisions, including employment expansion, residential pipeline data, current and projected attendance rates in 2028 and 2030, costs of maintaining OGE vs. expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? The worst case scenario would be eliminating capacity needed in a growing community.	3/5/2026 10:31 PM
996	Evansdale es excelente	3/5/2026 10:30 PM
997	Clear comparisons between scenarios would be helpful, including academic, community, transportation, and facilities impacts. Providing both short-term and long-term projections would also help families evaluate sustainability.	3/5/2026 10:30 PM
998	Making gifted schools like Kittredge to be grade 4-8 should be prioritized.	3/5/2026 10:28 PM
999	Traditional system works and makes sense. Work with what you have, re-organize, clean up, make corrections. Do not create a much bigger mess in an already messy situation. DO NOT CLOSE Ashford Park Elementary school. Build an additional building if anything. One would perfectly align and fit in the front left of the current building, connecting directly through the hallway. The new addition can be two-story and create a very useful and welcoming courtyard in the front field providing both a pleasing front elevation as well as a safe community space. There is a great playground/soccer field in the rear that was a very recent project that the community heavily contributed to. Great school, great students, parents, teachers… a school that is instrumental for many generations' elementary experience as well as a fantastic educational foundation.	3/5/2026 10:27 PM
1000	It would help to have a fuller picture of the impact as well as more scenarios. For example, Kittredge was not included in the list of school impacted. If it were expanded to include more	3/5/2026 10:21 PM

	grades, for example, this might relieve some of the overcrowding in other schools.	
1001	Closure of top performing schools is foolish and should be avoided at all costs. It is difficult to create build and maintain a high performance culture and such schools should be cherished, not targeted.	3/5/2026 10:15 PM
1002	Putting 11/12 year olds in a school with 18 year olds feels scary and risky to parents with small kids.	3/5/2026 10:14 PM
1003	Just don't close the school please.	3/5/2026 10:07 PM
1004	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/5/2026 10:02 PM
1005	Even though enrollment is dropping isn't this better for classroom sizes? Students learn better in a classroom or 20 vs a classroom of 30. If we are trying to gain the trust of the parents who dis enrolled and took advantage of the Georgia promise scholarship what can we do differently?	3/5/2026 9:56 PM
1006	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/5/2026 9:54 PM
1007	I would hate to see a neighborhood school(specifically) Oak Grove Elementary closed that has such a good reputation.	3/5/2026 9:52 PM
1008	Brockett ES is a special school. It is diverse in many ways and functions very much as a community-building environment. The high percentage of parents at the school who are immigrants and non-English speaking may result in less direct feedback from those families to this survey. But please know that our families are so supported by having a smaller school environment. Our students flourish by building confidence and social skills because they are known - every teacher and administrator knows my child's name. There is VALUE in that, especially for a kid like mine. Please please ensure you are considering much more than a bottom line economic impact in making these decisions.	3/5/2026 9:49 PM
1009	All of DCSD loses a lot by losing a school like OGE -- OGE is a model school that other schools could look to for improvements.	3/5/2026 9:48 PM

1010	Schools should incorporate a parent contract similar to Oakcliff Theme	3/5/2026 9:45 PM
1011	Please take the feedback into the community and board. Consultants who have no skin in the game should not influence the future of our children	3/5/2026 9:34 PM
1012	Suggest scenarios that are actually backed by evidence and informed by a wider group of community members.	3/5/2026 9:34 PM
1013	Have we considered what grade banding is most effective for teaching and learning? It is clear that a lot of urban planning data is driving the scenarios but it is concerning that we are not starting with what is important to foster development at ages and stages to guide grade banding and school composition. I would also like to understand how student:teacher ratios have been factored into the scenarios.	3/5/2026 9:33 PM
1014	Thank you for thinking outside the box, but let's also do what is best for kids safety and learning	3/5/2026 9:30 PM
1015	Please keep us in our assigned Lakeside cluster and take the students, the teachers who will also lose their jobs, and the families in the neighborhood who can walk their children to and from school into consideration.	3/5/2026 9:29 PM
1016	Please consider the importance of neighborhood schools to the community that it is a part of. - these little elementary schools are dear to us and important to our communities	3/5/2026 9:28 PM
1017	Reducing class sizes has a financial cost, but let’s not forget to count all the positive gains for students and teachers when classes are smaller. Teachers are less stressed, classes have more opportunities for creative projects, students get more attention, individual students have a better chance to have the teacher work with them for their specific needs/learning style. All of these factors result in better test scores, happier staff, less teacher turnover, and happier students.	3/5/2026 9:24 PM
1018	Please prioritize keeping our community schools open. Our children need stability, safe environments, and strong neighborhood schools. Closing schools would negatively impact families and students.	3/5/2026 9:21 PM
1019	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. I live in a different county, their organization is unique in my opinion. The have elementary PK-5 / 6-7 /8-9/ 10-12. If that is useful look into Dawson County. I do not care for the increased transitions of their model, but the schools are in close proximity as it is a small county. They are able to specialize their staffing for meeting the needs of specific developmental ranges and are able to provide transportation to students during the day who require advanced opportunities.	3/5/2026 9:15 PM
1020	Don’t close any elementary schools……period. There has been no information on what will happen to empty buildings. If you are not selling them, you will simply have empty buildings that will continue to deteriorate and attract vagrants. So you are just going to spend money keeping them up anyway. Elementary schools are meant to be neighborhood schools. These are babies, just young kids who should be able to walk and ride their bike. They should not be bussed 5-10 miles away because the school board has a history of being reckless with money that belongs to the kids. Instead of closing schools, you should cut the waste at the county office. Stop wasting taxpayer dollars and cheating the kids in this county. You should be ashamed of yourself for even suggesting this absolutely terrible plan. Don’t patronize the families and tax payers in Dekalb county with the propaganda that months of planning and consideration went into this. You paid a firm millions of dollars to make these recommendations. That is fraud as far as I am concerned. It’s time to put the kids first for a change. Focus on getting back to the basics of teaching and stop with all the bloat and layers of administrative staff at the county level. If you start doing that people just might opt to send their kids to public school in the county vs private school which would increase the attendance. The students are here in the county, families just have little faith in the system. It should be your primary goal to restore the faith in the quality of education available to families not closing schools further deteriorating that trust / faith.	3/5/2026 9:13 PM
1021	I would like to see more research and data from the district about why these changes would be beneficial for the students - not just financial reasons or so that other class options could potentially be offered. I also do not want my child to be a number in a large school.	3/5/2026 9:12 PM
1022	I am most supportive of decisions help us maximize resources in a safe manner and avoid overcrowding classrooms. Schools need flexible areas and provide access to movement, media, the arts, exploration, quiet and relaxing spaces,	3/5/2026 9:09 PM

1023	The community engagement process must be genuinely accessible to the families most affected by these changes, many of whom are working multiple jobs and cannot attend daytime or evening meetings. Virtual options are a good start, but the district should also consider partnering with churches, community centers, and trusted neighborhood organizations to reach families who may not engage through traditional channels. The district should also conduct and publicly release an equity impact analysis before finalizing any scenario. And before students are moved anywhere, there needs to be an honest assessment of the physical condition of receiving schools. Overcrowding and deferred maintenance are already real challenges in many buildings. Families deserve to know that their children are being moved toward something better, not just something different. The district has committed to multiple rounds of feedback, and that commitment must be honored in substance, not just in form.	3/5/2026 9:09 PM
1024	I would like to see what alternatives we have for expansion not closure. This is a neighborhood school that fits this neighborhood	3/5/2026 9:08 PM
1025	I just think we are owed some ACTUAL explanations of the redlining, no BS. ALSO, it is not fair for any parent or child to spend all their free time on transportation to and from school because you guys want to redline out the poor schools.	3/5/2026 9:06 PM
1026	Once again, my school is in a growing area of high utilization and is in the top tier academically. The other schools in my cluster are also high capacity. I do not want my children at an over capacity schools just because the county is utilizing a one size fits all model, instead of a common sense model. The schools under 70 percent should consolidate, but rose at capacity should not. It's a shame it is even under consideration. Please quit being DeKalb will always DeKalb and do something to surprise us with common sense and financial responsibility.	3/5/2026 9:01 PM
1027	If the objective of the district is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools which are under-enrolled and under-performing. This is NOT Oak Grove Elementary. OGE has been a staple in this community for decades. Community schools should be the goal. Raising my kids in a place I can walk them to school is why I moved to this area of Dekalb. It is a huge draw for families and closing the school would be a huge detriment to the community as a whole. How would the structural expansion be managed at Sagamore and Briarlake as significant changes would be required to accommodate all the students from Oak Grove? How does this compare to the facility maintenance required at OGE? Dekalb needs to provide data that confirms this would be fiscally responsible given the terrible management decisions they have shown in the recent past.	3/5/2026 9:00 PM
1028	None.	3/5/2026 8:57 PM
1029	Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/5/2026 8:57 PM
1030	I'm disappointed in this district.	3/5/2026 8:39 PM
1031	Evansdale's French program is unique to the Lakeside cluster. Neighborhood parent, teacher, and community volunteers provide needed resources and personnel for French students. Moving the program would destroy this vital community. French teachers at Evansdale elementary, Henderson middle and Lakeside high schools have put down strong roots in our community. Older students mentor the younger students. It is imperative to keep this program at Evansdale and within the Lakeside cluster to keep the program strong.	3/5/2026 8:36 PM
1032	The German program should be discontinued to help balance class sizes for each grade and distribution of ESL students. (A German 2nd grade Class has 21 students and a "normal" second grade class has 29 students.)	3/5/2026 8:33 PM
1033	I oppose any change	3/5/2026 8:30 PM
1034	The current system is working fine. We chose Oak Grove for the great education. Our kids and us love this school. We have a special education child who needs all the resources that Oak Grove have been providing. Please keep the school open. Thank you for your consideration!	3/5/2026 8:30 PM
1035	I appreciate feedback being collected and understand the issues that are being addressed. I do	3/5/2026 8:29 PM

	wonder what will happen with empty schools. As someone that lives in Smoke Rise where the old school I don't live now it's being used as building for the county in a residential neighborhood. Also DeKalb county taxes are very high and increased 25% last year, it seems to largely go to schools so I am not understanding how tax dollars are really being used. Would love to hear more about that. It is my understanding that smoke rise elementary was empty but once Idlewood was added, some of the classrooms became overcrowded. Being careful not to over correct, will be essential.	
1036	There are other ways to combat monetary deficits. This is quite frankly, ill-planned and fiscally irresponsible yet again.	3/5/2026 8:27 PM
1037	8. People are losing their jobs and that means that fewer families can afford private schools, so your projections may be off or premature, considering the shifting landscape. Consider closing fewer elementary schools to allow for the potential of expanding enrollment in public schools.	3/5/2026 8:23 PM
1038	We as a community have significant concern regarding Tracy Richter & HPM's analyses. Critics have repeatedly charged that the firm's engagement processes are performative rather than genuinely consultative, that proposals feel predetermined, and that reports contain errors or opaque assumptions — including enrollment projections that communities have alleged are rigged toward decline. Recurring concerns include an overemphasis on facilities and construction metrics at the expense of academic performance, equity, and community context; a lack of demographic and cultural ties to affected neighborhoods; and, in DeKalb's current engagement, board members themselves criticizing HPM's outsized visibility as the public face of the process. Such issues have occured in Austin, Texas in 2011, Boise, Idaho in 2005-2006, Baltimore, Maryland, Huntsville, Alabama, and now DeKalb County, Georgia. To highlight recurring themes across complaints: • The firm is seen as prioritizing facilities/construction outcomes over educational ones • Community engagement sessions are perceived as performative rather than genuinely consultative • Proposals are felt to be predetermined, with community input treated as a formality • Reports and data have been challenged as containing errors or unrealistic enrollment projections • The firm's outsider role means it lacks demographic and cultural ties to affected communities • High-performing or over-capacity schools have sometimes appeared on closure lists alongside underperforming ones, raising questions about the criteria used • Opaque assumptions: Projections depend on birth rates, housing yield, charter/choice behavior, etc. If those assumptions aren't openly shared, the outputs look arbitrary. • Choice of metrics: If a plan uses utilization and facility condition but barely weights academic performance, safety, or community role, people understandably say "this data is misleading," even if each number is technically accurate. • Changing numbers mid-process: In Howard County, different FARM methods were used at different stages, causing shifts in reported percentages. The state said that's not "faulty," but to parents it looks like a moving target. • Overconfident projections: Projections are inherently uncertain; when reality doesn't match, it can look like the consultant was cooking the books, even if they were just…overconfident or wrong.	3/5/2026 8:16 PM
1039	I understand there's a very unique French program in the Lakeside cluster, which includes Evansdale. Consolidating Evansdale's students elsewhere would almost certainly detrimentally impact the program.	3/5/2026 8:14 PM
1040	Needs to start over; please see my comments above.	3/5/2026 8:11 PM
1041	Remember Allgood and it's amazing faculty and students.	3/5/2026 8:02 PM
1042	Stop bringing in white people who are destroying our community and legacy	3/5/2026 7:59 PM
1043	I chose to move to the neighborhood specifically for Evansdale and Lakeside HS. Moving our children to an UNDERPERFORMING school district will hurt property values and hurt the children scholastically. I urge you not to close Evansdale and leave us in the Lakeside HS cluster.	3/5/2026 7:57 PM
1044	The community meetings in the first round severely lacked interaction with the community and true engagement of the community. It's incredibly disappointing to be part on the receiving end of a school closure of a highly ranked school and to not be engaged in a manner that is constructive. Matt Powell matthew.powell@icloud.com	3/5/2026 7:57 PM
1045	With consolidations, excellent teachers are lost to other counties.	3/5/2026 7:55 PM
1046	Small schools benefit students! We love LRES! I don't not trust the district has the best interest of students truly in mind. It is also hard to believe this will ever come to fruition with all	3/5/2026 7:55 PM

	the dysfunction at the district level. Glad we are pretty isolated from it by good administration at our school.	
1047	There has to be better communication. I am aware of many parents who already completed feedback who would have commented on Kittredge changes if they were aware that was supposed to be a part of the discussion. If you truly want feedback, you have to let people know what is on the table. Kittredge should not be broken up or consolidated into a bigger school. It is the envy of parents in districts across the country. I am convinced that part of what makes the school such a great education is that it allows that group of children to exist in their own space--one where they are free from outside influences that exist in larger 6-12 type locations. That said, we as a community should absolutely be looking for ways to make gifted track programs at home substantially more robust. The focus should be on raising the bar, not tearing down those who were lucky enough to be selected. Part of this is parent engagement and part of it is investment by the District and empowerment of the educators to create more opportunities. As to Chamblee generally, shifting Ashford Park in the Cross Keys system is like cutting a giant piece out of our community. Our kids place sports, socialize, and grow up together. Moving Ashford Park to Cross Keys destroys that fabric and cannot be justified by virtue of the fact that prior generations of leaders failed to build schools where the demand was greatest. Do not punish those children by splitting them from children they grew up with. As a final point, it is the clear that the district messaging is to think as a whole district. This is a noble goal but the truth is that the problems facing various parts of the district are fundamentally different and require different solutions. When it comes time for decisions, Chamblee cluster families, Montgomery Families, and Kittredge families will not have a voice in the room. Andrew Ziffer was elected to be our voice. South DeKalb's elected representatives have been powerful and loud advocates for their communities. It is laudable. We need the same advocacy for our kids. It is not acceptable for the mistakes of past leadership to poison the well for future generations. This process can be a force for good--but it has hallmarks of a preordained political show that has nothing to do with making our kids education better. This process is off to a rough start. There is time for improvement. I hope to see it soon because the stakes are too high to let a political agenda destroy the best chance we have to make a positive change.	3/5/2026 7:54 PM
1048	Na	3/5/2026 7:42 PM
1049	Precovid there was talk about having split ES clusters where kids wouldn't all go to the same middle and high school. I truly think the best way to build a strong school community is to keep neighborhoods together from ES through HS. I graduated from Chamblee in '91 (before it was a magnet school!!), and my children now attend Dunwoody ES, Peachtree MS and Dunwoody HS. Traveling to the south of the county for band events, I could NOT believe the discrepancy between their fancy new High Schools built for large student bodies in comparison to our old falling apart ones with lunchrooms busting at the seams and lunch periods that begin in the morning to accommodate everyone. This initiative must address the empty seats, and that is the main goal for good reason, and very important financially. But I do also hope part of the goal is to even out our entire school district's facilities. Stop the overcrowding trailer madness, and provide ALL students with buildings designed/updated for the capacity they actually are. My youngest is headed to MS next year, so I have no specific stake in the ES changes, other than our observations over the years. DES is a great and new building and I assume Austin is great as well. With declining enrollment, we certainly do not need so many elementary schools in our cluster, which geographically is not that large. And the people crying about their property values need to get over it, DCSD has ZERO responsibility about that... and doing what is best for the ENTIRE school district will most likely mean school ratings will only go up! Thanks so much for taking this big leap amongst so many naysayers. Ultimately, we have to trust DCSD to make the hard decisions that help the district as a whole. Keep your eyes on the end game and know that change is often hard but it is often necessary for the greater good. Y'all got this!	3/5/2026 7:42 PM
1050	Before proposing any school changes, DeKalb County Board of Education members need to seriously address the need for a Qualified, Experienced, and Vetted superintendent!!!	3/5/2026 7:40 PM
1051	Too many positions and micromanagement happening on the district level. We don't even have assessments that align with our standards or CAAG. Micromanagement in all the wrong areas that are making teachers to tons of busy work. Focus on fixing that, then you can plan to uproot the entire district.	3/5/2026 7:39 PM
1052	Just because a community is the loudest voice doesn't mean they are the voice of everyone.	3/5/2026 7:37 PM
1053	Reflect on the surveys	3/5/2026 7:36 PM

1054	You need to bring in experts at managing the transition now and not wait until plans are final or closer to be finalized. In my former corporate career, I managed downsizing from hundreds of thousands to ~17000 when I left. Real estate, technology, training, and human factors all require the same level of planning and integration. The best success requires this role to be involved now.	3/5/2026 7:36 PM
1055	Please do not close the magnet program. I have heard rumblings about moving the program to local schools and adopting the same model at gifted. This does not work. The gifted program in Dekalb does not differentiate and needs an overhaul itself. Other schools could learn from kittredge's organization and model. But turning it over to local schools would water it down into nothing.	3/5/2026 7:25 PM
1056	Successful schools need to be encouraged.	3/5/2026 7:24 PM
1057	What would be the average and max number of students per class with each variation proposed? What's the travel time between the schools in each zone for families with siblings in different grades?	3/5/2026 7:21 PM
1058	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth Ranks in the top tier academically Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/5/2026 7:20 PM
1059	I support smaller neighborhood schools	3/5/2026 7:13 PM
1060	Please keep Champion Middle School. This school is important for the community.	3/5/2026 7:12 PM
1061	Please do not touch Fernbank. I know they are large, but it works there. The school community will is ideal and the teachers and staff are incredible. We moved to Medlock Park to specifically go to Fernbank. There are numerous families in my neighborhood that chose their home for the same reason.	3/5/2026 7:08 PM
1062	People buy their homes and create their lives around the schools they choose to attend. Evansdale in particular, as it is a choice school, and extraordinarily special. This French program is supposed to extend into middle school and if you kill this program you will lose a lot of families. The board of education has made many bad decisions in years lately, this feels like another bad decision to rush into such a big change. The leadership needs to be stable and trustworthy before changes should be made. You have not proved yourself to the community.	3/5/2026 6:56 PM
1063	I think the upper class part of Dekalb county teaching out to dunwood and places like that are the reason for all this…. They notoriously have a lot of "private school" kids…. Making it seem low attendance but when you come to Decatur /Lithonia area it's a waitlist for ga pre-k and classes are full. I'd prefer a more in depth breakdown if WHERE enrollment, NOT attendance is low and those elementary middle and high school should be re-banded. Our location WILL NOT benefit from having the little kids mingle with the big ones, discipline problems look differently.	3/5/2026 6:54 PM
1064	Don't break what works. High performing schools should be left alone and the district should understand why they're successful and copy them. Dr. Sauce should take responsibility for the plans being proposed by his employees and the overpaid consultants.	3/5/2026 6:53 PM
1065	Please prioritize protecting strong, well-utilized neighborhood schools like Montgomery from closure or disruptive reconfiguration, and consider additions or targeted improvements instead of consolidation where schools are already near or over capacity and performing well	3/5/2026 6:52 PM

	academically. As a parent with one child at Montgomery and another entering Kittredge Magnet, I am asking the district to publish specific information about how SAP scenarios affect magnet programs, including Kittredge's enrollment, capacity (currently forecast at roughly 500–550 students and operating above its nominal capacity), and facility assignments. Any final plan should: • Maintain the academic quality and selectivity of magnets like Kittredge, • Ensure safe, reliable transportation so access is equitable across the county, and • Provide a multi-year transition plan so current and incoming students at Kittredge are not disrupted by sudden location or program changes.	
1066	Many in the community don't trust the current school board. This is based on the lack of transparency and failures of past initiatives that have been proposed. This entire process has been presented to the public in a way that makes us feel our opinions are not valued. Many feel that the school board has already made their decision and are just holding this process to check a box and claim they listened. How did the school board and its partners arrive to this "proposed" list, but frame it as just being a conversation? Clearly these schools were targeted for specific reasons and those motives are unclear to the public. Until we have confidence that has been explained, this process will continue to be a disaster.	3/5/2026 6:48 PM
1067	Please take into consideration the impact this will have not only to the students, but the communities as well. There has to be an alternate option, that was not brought to the public, that can work where our students and children are not sent to farm-mill elementary schools that are not productive or conducive to the education and well-being of the students.	3/5/2026 6:45 PM
1068	What can we do to help save our kids and their school	3/5/2026 6:44 PM
1069	more options and or justification of the scenarios provided	3/5/2026 6:38 PM
1070	OGE is essential to our community. Please see that.	3/5/2026 6:37 PM
1071	The Dunwoody community needs another alternative rather that Peachtree middle school. The leadership at Peachtree is unstable and constantly changing. The issues at Peachtree Middle make it where you have a child with special needs that you have to send them to private school for middle school.	3/5/2026 6:37 PM
1072	Please we need to keep Brockett	3/5/2026 6:32 PM
1073	The Kittredge and Wadsworth Magnet programs must be protected. They are the best schools DeKalb Co has. If we can broaden enrollment to the magnet program, more students will benefit from it.	3/5/2026 6:32 PM
1074	Think about why the county enrollment is so low? People are moving out of the county. With a massive school closing more people will leave then what will be done. How are these children for which a school was next door now get to school? Spend hours on a bus to and from school each day. Absenteeism will rise because of this.	3/5/2026 6:31 PM
1075	Evansdale French program is unique to Lakeside cluster. Evansdale, Henderson Mill, Oak Grove, Pleasantdale, and Midvale, ties to Lakeside cluster and should not be moved to different cluster.	3/5/2026 6:28 PM
1076	Picture yourselves as children having to navigate these changes. This is difficult and all they want is to feel safe and amongst friends in their community. We've been dealing with boundary and school closure threats since we moved into the county 8 years ago. Actual lives are deeply impacted by all these moves. These are not just political decisions when you are one of the families having to go through these changes.	3/5/2026 6:28 PM
1077	Please do NOT close Ashford Park.	3/5/2026 6:28 PM
1078	Dekalb county used to have one of the best school systems and it's a shame that many people have no confidence in the system anymore.	3/5/2026 6:26 PM
1079	Please consider different decisions based on different regions within the county	3/5/2026 6:19 PM
1080	Follow the research that has the evidence thay shows that students learn more and perform better in smaller class sizes.	3/5/2026 6:11 PM
1081	Closing one of the best elementary schools and over-crowding the nearby ones would lead to a worse result for all students and teachers involved, so Oak Grove Elementary should be left alone for the foreseeable future.	3/5/2026 5:59 PM
1082	The plan is too broad and disrupts too many communities all at once.	3/5/2026 5:55 PM

1083	As the district develops the next round of facilities scenarios, I strongly encourage greater transparency around the data and assumptions used to generate the proposals. The community would benefit from clearly seeing the enrollment projections, capacity calculations, transportation modeling, and facility constraints that are driving these recommendations. Without clear and accessible data, it is difficult for families to fully understand or trust the rationale behind major decisions such as school closures or consolidations. I would also encourage the district to evaluate scenarios that prioritize strengthening existing neighborhood schools rather than consolidating them into significantly larger campuses. Schools like Evansdale Elementary School offer advantages that should be carefully weighed in future planning. Evansdale has a large site with room for expansion, existing parking capacity, and better traffic circulation than several nearby schools. These physical characteristics make it well suited to continue serving as a neighborhood elementary school. In addition, planning should consider the programmatic value of existing offerings, such as the French immersion program at Evansdale that continues into Henderson Middle School. Programs like this attract families to public schools and help stabilize enrollment. Disrupting established program pathways could unintentionally weaken enrollment rather than strengthen it. Finally, I encourage the district to carefully consider the family choice implications of closing neighborhood elementary schools or creating very large consolidated schools. Many families choose to live in this area specifically because of access to a strong local elementary school. If that option disappears or becomes a large “mega-school” further from home, it is very likely that some families will pursue private or alternative schooling options, which could reduce enrollment and undermine the goals of the consolidation effort. For the next round of scenarios, I would urge the district to focus on solutions that maintain strong neighborhood schools, preserve successful program pathways, and make full use of campuses that have the space and infrastructure to grow.	3/5/2026 5:50 PM
1084	Want to see data on all potential closures.	3/5/2026 5:50 PM
1085	Please consider other ways to cut costs like non teacher beaucarcy	3/5/2026 5:49 PM
1086	Brockett’s afterschool performing arts club is absolutely amazing! It would be a shame to see these children lose this gem that is also supported throughout the Tucker Community.	3/5/2026 5:45 PM
1087	The proposal is a pure racist targeting of white (north county and high performing, high parent involvement, high school foundation donation) schools. Close lowest performing schools and bus kids into the higher performing schools via a voluntary school choice program. This is not rocket science.	3/5/2026 5:43 PM
1088	I am a state funded literacy coach at a struggling school. I started my career in Dekalb at Midway Primary School. I think schools that struggle have a unique opportunity to hyper focus on literacy at a K-3 school. Consider how that can create a space for innovative configurations of classrooms for struggling readers. You could also consider an early intervention school that focuses on building strong readers before transitioning to a traditional elementary school. One of my fellow CSI Coaches works in a school like that in another Ga city.	3/5/2026 5:40 PM
1089	My current comment is that the district is loosing students because people are moving out of the county due to the lack of leadership over the district. Dekalb is a great place, but has a bad rap. Trust in the schools has been lacking. Build trust, build schools.	3/5/2026 5:39 PM
1090	Keep communities in place!	3/5/2026 5:38 PM
1091	make current enrollment data available	3/5/2026 5:37 PM
1092	Kittridge is great, but why continue the magnet program at Chamblee middle and high school. It is pointless after that.	3/5/2026 5:34 PM
1093	Provide an alternative plan.	3/5/2026 5:33 PM
1094	Share information on class sizes that are used to make these decisions	3/5/2026 5:31 PM
1095	I moved to my neighborhood for the school. I will do that again if i need to and it would not be in DeKalb.	3/5/2026 5:31 PM
1096	As transitioning to Round 2 begins please be mindful of keeping neighborhoods together with respect to boundary lines.	3/5/2026 5:26 PM
1097	Information about how boundaries will be drawn is necessary. SAP needs to take into consideration the impacts that these scenarios have on the local community, housing sales,	3/5/2026 5:26 PM

	etc. People will be fleeing DeKalb based on these scenarios. Smokerise is a mega school and it is not going well and families are fleeing. I don't want to see the same thing happening to the rest of Tucker.	
1098	You just spent money updating the school why close it!!	3/5/2026 5:21 PM
1099	Consider having the PK-3 / 4-6 / 7-9 / 10-12 The 7-9 school could be a junior high school preparing students for their high school academic path, there could possibly be high school level classes for 7th and 8th grade in a junior high school.	3/5/2026 5:19 PM
1100	N/A	3/5/2026 5:12 PM
1101	My children attended Evansdale through 7th grade. Then went to Henderson High School School 8-12. Middle school was not offered and I think things went more smoothly	3/5/2026 5:05 PM
1102	DO NOT CLOSE OAK GROVE	3/5/2026 5:03 PM
1103	My biggest concern at this point is keeping DeKalb School of the Arts HS a separate school but with much better facilities. I'm not opposed to them leaving Avondale as long as they are not subsumed into an existing HS as a "program" rather than a separate school. The most important thing is to give them better facilities and in some cases teachers and more teachers so that it is a much more robust program that fosters those students who are arts focused and would not fit in well within a traditional HS. My current MS student is planning to attend DSA in Fall 2027 (if we don't move out of Georgia before then).	3/5/2026 5:01 PM
1104	When DeKalb was one of the most sought-after districts in the metro area, its neighborhood model was similar to the K-8, 9-12 grade band suggestion. Convert middle schools to high schools in clusters where needed. The neighborhood school model would set DeKalb apart and attract more families. Kids are getting lost in the mega-school model, especially in middle and high school.	3/5/2026 4:59 PM
1105	Completely against closing any school named after McNair	3/5/2026 4:56 PM
1106	Teacher compensation in DeKalb County remains significantly lower than salaries offered in neighboring districts such as Atlanta, Cobb, and Fulton. This disparity places DeKalb educators at a financial disadvantage, especially during a period of sustained inflation and rising living costs. To remain competitive and to ensure that teachers can meet basic economic needs, a raise salary increase of approximately 20% is necessary to bring pay levels in line with surrounding districts. Many educators are experiencing severe financial strain, with some relying on community food distribution programs to supplement their household needs. This situation underscores the urgency of addressing compensation gaps so that teachers can maintain financial stability and continue to serve students effectively.	3/5/2026 4:54 PM
1107	I would look at traffic patterns, race and ethnicity data. I would seek to remove the trailers from all schools- consider Cross keys, Dunwoody high School Peachtree metal, for example. Children should not have to learn in boxes.	3/5/2026 4:46 PM
1108	Conversation about changing school districts, closing, moving grade levels, all create a fire storm. When the board can finally hire a highly qualified, and experienced superintendent, not until that is accomplished should any major changes be seriously considered.	3/5/2026 4:43 PM
1109	Before closing elementary schools in high-value neighborhoods, the county should conduct a comprehensive analysis of potential economic impacts. While operational savings may be immediate, school closures could reduce neighborhood desirability and lower property values, leading to a decline in property tax revenue that may offset or exceed those savings. A data-driven study comparing projected cost savings with potential revenue loss, including impacts on families and community stability, will ensure that any decisions balance short-term budget relief with long-term fiscal health.	3/5/2026 4:42 PM
1110	Although I understand the need to reduce operational cost due to empty seats, I believe DCSD will need to work hard to gain the trust of its stakeholders. Using Smoke Rise Elementary as an example, the trust was broken with the recent rezoning. Meetings were held, options presented, stakeholders expressed concerns, more meetings were held. Projections of enrollment were put forward. DCSD repeatedly said existing students/families would not be affected by rezoning. Fast forward to this year and everyone is affected. DCSD completely missed the projected enrollment. As a result, the school is now overcrowded by over 100 students. Trust is hard to earn and easy to lose. What happened with the recent rezoning to Smoke Rise lost trust among many.	3/5/2026 4:18 PM

1111	I am not enough of an expert to answer Question 6. I do know that many children are vulnerable, and can have a difficult time adjusting to change. The consistency that Evansdale to Henderson Middle to Lakeside HS provides, seeing the same faces, working with familiar peers, helps them learn how to conduct themselves socially, as well as academically. Also Evansdale has a lot of land area that can support expansion via additions to the back of the school, while still allowing ample play and parking space, and because it is on a corner, the traffic flow does not block a single street but it can be accessed along two side streets. It is really a gem of a school.	3/5/2026 4:16 PM
1112	N/a	3/5/2026 4:12 PM
1113	More equitable distribution of new facilities and add ons in all parts of the county. Growth can not just be assumed for one area and the south side and south east side are not considered.	3/5/2026 4:01 PM
1114	Oak Grove is in area with much expansion & growth causing growth of the Oak Grove Elementary population.	3/5/2026 3:58 PM
1115	Our community and staff really does not appreciate the LHS SAP meeting being changed last minute to be virtual and not allowing us to speak up in person. The reason we didn't attend the February meetings was because we were under the impression they would all be on the same topic and we needed to attend our cluster/regions meeting. We later found out there was a phase 1 discussion for February's meetings and phase 2 for March when it was too late.	3/5/2026 3:52 PM
1116	Do not close this school as it offers many opportunities that would be lost if students were sent to other areas!	3/5/2026 3:51 PM
1117	I would like to know how classroom sizes and classroom staffing (co-teachers/teacher assistants) will be handled when it comes to the possibility of increasing overall school sizes. If consolidations were to occur, I am also concerned for the overall air quality inside of buildings. I would want to know the plans for making sure HVAC systems are updated and plans for implementing air cleaning/air purifying measures in classrooms to help protect students and staff from airborne diseases, dust, etc. (The less likely you are to get sick, the less likely you are to miss school, which also has a huge impact on quality of education).	3/5/2026 3:50 PM
1118	Na	3/5/2026 3:41 PM
1119	Do not fall for the allusion that the let the loud voices in the Northern area speak for all of us. We are an upper middle class white family with 2 graduates of Dunwoody HS and one currently there. We absolutely loved our time at Vanderlyn but the shifts in enrollment post-Covid cannot be sustained. Life evolves, and we need to evolve with it!	3/5/2026 3:40 PM
1120	Keep searching for viable solutions	3/5/2026 3:35 PM
1121	Stop making the south dekalb students suffer!	3/5/2026 3:27 PM
1122	Dekalb should not do away with programs that are working and proving to be successful. Also, what would projected class sizes be once schools are closed or consolidated?	3/5/2026 3:23 PM
1123	Please consider Ashford Park Elementary expansion and keeping it in the Chamblee Cluster Family. So many of us moved to this community for those particular public schools.	3/5/2026 3:20 PM
1124	Oak grove elementary school is a great asset to the Dekalb county school district. We would really hate if you decide to close Oak Grove elementary school. Please reconsider your plan.	3/5/2026 3:10 PM
1125	I think it would be important to have apartment buildings/transient housing zoned in our school boundary, not just single family homes.	3/5/2026 3:05 PM
1126	The consulting firm the District engaged also is involved in school construction work. This feels like a conflict of interest when the proposal envisions expansion/renovation of many facilities in the District. I fully acknowledge that District facilities need dramatic upgrades, but the company recommending them should not be one that could be hired to do the work.	3/5/2026 2:50 PM
1127	I am very concerned that my child could be uprooted from her school (which is not listed as a closure possibility) in the middle or end of her high school career due to reconfiguring of student assignments. I would like assurance of some stability (or grandfathering) for current students who wish to remain at their school. Students should not be removed from their teachers, teams, and peers against their will during their school experience.	3/5/2026 2:45 PM
1128	The Ashford Park community is like a family and I'd hate to see any of us separated. However, the top priority is staying in the Chamblee cluster, even if that means some boundary changes	3/5/2026 2:45 PM

	for the elementary school. We also need to take into consideration traffic issues in-town. For example, driving from Ashford Park to Montgomery Elementary would be horrific. There's already terrible traffic on Ashford Dunwoody during morning carpool, with cars spilling out onto the street. This is very close to I-285. Adding more cars to that morning dropoff would be dangerous and create road rage, not to mention create a long commute for young students. While Montgomery has a huge property, I don't see how it can be expanded since it's on a very busy road. What would be great is if we could expand Ashford Park to accommodate up to 950 students. It seems like we could get creative to figure out a way to do that, even if it means building a small parking deck on the lower part of the property. Could the renovation be paused while this is considered instead?	
1129	I had the pleasure of observing a smaller elementary school setting in the city of Decatur Schools Oakhurst ES. The school went up to 2nd grade. Thiis grade band seemed to be a great fit without the upper grade students at the school. A smaller school setting and smaller classroom sizes.	3/5/2026 2:45 PM
1130	I strongly believe that Vanderlyn Elementary should remain open and that students should continue to attend this wonderful school. Vanderlyn is the second highest performing elementary school in the Dunwoody cluster for reading and math. I prayed for my daughter to be accepted here, and she has thrived. She is currently in the 91st percentile in reading and the 85th percentile in math. She is excelling alongside so many other children because of the exceptional teaching and the nurturing environment at Vanderlyn. What makes Vanderlyn truly special is the sense of community. Our children do not feel like a number. Every student is loved and cared for by the entire staff. Teachers and staff know each child by name, and the students know and respect all of their teachers. This close-knit environment fosters meaningful relationships, a sense of belonging, and confidence that allows children to grow both academically and emotionally. Vanderlyn provides an atmosphere that allows children to succeed and reach their highest potential. Moving students from a school that is thriving to lower performing schools simply to fill seats or increase enrollment numbers would be deeply harmful. If any changes are necessary, it would make far more sense to consider schools with lower proficiencies. Keeping Vanderlyn open ensures that our children continue to flourish in the supportive, caring, and academically excellent environment they need to reach their very best.	3/5/2026 2:29 PM
1131	Please consider keeping Oak Grove Elementary open as it is vital to the community.	3/5/2026 2:21 PM
1132	While any change will present challenges and may not meet the needs of every family, it is important to thoughtfully consider which structure will best support students academically. Some families may experience logistical difficulties, such as managing childcare or coordinating schedules when students attend different schools (for example, having children in K–2, middle school, and high school simultaneously). However, organizing schools into clearer four-year bands at each level—elementary, middle, and high school—may ultimately provide a more effective structure for students. A smaller, more focused elementary environment could allow young learners to strengthen their foundational academic skills during these critical early years. From a district perspective, this type of configuration has the potential to create more targeted instructional environments and, in turn, support stronger academic outcomes for students.	3/5/2026 2:19 PM
1133	I'd prefer for our high school clusters to not vary far from where they are today. I do not want to suddenly need to switch to an entirely different HS cluster.	3/5/2026 2:11 PM
1134	I don't understand why there are vouchers for children to attend private schools when the public school attendance is not meeting expectations. Combining schools into bigger populations when we want smaller size classrooms will not attract families to the public school system. Parents and very involved in these small schools, there's a strong sense of community. I envision a relationship loss, falling into more social detachment, feeding a culture that already is in desperate need of more presence. With more children per school, it adds to more concern about mass shootings. Security needs to be enhanced significantly. There should be another way to get through this. Not closing schools and reducing the ability for the individuals to connect and teach our children. Efficiency is not the same as making a difference in a child's life. Topics: potential change of high school zones, DLI programs survive, safety from inside and outside of the schools, small community feel, transportation, life of closed buildings, overwhelmed children in mega school environment, children becoming invisible in a too big environment.	3/5/2026 2:06 PM
1135	I have sat on many school committees and facilities boards within this cluster and i find that this district is under served fro the amount of giving this cluster provideds for all of Dekalb.	3/5/2026 2:03 PM

1136	Simplify the language of the survey for clearer communication. For example, you have us inferring what a grade band is. And even then, I don't understand what you're asking in question 7.	3/5/2026 1:59 PM
1137	The district already has a high rate of suspensions for students with disabilities.	3/5/2026 1:57 PM
1138	Please keep sagamore/ oak grove at lakeside! These schools are so close together and truly part of the lakeside community. I know in past scenarios Sagamore has been flagged for Cross Keys and it just would be a very difficult commute across 85 and really split our community. We are in the lakeside backyard! I know this is for a future discussion but just sayin' :)	3/5/2026 1:57 PM
1139	History indicates that DCSD will not consider our input. However, it's pretty frustrating that we spent the past three years being kicked out of buildings in an effort to repair them, applied for numerous grants in attempts to remedy problems that DCSD wouldn't remedy, and then have all that ripped out from under us. Also, it should be considered that saying these schools are so under-attended implies that 30 kids in a kindergarten classroom is acceptable. It's NOT.	3/5/2026 1:54 PM
1140	Please consider the scores of the students in the schools as you make decisions. Don't penalize high performing schools by making them consolidate. Instead of focusing on the buildings, focus on how to improve the learning environment and support system in under performing schools.	3/5/2026 1:53 PM
1141	I believe that the emphasis on buildings and utilization is the wrong way to go about these decisions. Foremost the academic and social impacts should be weighed and valued. As well as potential impacts on community impact and local changes to thinks like traffic and implementation should be higher priorities as well.	3/5/2026 1:52 PM
1142	Evansdale Elementary has been an important part of our community for many years. As the district continues to refine the next round of scenarios, I encourage leaders to carefully consider the importance of strong neighborhood elementary schools like Evansdale Elementary. Schools such as Evansdale provide stability, strong relationships between families and educators, and a supportive environment that is especially important for young students. While I understand the district is facing enrollment and facility challenges, decisions should prioritize student well-being, community stability, and maintaining schools that are already serving their communities well. Elementary students benefit greatly from consistency and from learning in environments designed specifically for their developmental stage. Before considering closing schools like Evansdale, the district should explore alternative solutions such as boundary adjustments, program enhancements, or strategies to strengthen enrollment in existing schools. Preserving established neighborhood schools helps maintain strong communities and supports long-term student success.	3/5/2026 1:43 PM
1143	n/a	3/5/2026 1:42 PM
1144	Excited to hear more about the new curriculum and the benefits for the kids, teachers and parents	3/5/2026 1:36 PM
1145	None	3/5/2026 1:25 PM
1146	NA	3/5/2026 1:25 PM
1147	Closing our small neighborhood schools is the biggest mistake Dekalb County can make. This will be devastating to our communities and our students. It doesn’t seem like what is best for students is being considered. Our children deserve better.	3/5/2026 1:21 PM
1148	Smaller is better. Large scale does not help children meet their best potential nor does it allow for leaders to do their best for families.	3/5/2026 1:19 PM
1149	As you move elementary schools, the fabric of the surrounding community and the ready access to “THEIR” school for the little ones is fractured.	3/5/2026 1:15 PM
1150	As you continue this process, I ask you to please examine the data with this in mind. These kids (and their parents and community members) have worked hard to try and put the pieces back together after the pandemic. We lost so much in terms of stability. Please prioritize stability, especially in a vibrant, demonstrably growing community like Oak Grove.	3/5/2026 1:14 PM
1151	Focus on teaching kids, smaller classrooms, more structured teaching for success, better funding for teachers that are in the system. Less administrative functions, more teacher function.	3/5/2026 1:11 PM

1152	If closures do end up happening, there should be discussion of what the current school buildings/facilities will be used for to ensure the community is not burdened with vacant structures that serve no purpose.	3/5/2026 1:07 PM
1153	I would like to know the different scenarios and how many students would fit into each scenario. My other concern will they have some smaller schools or will all schools be filled to capacity.	3/5/2026 1:04 PM
1154	It's important to get neighborhood input besides the parents on any schools that you are planning to close within a neighborhood. Those buildings should not end up "office space" (nor do I think they are zoned for commercial). So it would be important that they become something that benefits the neighborhood or house another school program.	3/5/2026 1:02 PM
1155	Stop threatening the parents who actually give a shit about the schools and the teachers. Go back to your palace and learn how to manage your budget. Which means stop wasting money on dumb exercises like this and crappy superintendents.	3/5/2026 12:55 PM
1156	One suggestion for the next round of scenarios would be to consider offering educator-only town hall meetings, particularly at schools that may be significantly impacted by potential changes. Providing a dedicated space for educators to ask questions and share feedback could help ensure that the perspectives of those working directly with students are heard. I believe consistent grade band structures across clusters would be beneficial. Many students move from one cluster to another, particularly at the high school level. Having a consistent structure could help ensure smoother transitions and reduce the likelihood that students' academic credits or course progress are negatively impacted when they transfer. Additionally, while the graphics provided are clearly well-intentioned, they can be somewhat difficult to process due to the number of boxes and arrows included. A brief narrative explanation accompanying each graphic on the same page would help provide clearer context and make the information easier to interpret.	3/5/2026 12:55 PM
1157	I understand the need to close some facilities due to cost and low enrollment, however, closing elementary schools which help mold the youths primitive years can hinder their overall growth.	3/5/2026 12:47 PM
1158	Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/5/2026 12:47 PM
1159	I don't have enough feedback I think so it's the best way.	3/5/2026 12:44 PM
1160	The thought of closing all the proposed schools is ridiculous. No one wins, we lose the neighborhood schools and community and get overcrowded schools outside our area. Terrible	3/5/2026 12:41 PM
1161	As a parent of 2 future Dunwoody high school students, i support the expansion of Dunwoody HS. But i would like to know when the potential closure of Vanderlyn takes place. 6 years?	3/5/2026 12:41 PM
1162	How can we redirect funding to public schools from private school subsidies	3/5/2026 12:34 PM
1163	While this wasnt explained, the assumptions that lead to all the elementary schools being closed don't seem to align with the reduced bus ride lengths. Less elementary schools means each student will have an increased commute, on average.	3/5/2026 12:33 PM
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1165	No additional feedback.	3/5/2026 12:20 PM
1166	consider the neighborhoods, home values, time to travel on a bus to school especially given high traffic areas where these children will have to travel through to get to school	3/5/2026 12:18 PM
1167	I would begin the process with affecting schools that are not at capacity first. Seems like so much of a simpler way to deal with things. If the issue is empty seats, mess with the schools with empty seats first. Seems like a no brainer and that you are overcomplicating things.	3/5/2026 12:17 PM
1168	Smaller student ratio to teacher is scientifically proven to be better for student achievement	3/5/2026 12:14 PM
1169	Public messaging around SAP has emphasized whole-school transitions, yet discussions indicate Vanderlyn students would likely be split between neighboring schools, if closed. This is not comparable to combining two half-capacity schools and would create significant feeder disruption and transportation impact. If this proposal is driven by high school facility needs rather than elementary inefficiency, and if future enrollment shifts may relieve this pressure, closure should not be assumed as the default solution. The Dunwoody cluster cannot be evaluated using the same framework as clusters with multiple under-enrolled campuses. Before moving forward, families need cluster-specific reassignment modeling, receive school utilization projections, and a clear explanation of why expansion or shared-campus options were not prioritized.	3/5/2026 12:12 PM
1170	Would love to see a new glider middle school to Oak Grove area instead of Henderson Middle	3/5/2026 12:11 PM
1171	We love Ashford Park!	3/5/2026 12:09 PM
1172	I have not heard how the language immersion programs in the elementary schools will be addressed. For example, if a student is in an elementary school that is doing French and the new school they go to is doing Spanish. . . how will this be handled. This is a concern and needs to be addressed.	3/5/2026 12:07 PM
1173	La escuela tiene persona tan importante muy bien clasificado por si buenas prácticas son maravillosos maravillosas las y los maestros para mi es la mejor escuela qie mis hijos an estado	3/5/2026 12:05 PM
1174	Again, I would also just like to consider any demographics that may be pertinent such as income, language, or other socioeconomic factors that may play a role in getting access to schools and meaningful education. I do think that some of the proximity tools that you use might benefit from having a bit of a curve prioritizing access to those who will have the most negative impact from changes to school distribution or program relocation.	3/5/2026 12:03 PM
1175	Please do what’s best for the students, especially elementary and keep it how it is.	3/5/2026 12:03 PM
1176	As the district develops the next round of scenarios, I encourage you to consider broader community and economic impacts alongside enrollment and facility utilization metrics. Oak Grove is a high performing, in demand school that operates near capacity and continues to see growing enrollment projections. Families actively choose this community because of the strength of its public school. When a school consistently delivers strong academic outcomes and maintains high engagement, it becomes an anchor for neighborhood stability and long term enrollment sustainability. Strong neighborhood schools help attract and retain families, support stable property values, and contribute to the district’s tax base. Disrupting a school that is nearly full and academically successful could have ripple effects that extend beyond the building itself and may unintentionally accelerate enrollment decline rather than solve it. For these reasons, I strongly oppose any scenario that would close or consolidate Oak Grove Elementary and urge the district to protect schools that are high performing, in demand, and operating efficiently.	3/5/2026 12:02 PM
1177	At the end of the day - the attendance boundaries part of this is the most important - people need to know where their kids will be going. municipalities need to know what the expected traffic patterns will be. Figure out the budget first - we can support X high schools, Y middle	3/5/2026 11:59 AM

	schools, and z elementary schools. We can renovate up to X buildings. And then you figure out how to make the existing real estate fit the needs within that budget and with those attendance boundaries.	
1178	Please find ways to save money such as better Superintendent selections so that we don't have 4 fired SIs on the payroll!	3/5/2026 11:58 AM
1179	Creo se sentía precalificar las escuelas y si llegase a ganar que las escuelas queden igual, seréis solo cerras las de las bajo nivel. Pero se tenga en cuenta que al ingresar más niños a escuelas que ya se encuentran en nivel académico alto, bajará porque la atención ya no sería la misma.	3/5/2026 11:55 AM
1180	Please include pediatricians and sociologist (feedback) in your discussions regarding mass grouping of students.	3/5/2026 11:53 AM
1181	Leave schools that operate units capacity. Robert Shaw Elementary is a great school with great teachers. It’s been great for more than decade.	3/5/2026 11:51 AM
1182	Its very confusing. Huntley hills is old and needs work. There isn't enough teachers too many kids and economically needs to be more 50/50. Get rid of title 1 doesn't help. Ashford park and Montgomery schools school be all mixed in. Huntley hills gets low grades because it's isnt economically equal. People should be able to place there kids in better schools that are close to where they live. Montessori should only be prek-2. Third -5th should be traditional learning. Montessori should include traditional concepts. Kids are not set up for unnecessary at Huntley hills. ES students should be at different schools at its slows down learning for other students. Gifted program needs to be better, it is also too hard to get into the program. Needs to be re-assessed. Huntley hills is under serving there kids. They are not prepared for middle school. Need to go into huntley hills and listen to their parents	3/5/2026 11:51 AM
1183	Please do not close Oak Grove Elementary!!!	3/5/2026 11:40 AM
1184	I understand the need to close schools because of declining enrollment. BUT I have concerns in decisions the board has made with the choice of superintendent. You may say this is not relevant, but it is. . . because dollars wasted on bad decisions made by the board cost the children. The money wasted could be used to help students and keep more schools open. I realize percentage wise the board's superintendent decision may not make a difference, but little (bad) decisions add up and cost money and take funding away from the kids. I am trying to be as nice as possible as requested by the presentation. . . but this is a factor and needs to be addressed.	3/5/2026 11:30 AM
1185	None	3/5/2026 11:30 AM
1186	I like the idea of upper and lower elementary schools. Maybe this could be an option for Ashford Park, John Lewis, and Woodward?	3/5/2026 11:26 AM
1187	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove’s projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/5/2026 11:20 AM
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1189	Oak Grove Elementary is a great neighborhood school. Parental involvement is strong, the teacher and supporting staff are great. Having a smaller school with a robust program is great for the students and staff. With more students, the funding may be better but the kids get lost, the teacher can't cope and the students loose at the end. Having less time to teach affects this generation and those to follow. I hope you will consider all aspects before making a decision that will affect so many.	3/5/2026 11:13 AM
1190	The elementary schools students in Dunwoody need to be equally divided. Peachtree middle school STEM program was the only best thing in that school and that was taken away. Peachtree Middle school had many principles changes and inconsistency. Peachtree Middle School in Dunwoody needs help. Dunwoody High School is a wonderful high school.	3/5/2026 11:13 AM
1191	n-a	3/5/2026 11:09 AM
1192	Most concerned that Vanderlyn will be shut down. It's an essential part of the community and successfully teaching students (we've sent two children to KMS through vanderlyn).	3/5/2026 11:08 AM
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1195	Think about what you all are doing before you really do it. You said that these school closing is not indefinite but is coming across the table. Closing Lithonia High school altogether shouldnt	3/5/2026 10:54 AM

	even be. What we should be doing is building a new lithonia or adding on to the recent building to make it look and be well equipped as a high school. Why build a small high school and then want to change it to an middle school. That seems to have been the plan from the beginning.	
1196	I strongly support keeping Evansdale Elementary School open. My granddaughter attends Evansdale and participates in the Dual Language French program, which is a valuable opportunity for students to develop bilingual and cultural skills. I encourage the district to protect successful programs and maintain stability for students and families when considering future scenarios.	3/5/2026 10:49 AM
1197	I'm confused as to why Chesnut is being expanded since the facility is not in great shape. It's also not in a "safe" location. I would rather see that used as an office. Many meetings now are held at McNair Middle-having an alternate location would be respectful to the teachers that are closer to this area. Dunwoody Elementary has room to expand to take in some students from Kingsley, Vanderlyn, and Chesnut. These students can also be reassigned to Austin. Kingsley has as much land as Chesnut, and it seems like a great place to put one of our magnet programs. The building's rating is better than both Robert Shaw and Kittredge. If four classrooms were added to Kingsley, you could change the band of the magnet programs to include more grades.	3/5/2026 10:48 AM
1198	I think breaking up the younger grades and combining the older ones works better. Having a neighborhood elementary schools are important to these neighborhoods and having an involved community only benefits the school. In addition, the schools can be pretty important and sacred to the community. Not just parents, but business that invest time and money into these schools and their students. I think messing with that will just anger many constituents. However, loyalty/community to MS/HS isn't as strong due to more students coming from a variety of communities. Simply adding to those doesn't seem as offensive.	3/5/2026 10:39 AM
1199	While I understand the reasoning behind consolidation, my primary concern is the impact it may have on classroom capacity and learning conditions. Ensuring that schools do not become overcrowded will be critical to maintaining effective instruction and student support.	3/5/2026 10:35 AM
1200	Why spend money buying and renovating anotehr building for the people who do not work in the school house but close schools. I understand money and buildings are an issue. fix them. Fix the school house. Too many people being paid big bucks outside the school house that have forgotten how it is. People come from all over Dekalb to go to school at Midvale. If it closes more people in the area will move to private, and possible take money with them.	3/5/2026 10:31 AM
1201	I also support expansion opportunities for Dunwoody High School to help alleviate its overcrowding with better utilization of the available land around the school.	3/5/2026 10:31 AM
1202	Please strongly take into consideration our voices that night at the meeting at Cedar Grove High, bring back programs and advance learning opportunities and programs back in our schools to increase enrollment, try to balance funding with each area less funding in the north DeKalb area and more funding in the south DeKalb area. Use outside resources for funding and monies. Church and school work well in our communities. Communicate with south DeKalb commissioners and congressmen on bringing money back into our school systems. We have funds to keep building in the south DeKalb area as far as homes, apartments, and businesses, we can be putting that back in our schools	3/5/2026 10:27 AM
1203	The upper management needs to do or hire people that are cost efficiency oriented.	3/5/2026 10:24 AM
1204	A intense study need to be completed on the negative effect school clustering will have on students.	3/5/2026 10:21 AM
1205	In general I am against the concept of huge schools having little kids in the same building with big kids. Contacts are inevitable, unless the space itself is re-imagined, going from one big building to small separate building and separate playground for the little ones. In fact, in my opinion, even the elementary school current set up should be split up more, rather than consolidated. I would like to see Prek-2nd and 3rd-5th being separated.	3/5/2026 10:20 AM
1206	Evansdale Elementary should not be closed. Here is why: 1) Evansdale’s lot size is large enough for considerable expansion - it includes two parking lots and street parking. 2) DLI French program: this program draws people to our community. It continues into Henderson MS. Lakeside HS has created a path for immersion students to continue at a rigorous level. Separating Evansdale from the cluster threatens that carefully considered continuity. 3) If declining enrollment is a concern, the consolidation approach will further exacerbate it. People move to this part of the county specially for a walkable school/small community experience -	3/5/2026 10:20 AM

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1207	I know you're wanting to release recommendations for programs/boundaries later, but please consider releasing full recommendations/scenarios for consideration. I support closing the Ashford Park building. Don't let loud feedback stop you from making the best long term decision for the district.	3/5/2026 10:18 AM
1208	Improving outdoor recess and tutors for children.	3/5/2026 10:11 AM
1209	none	3/5/2026 10:06 AM
1210	For context, my wife and I are DCSD graduates, as is one grandparent. We are familiar with all the good & bad.	3/5/2026 10:05 AM
1211	I appreciate the request for feedback - but please make it easier to understand what the county is proposing.	3/5/2026 9:59 AM
1212	This is super embarrassing for our district. This should stop. It’s all nonsense. You’re trying to make something work rather than admit you all messed up. Small schools matter, your current plan will negatively impact children. I don’t care about buildings. I care about my kids and the community. Your plan also does the opposite of what you state, it will not save money, it will cost us much more money than we stand to save. Start gradually and go from there.	3/5/2026 9:59 AM
1213	It's a good and complete school	3/5/2026 9:53 AM
1214	Thank you for undertaking a process to better utilize the available resources. It’s not an easy thing to do. I imagine each proposed closure will generate negative feedback. And it might be easy to categorize such responses as a “NIMBY”-like reaction and not clearly hear what is being said. Oak Grove Elementary really is an integral part of the community I live in, and has been for many years. One of the reasons we moved here—in 1987!—was Oak Grove Elementary, and new neighbors have moved here for the same reasons—OG Elementary and Lakeside High. As I understand it, OG Elementary is one of the district’s best performing elementary schools. To me, given the goal of fostering better opportunities and performance by all DeKalb students, closing a high performing elementary school is counterproductive (not to mention the impact on its community). Rather, I would think the question would be: what lessons can we learn from OG Elementary and how can we use them in other elementary schools. Thank you again for doing this evaluation.	3/5/2026 9:53 AM
1215	Certain unused elementary schools would make great community rec centers or green space!	3/5/2026 9:52 AM
1216	As a parent with children in both elementary and high school, stability in school assignments is very important. Frequent changes to grade bands or school assignments can be disruptive for families and students. I encourage the district to prioritize neighborhood schools, minimize rezoning when possible, and maintain clear feeder patterns so students can move through elementary, middle, and high school with their peers.	3/5/2026 9:50 AM
1217	Dunwoody High School is severely overcrowded but is not mentioned in the plan for a resolution. Vanderlyn is listed as a potential closure. If this is to alleviate the overcrowding at DHS, this needs to be clearly stated and how do you see that happening? If you are not using the Vanderlyn property to expand DHS then there is no viable reason to close that school. It has high scores and is not far from capacity. While it is an older building it has been well maintained and with some investment can be brought up to current standards. Vanderlyn sits on a large plot of land and with creative thinking, can help alleviate some of the high school's issues. The plan for District 1 (the Dunwoody cluster) has a lot of holes that need to be addressed. I don't believe that the plan as presented can work without moving school borders and that has not been mentioned. It states that schools closing will be moved as a whole to another school but the Dunwoody schools don't have enough open seats for that to be possible. What will the new school borders look like? This needs to be presented before a decision on closures is made.	3/5/2026 9:49 AM
1218	Leave the schools as they are now	3/5/2026 9:47 AM
1219	Chamblee cluster schools are doing well and have been growing consistently over the past decade. Making a change like closing Ashford Park Elementary would likely cause many	3/5/2026 9:42 AM

	parents to move to private schools - please don't disrupt a good thing here.	
1220	Keep our community in the loop.	3/5/2026 9:41 AM
1221	Don’t close the schools	3/5/2026 9:35 AM
1222	I think it’s really important for all families to understand how students will be reassigned, especially if their ES is closing. I’m open to change if it is strategic but also want my kids to remain in the lakeside cluster.	3/5/2026 9:32 AM
1223	These are our neighborhood schools, and we need to support the activities in the area of our neighborhood!	3/5/2026 9:31 AM
1224	Research shows that small class size is one of the most important factors in successful education--over crowded schools make this very difficult. Neighborhood schools with good reputations are good for the neighborhoods and hopefully fewer families will choose private schools.	3/5/2026 9:31 AM
1225	There are a few schools under 60% which are logical choices for closure - but you've mentioned LOTS of schools which are over 90% for closure, that would be foolish.	3/5/2026 9:30 AM
1226	Stakeholders need to see how much money is saved if you want to sell this.	3/5/2026 9:28 AM
1227	N/A	3/5/2026 9:24 AM
1228	Stoneview is a community school which has a lot of support and a high enrollment! This school is much needed in this community and closing it will only hurt this community and others around it!	3/5/2026 9:20 AM
1229	This whole process has lacked transparency and adequate communication. It seems disingenuous. It was begun under a corrupt superintendent and has no credibility or legitimacy at this point.	3/5/2026 9:17 AM
1230	I feel that this entire SAP process should be tabled at this time. This is from the ideas of a person who has been indicted on fraud. We need to separate ourselves from his ideas and vision. I also do not know one parent, community member or teacher that agrees with these plans. We are the stakeholders and we still live in a democracy not a dictatorship. Also this news has been extremely disruptive to our communities and schools. We need to focus on what is best for our children from an academic and developmental stand point. We also feel that stop trying to cut corners and renovate our facilities instead of closing them down and just building new facilities.	3/5/2026 9:16 AM
1231	I know that ultimately this comes down to numbers, but I am really concerned that the emphasis in all the discussions thus far has been about optimizing the number of bodies in seats, rather than a real qualitative consideration of what is developmentally most appropriate based on research in education. I want to know what we can learn from other districts comprising of similar demographics to us who have adopted these different scenarios - which ones have children who have most thrived academically and socio-emotionally? If we could point to another district in the country and say, "see, they have similar racial and ethnic makeup to us, they have similar socioeconomic status to us, and they implemented this system and they are thriving" then I would be more convinced that we could change for the better. However, the current analysis emphasizes butts in seats and financial benefits to the district, and the proposed benefits to our children are simply theoretical speculation.	3/5/2026 9:15 AM
1232	Those who will lose jobs or misplaced must be considered carefully.	3/5/2026 9:11 AM
1233	I do not think that Lithonia High school should close	3/5/2026 9:08 AM
1234	I’m very appalled that this is even moving forward when the idea stemmed from a superintendent who was fired for embezzlement. How can we actually follow this persons ideas when we 1. Don’t have a superintendent 2. Only had one who was corrupt? This seems negligent on so many levels. We do not want to see the AP community get broken up or dismantled. This is a strong performing community with a strong middle and high school. So many of us moved here for THESE SCHOOLS. We want to see our children thrive at these schools and not see our school performance go down. I think the he’s consultant said “all schools are high performing schools” and that is simply not the case in Dekalb. The AP community is so special. We want to keep it that way. We want to see our children succeed! Please think of our strong community and how this has an impact on everyone in it. We want	3/5/2026 9:05 AM

	to see the AP elem kids stay in the chamblee cluster with Chamblee high. We will fight for our children.	
1235	See above.	3/5/2026 9:03 AM
1236	None	3/5/2026 8:52 AM
1237	As a parent, you try to make the best choices for your children. Our home school is Dunwoody Elementary School, but through school choice, we chose Vanderlyn because there is something special there that can't be replicated in a big school. We toured several schools and the sizing of Vanderlyn creates a family dynamic, which has been proven in the education Vanderlyn kids are receiving. Speak to the families and listen to the community. Vanderlyn is one of Dekalb's top elementary schools. Don't make a short sighted decision based on money.	3/5/2026 8:52 AM
1238	Shutting down Oak Grove would be a terrible mistake and reflect the corruptness and ineptitude of the DeKalb County educational management.	3/5/2026 8:49 AM
1239	Traffic and chaos will be the results	3/5/2026 8:47 AM
1240	When we have done redistricting in the past, the squeaky wheel gets the cheese. These Vanderlyn and Austin parents always get their way at the expense of the rest of the cluster. You guys need to have some cajones and stop placating them. Vanderlyn has to go and it should have happened a long time ago but you guys can't stand your ground. Pick Kinglsey or Chesnut but they need to be combined. Probably pick Chesnut because I think some of the Kingsley population will get redirected to Doraville. Also Chesnut land is slightly bigger and having a middle school campus next door probably makes some things more convenient. However Chesnut/Peachtree Middle have (in the past) not had much of a working relationship together. It would be nice to fix that.	3/5/2026 8:45 AM
1241	Closing the Kittridge program, which has been repeatedly regarded as the best elementary program in the entire state, for financial reasons would be an incredibly bad decision. One that would definitely be remembered at the ballot box.	3/5/2026 8:34 AM
1242	For what it's worth, I grew up in a place where 6th grade was part of elementary school, and 9th was part of middle school. It gave kids a little more time to grow. But those were different times....	3/5/2026 8:32 AM
1243	Large schools will impact attendance, increase tardies, bullying and other behavioral issues	3/5/2026 8:29 AM
1244	Please further evaluate grade bands to lessen disruption of existing school boundary communities, especially 6-12. I also encourage fiscal discipline to be considered more to minimize facility construction or improvements if band changes could use existing facilities. Lastly, consider traffic pattern impacts further as housing efforts are looking to increase housing density (number of houses per square mile - think rowed townhomes where 1 house used to be), which can impact future enrollment numbers and parent/community engagement.	3/5/2026 8:24 AM
1245	In my neighborhood (Oak Grove), there's a lot of opposition to this plan because the parents are so attached to the school, as am I. We transferred our son to Kittredge in 4th grade and I immediately saw the benefits of a larger school. I also think that community members get too focused on their own student/school/cluster and forget about what's best for the county and the students who do not live near them.	3/5/2026 8:24 AM
1246	Cut the administrative staff at the county level not at the schools , waste of $$,focus on low enrollment schools with low scores . You must start small on this to see what the impact is	3/5/2026 8:23 AM
1247	Keep Rock Chapel open.	3/5/2026 8:22 AM
1248	N/A	3/5/2026 8:20 AM
1249	There has been extremely poor communication this round. Meetings have been scheduled, meetings have been canceled, and there is no concrete way that parents are understanding what's happening. The school board needs to step back and reassess how they are looking to communicate with parents in the future to facilitate trust and coordination with all those involved.	3/5/2026 8:15 AM
1250	None	3/5/2026 8:11 AM
1251	I believe the smaller schools are far better off for the development of children, their sense of security and feeling their importance.	3/5/2026 8:09 AM

1252	The Vanderlyn/Dunwoody community has raised concerns beyond seat capacity. Two that seem especially important to note are: 1) dismantling a higher performing school that has proven its effectiveness in learning achievements and 2) the impact on traffic with the redistribution of students to Chestnut Elementary.	3/5/2026 8:09 AM
1253	I just hope female keeping the way it is.	3/5/2026 8:05 AM
1254	You should compare the utility of burning a barrel of cash compared to rehabbing a 100 year old Highschool. At least the barrel of cash gives off heat.	3/5/2026 8:03 AM
1255	pk-8 is better than join with 9-12 . bcs. 6 graders are too smaller with high schoolers	3/5/2026 7:59 AM
1256	We will be very upset if Robert Shaw closes.	3/5/2026 7:55 AM
1257	Closing Oak Grove would snarl traffic in our area even more than it is. Parents are able to and do walk their children to school which helps a lot.	3/5/2026 7:53 AM
1258	My children used to go to Hawthorne. That building was in terrible shape! How in the world did you come up with a 90.6% facility score for Hawthorne? Evansdale's facility is in MUCH better shape. It is also a much better staff than Hawthorne. We also have more room to expand than Livsey. Our lower field could be utilized for upper grades and the existing building for lower grades.	3/5/2026 7:45 AM
1259	I have three children in elementary, middle and high school. My biggest priority is seeing my children complete their schooling in the Chamblee cluster. We are extremely happy with our current schools and our children are thriving. I agree that Ashford Park needs major upgrades/to be torn down, but I do think it’s irresponsible to approve a major renovation that has already started and then just stop it and wait for the next steps which could take years.	3/5/2026 7:34 AM
1260	Middle school students cannot be with high school students it is irresponsible and dangerous. It also put the faculty and staff in challenging situations.	3/5/2026 7:33 AM
1261	Na	3/5/2026 7:28 AM
1262	I don’t understand why we can’t expand PreK3 access for all if we have so many open seats. The waiting list is hundreds of students long. I also think any positioning to increase federal funding at this time is an insane move. I think that any positioning to increase the local resources from property tax will backfire and leave us with enormous underfunded schools in the long run.	3/5/2026 7:27 AM
1263	DeKalb County’s population has continued to grow over the past decade, increasing by more than 80,000 residents since 2010. While student enrollment may fluctuate in the short term, long-term planning should consider that the county and the broader Atlanta area continue to grow. Many of the new residents moving into the county may eventually have children who will attend our schools. Because of this, schools should remain a priority and plans should remain flexible to adjust as population patterns change. Closing schools should not be considered, as reducing capacity now may create challenges in the future and could push families to move to other counties perceived to have stronger school systems.	3/5/2026 7:15 AM
1264	I understand why this needs to happen and the cost saving with the decline in enrollment. My hope is it happens gradually starting with older high school kids. The elementary kids have formed their relationship and learning the basic fundamentals to life/learning/friendship. I believe it will disrupt their learning/trust and they will have to start over. Such as in kindergarten. Most of the elementary kids have been in the same school since 4 years old and that's all they know. They're already nervous about middle school. I just believe elementary schools should be off the table. Start with Middle/High School kids are more adaptable by this age.	3/5/2026 7:11 AM
1265	Na	3/5/2026 7:02 AM
1266	It’s hard not to understand the full scope of plans if you don’t release the school closures or possible outcomes. Just giving us the closures and not plans in total is dishonest and intentionally misleading. We will be fighting back on this as parents and community members. Do better.	3/5/2026 6:52 AM
1267	Closing oak Grove Elementary will have a negative impact on the community and the county. It is the best elementary school in the 30345 zip code and has the best reputation. We moved into the area for that school, coming from another county. You will see much less movement to Dekalb County if you close it.	3/5/2026 6:40 AM

1268	Please keep clusters intact. Dunwoody students should be in Dunwoody schools for elementary, middle and High school. Please do not split neighborhoods.	3/5/2026 6:21 AM
1269	Consider Pk-7th grade. 8th to 12th grade.	3/5/2026 6:19 AM
1270	Please don’t close the south in schools, make is fair across dekalb county.	3/5/2026 6:19 AM
1271	Esta escuela es muy buena	3/5/2026 6:02 AM
1272	Promote excellence. Replicate successful programs instead of shutting them down.	3/5/2026 5:49 AM
1273	Larger schools are not the way to go. Also, there are communities in DeKalb that are growing over time in enrollment. North Decatur is currently seeing young families move in as baby boomers downsize. My neighborhood was one just four years ago that never saw a stroller on the street and now families with babies and toddlers are the norm. I have been an educator all my life in both public and private schools. Figure out a way to keep schools small and protect communities. Offer exemplary core education with a focus on reading and math and our children will thrive.	3/5/2026 5:27 AM
1274	My concern would be the urban blight of a community where a school would be closed. There must be a plan to re- utilize an empty school for public use or purpose (health center, senior center / headstart) or the building would need to be demolished to prevent vandalism and vagrancy.	3/5/2026 5:20 AM
1275	Evansville Elementary should not close: It has full classrooms and many families benefit from having it near their homes and apartments.	3/5/2026 5:17 AM
1276	No comment	3/5/2026 4:39 AM
1277	DCSS is paying a fortune for a company to close schools. Such monies could be used to upgrade the neighborhoods schools.	3/5/2026 4:08 AM
1278	the schools don’t need more students they need better teachers and more funding to have special programs and more educational opportunities.	3/5/2026 2:22 AM
1279	Please don’t allow this to change. Children need to be in a learning environment they can thrive in being with kids that has such a different age gap will only add more stress to the teachers and the kids themselves. This is unacceptable	3/5/2026 1:57 AM
1280	Ultimately, many families (including my own) no longer trust the current direction or leadership of the DeKalb County School District. The board appears focused on facilities and financial efficiencies while failing to address the academic and programmatic issues that actually matter to families—such as protecting and expanding successful specialized programs like French Immersion and STEM. Additionally, the district continues to double down on policies that undermine learning, including issuing computers to very young students instead of prioritizing foundational skills developed through reading, writing, and hands-on instruction. Parents are increasingly concerned that students are losing basic academic abilities, attention, and memory because learning has been replaced with excessive screen use. This is part of a broader and deeply troubling trend: many educators and researchers now warn that we may be raising the first generation of children less academically prepared than their parents. Until the district demonstrates integrity, accountability, and a genuine commitment to students’ long-term success rather than short-term financial calculations, it will be difficult for families to believe these proposals are truly in the best interests of our children.	3/5/2026 12:36 AM
1281	It is extremely difficult to answer questions strictly about a physical space without having an understanding of the community within that building. The district should spend more time within these community hubs prior to making a decision based solely on the physical building. The district should make an effort to visit these schools and see for themselves the excitement and activity within the classrooms. The district should also spend time and resources identifying ways to bring families back into the schools rather than making decisions based on the argument that enrollment is down bc families are having fewer kids. The reality is that even in the highest performing schools parents are still choosing to send their kids to private school or go through the school choice process.	3/5/2026 12:32 AM
1282	I also support an expansion for Dunwoody High School. With availability of the Vanderlyn Elementary School space due to over crowding of Dunwoody High School.	3/5/2026 12:09 AM
1283	Please consider a phased approach. I don’t think we need to identify 27 schools to close even if they aren’t closing at once. Start with x number per cluster or area- execute that plan and	3/4/2026 11:55 PM

	assess if there are opportunities to further optimize. The current plan creates destabilization in an already unstable system.	
1284	The facilities at Ashford park can be revamped, increased to accommodate the growing student number. If the county keeps threatening closure every few years, why will the parents feel comfortable or secure in sending the kids to the school. And then the county will give excuse as decreasing student numbers. Atleast do research on each individual school you are planning to close. It's not a raffle draw, whatever comes in mind just lets close. Some of the schools on the list are rated best schools in Georgia. Already out of all counties in Georgia, DeKalb has only 3-4 on the list out of that y'all want to close 3 of them. What's wrong with DCSD, do you guys even take a neighborhood vote? If taken a vote, Ashford park, Oak Grove, Vanderlyn will never want their schools closed. So how can you guys just blatantly decide to harm the community.	3/4/2026 11:49 PM
1285	I bought my house and continue to live here because Brockett Elementary is special. The minute you close that school, I will move and give my tax dollars to another county. How dare you!	3/4/2026 11:25 PM
1286	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/4/2026 11:07 PM
1287	I'm gonna say no for right now because my comments are not good comments because the district have failed to implement my daughter IP for a total of 2 1/2 years probably longer than that.	3/4/2026 11:04 PM
1288	Scenario 1's proposal to close 27 elementary schools significantly deviates from the previously established range of 4–16. Oak Grove Elementary is a primary example of why this expansion is problematic: it already exceeds the district's 88% utilization target, boasts four years of consistent growth, and maintains top-tier academic rankings. Closing high-performing, high-utilization schools merely redistributes students to neighbors like Sagamore Hills and Briarlake, necessitating costly new capital expansions rather than reducing overall excess capacity. To effectively bridge the utilization gap, the district should prioritize consolidating schools operating below 70% capacity. This ensures fiscal efficiency without compromising growth corridors. Before moving forward, we request clarification on the following: Did enrollment projections account for the 2024–2026 residential and employment pipelines? Were pandemic-era data points weighted in a way that obscures post-2023 recovery trends? What are the 2028 and 2030 projected utilization rates for Oak Grove? What is the cost-benefit analysis of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding surrounding campuses? A phased, data-driven strategy will better ensure that long-term capacity aligns with community investment.	3/4/2026 11:04 PM
1289	I think keeping the cluster grade bands keeps what's familial and allows students some opportunity to transition (without a major gap with 6 graders being with 12 graders or eight graders jumping into a high school as their first transition. This also helps middle school from being greatly affected by curricular or students resources spreading too thin.	3/4/2026 10:45 PM
1290	Maintaining stable learning environments for students should remain a top priority. While operational efficiency is important, decisions about facilities and grade structures ultimately impact students' educational experiences, social development, and sense of belonging within their school communities.	3/4/2026 10:44 PM
1291	I think part of the info said a certain kind of school needed to be 900 students to be cost effective. Is that true for all bands or just some?	3/4/2026 10:43 PM

1292	Do not make Dunwoody students go to doraville schools. It will hurt both the ESOL and English speaking students.	3/4/2026 10:38 PM
1293	We love Robert Shaw theme school. I have two sons one in 5th and one in 3rd . I heard about Robert Shaw years ago before I had kids .. it is well known in the Clarkston community and means a lot to mine and many other families	3/4/2026 10:31 PM
1294	I....we....really hope you actually listen to what we're saying for your round 2 scenario development. Tracy, consultant, who spoke at the 2/26 meeting at Cross Keys was great. He answered a lot of great questions. He said a number of times "we don't want to pull communities apart." So don't. Don't mess up this amazing cluster of schools that people SEEK OUT. Don't make people LEAVE this AREA/CLUSTER because of the changes you make. Make the changes BETTER our area. Make people continue to want to MOVE to Ashford Park bc of the amazing PUBLIC schools they offer.	3/4/2026 10:21 PM
1295	The administration of DeKalb County Schools is disgusting.	3/4/2026 10:20 PM
1296	Closing Oak Grove would redistribute students without meaningfully solving underutilization, while potentially eliminating capacity needed to support major community growth. A phased, data-driven approach focused first on significantly underutilized schools would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term planning. What are the comparative capital costs of: maintaining/expanding Oak Grove, and expanding Sagamore Hills and/or Briarlake?	3/4/2026 10:14 PM
1297	I believe the cluster should be K-8 / 9-12. Leave the young children with their adolescent peers and the young adults within each other By putting middle school children with high school is a high risk. Middle school is just transitioning from children to young adults and I just believe it’s to much for their brain to adjust to	3/4/2026 10:10 PM
1298	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove’s projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/4/2026 10:10 PM
1299	Don't take community out of public schools	3/4/2026 10:08 PM
1300	As a parent in the Robertshaw Elementary School cluster within the DeKalb County School District, I encourage the district to prioritize stability, equity, and transparency as you develop the next round of scenarios. Please consider minimizing the number of school transitions students must make, especially in elementary grades. Stability is critical for academic success and emotional well-being. I also recommend providing clear data to families, including enrollment projections, building capacity, transportation impact, and how staffing and class sizes would be affected. Seeing side-by-side comparisons of each option would help families better understand the long-term impact. Finally, I urge the district to continue engaging parents and staff before final decisions are made. Our community values being part of the solution, and meaningful input will strengthen trust in the process.	3/4/2026 10:08 PM
1301	Add scenarios that involve reallocating central office staff to schools. What about the former schools that are being used for office space? What's happening with the Northlake office complex and how much has been spent on an empty building?	3/4/2026 10:04 PM
1302	We’d all like an idea of when closures would start. Some of these schools are already close to capacity. I think my son’s whole grade has about 64 kids and they’re a small grade compared to some of the others. So that’s 30 kids divided between Austin and DES for ONE GRADE. Then they’ll both be OVER capacity. It’s already hard enough for one teacher to manage 20 students and give them all attention.	3/4/2026 9:59 PM

1303	Don’t close the top performers like Oak Grove and Kingsley. You’re only asking for families to leave the district and cause more distrust. If there are truly schools in South Dekalb that are underpopulated, consolidate those, but don’t close schools in North Dekalb where we are already overcrowded. Make sure we don’t end up with portables in our end state. For that matter, figure out how to relieve overcrowding at Lakeside. Portables were put on top of tennis courts years ago. We have limited parking because the school wasn’t built for its current size. Help fix those issues instead of closing top performing schools.	3/4/2026 9:50 PM
1304	Dear DCSD Reps, Evansdale Elementary has been a shining star in my life this year. After years of anticipation, my child started Kindergarten there this year. Every time I enter the school, I feel the pulsing heart of our community. I know you can't place numbers on the value of community, so I do have feedback that is specific and targeted as requested, but I also want you to understand how much more than a dot on a map our school is for my community. The diversity, the cultural exchange at school events, the incubator environment that provides elementary age students a place to feel safe while preparing for success in middle and high school. I do feel like there was a missing piece of community engagement earlier in this process, but as it is, here is my feedback on the initial scenario presented: 1. Evansdale Elementary is above the threshold for attendance set by the district. In fact, enrollment is projected to increase by 2030. 2. Evansdale Elementary School sits on a large lot (10+ acres) and is an excellent option for renovation and expansion as it does not sit on a busy street. 3. Redirecting current Evansdale families to the proposed expansion schools (Livsey, Hawthorne) greatly impacts traffic in areas that are already gridlocked during school drop-off and commute times. In fact, Tucker recently reduced lanes on the primary route to Livsey Elementary to reduce traffic volume, but the now two-lane road is at a standstill from the time school is out through early evening. There will be more than the school communities impacted by this shift. 4. The French DLI program continues to grow and has taken root in our community. The French teachers have been stellar and we need Evansdale to remain in the French pathway in the Lakeside cluster. What a unique experience Dekalb offers for students here, so much work has gone into setting it up for success and sustainability. 5. Our school has been passed over several times for capital improvements, yet this is now being counted against us. We have a strong support system at the school who are passionate about finding funds and will be happy to work with Dekalb to find partners in funding for any needed improvements. This community of parents and supporters just want to be heard. We share a passion for the success of children and the ways that schools create an identity for a community. We want face time with decision-makers and not to worry that our concerns being painstakingly entered into this survey are just entering the void. Will anyone read this? Please consider real engagement with our communities before moving forward. I thank you for your time and consideration.	3/4/2026 9:45 PM
1305	See response to question 4	3/4/2026 9:39 PM
1306	Keep schools open	3/4/2026 9:38 PM
1307	I do not trust HMP since they were hired by Horton and do not have good record in other districts. There is a lack of transparency about conflicts of interests. Even the SAP process has been misleading. The community meetings did not have any language stating that only the February meetings were for Phase 1. I was planning on attending the meeting at Kakeside in March to discuss/learn about Phase 1. We realized too late. This gives the Lakeside area a disadvantage since most of us were waiting for the Lakeside meeting. These are big decisions, why the rush and lack of clear timeline?	3/4/2026 9:26 PM
1308	If it can help save costs I will agree of the closing of the schools	3/4/2026 9:20 PM
1309	Please, let’s not reinvent the wheel. Can we see the data from school districts across the country that have grade bands that work having PK-8, 9-12 and what are the demographics of those schools with over 92,000 students? How do some school districts determine that their grade bands should be PK-3, 4-8, 9-12? Can we do what works? I think the elementary model for Specialists having to teach 6 grade levels is not sustainable. Cutting back to 4 grade levels in each band would be manageable but it depends how scheduling would be handled as well student population.	3/4/2026 9:18 PM
1310	Nothing more	3/4/2026 9:16 PM
1311	Clustering 11-13 year olds with 14-18 year olds (in the 6-12 buckets) seems borderline inappropriate with how differently developed children are at those ages (maturity, growth, mental, etc)	3/4/2026 9:16 PM
1312	Museum School & DSA have a proven good model.	3/4/2026 9:14 PM

1313	Keep things open for community discussion, keep things democratic, prioritize pedagogy	3/4/2026 9:14 PM
1314	Please keep class sizes small	3/4/2026 9:12 PM
1315	Your area 1 schools are a unique problem. This area is experiencing rapid growth and economic growth as well. You do not need to close schools in area 1 but instead you need to look at how best to realign schools, redraw lines and keep these building open to serve their growing populations. Even on small acreage such as Ashford Park, a new building could be constructed (build vertically). If a new building for APS cannot be done, keep our community - families and staff - intact. Move the community to John Lewis and rezone John Lewis to Chamblee. The county needs to try to acquire additional land around CHS in order to increase capacity there. They also need to look again at building at the property on North Druid Hills Road. Relocate or close Kittredge and use the land for a new Brookhaven High School. Cross Keys could be a middle school. But do not waste taxpayer money by pouring millions of dollars into a property that you will just close in a couple of years. Do not renovate a property without a long term plan for its use. It is wasteful and short sighted. Keep staff and students together at Ashford Park!	3/4/2026 9:12 PM
1316	Are student addresses being considered in consolidation plans? Are you able to see where students are located and choose consolidation that optimizes physical access and local / neighborhood integrity? When choosing the facility that will host consolidated schools, this should be the facility in better condition, or this should be an opportunity to update outdated facilities.	3/4/2026 9:10 PM
1317	It appears that ESOL funds are managed at the district level while for example Title 1 funds are managed at the school level. Once ESOL students are more evenly distributed across the schools, how will DCSD empower individual schools to fairly meet the needs, understand those needs, and afford to support their ESOL population?	3/4/2026 9:04 PM
1318	you all should look at performance outcomes (milestones) in addition to crowding.	3/4/2026 9:03 PM
1319	I support a commitment to repair and expand current schools that are over capacity and functioning well. Transparent public reporting of the data and models used to justify closures/redistricting. A phased plan that prioritizes facility upgrades, program enhancements, and targeted supports for struggling schools without closing high-demand campuses. Genuine collaboration with affected families, educators, and staff before any boundary or closure decisions. I urge the DeKalb County Board of Education and SAP leadership to revise the proposal to reflect community strengths, improve all schools, and preserve public confidence. Arbitrarily closing neighborhood schools as a first option it undermines the very outcomes you seek to achieve.	3/4/2026 9:03 PM
1320	The highest rate of students leaving Vanderlyn per year in the last 10 years was during COVID. Vanderlyn families can afford to place there child in private school. Dekalb needs to factor in the ability of Vanderlyn parents to do what's best for there children. We will be leaving for private school if Vanderlyn closes as well as many other families. How will that help Dekalbs numbers?	3/4/2026 8:53 PM
1321	Don’t close them!	3/4/2026 8:43 PM
1322	Es muy i pórtate qe siempre este abierta la es cuela por los niños para qe estudiar mejor	3/4/2026 8:42 PM
1323	I would ask that we keep students in mind as we make decisions in their best interest	3/4/2026 8:41 PM
1324	I do not want Ashford Park to be closed. I would prefer the school be renovated. I very much enjoy the community of Ashford Park and the small neighborhood setting it’s in. I grew up in DeKalb and have much always preferred the smaller elementary school building than large ones in other counties. I want Ashford Park to remain open.	3/4/2026 8:41 PM
1325	In some communities, enrollment decreases as students approach middle school. Parents do not feel their children aged 10-11 years old are ready to move to a middle school with students aged 13-14-15 years old. As a result, they leave DCSD during grades 4-5 for private options. If 6th grade were located in the elementary building, many of these parents would not leave at all.	3/4/2026 8:38 PM
1326	thank you	3/4/2026 8:35 PM
1327	Do not destroy Dunwoody schools more than you already have.	3/4/2026 8:34 PM
1328	I really don’t like the idea of 6-12	3/4/2026 8:33 PM

1329	I would appreciate clarity on why there would be money for an expansion of Chestnut, which is already full, rather than fixing the older buildings like Kingsley. I can see the logic behind closing one elementary in the area if there are too many empty seats, but why close two if that means one has to be expanded anyway? I watched the video about why empty seats is a problem but I felt like a lot of what was said doesn't apply to elementary schools. At Kingsley, we have many students who are English learners, I think what they benefit from most is small class sizes, not from "AP Classes" or "extracurriculars". The video mentioned not being able to have an AP Biology teacher, which would be a high school problem. I actually teach AP biology at Dunwoody High School. I don't have enough kids for that to be the only subject I teach, so I also teach the regular biology classes. So I don't understand this argument from the perspective of AP classes. Many of our AP teachers are in a similar situation, and they just teach another class as well. Why not just close Vanderlyn and allow Dunwoody High School to use that space? As a teacher at Dunwoody High School, the SAP does not make clear to me a plan to address the situation with Dunwoody High School classroom space either. We have a large number of portables that are in very bad shape and poorly maintained. We are far over the capacity of the building that we have. There are multiple places in the building where the ceiling leaks and is crumbling away every time it rains. The custodians have to put trashcans in the hall to catch the water. Students step on the crumbling pieces of the ceiling and track it up and down the stairs. In the faculty restroom there is a trashcan permanently under a sink to catch water that drips down. As I mentioned about the HVAC at Kingsley, these are reasons why parents choose to send their students to private schools and enrollment declines. There is less pride in the school when it looks this way.	3/4/2026 8:33 PM
1330	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4-16. Oak Grove: Already exceeds the 88% utilization target(89% current, 96 % projected). Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth. Ranks in the top tier academically. Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills & Briarlake. Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the object is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, wher consolidation meaningful improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion.	3/4/2026 8:29 PM
1331	What is best for the students is to have a full school so that the staff can run the school appropriately not with school that is fund but with students that are not enjoying the funds because it is be held back for more students to show	3/4/2026 8:28 PM
1332	I would like more data around performance and larger schools, specifically in an area with similar demographics to Dekalb	3/4/2026 8:28 PM
1333	I do not want to see changes to the school choice program, which currently provides some of the best schools in all of Georgia. These schools and students should not be penalized for the mismanagement that has occurred up until now in south Dekalb County	3/4/2026 8:26 PM
1334	This will be a mistake to change one of the greatest things about the DeKalb County School System- the neighborhood schools. Having neighborhood schools allows neighbors to come together as a community. Walking to school or having a very short drive verses adding extra commute time to and from school is a huge consideration. I don't want my kids spending extra time in traffic when they could be learning or being with family or playing. Closing neighborhood schools will lead to an exodus of young families and accelerate the declining enrollment.	3/4/2026 8:26 PM
1335	Until a school is closed it should receive financial funds for building improvements to keep the building safe/ functional until it is fully offline.	3/4/2026 8:22 PM
1336	For the next round of scenarios, I would encourage thoughtful consideration of how changes will specifically impact younger students—academically, socially, and emotionally. Clear plans around grade-level structure, supervision, student supports, and maintaining age-appropriate environments would be helpful to see outlined in more detail. It would also be beneficial to understand how increased enrollment will be supported beyond facilities, such as counseling resources, teacher-to-student ratios, leadership capacity, and school culture preservation. Many families chose their schools for specific pathways or learning environments, so maintaining those strengths should remain a priority in any new scenario. Transparency around how decisions are made, what metrics are being prioritized, and how student outcomes will be measured would also help families feel more confident and informed moving forward.	3/4/2026 8:14 PM
1337	Please do not destroy the best thing about DeKalb County schools.	3/4/2026 8:12 PM
1338	none	3/4/2026 8:11 PM

1339	I think with the current state of society, 6th grade should never be in a school with upper grades.	3/4/2026 8:08 PM
1340	Do not proceed with this plan. There has not been enough communication with the community to understand their thoughts and feelings. And it appears the in-person meeting at Hawthorne elementary on 3/23 has been cancelled and made virtual to all. You don't have community buy-in, so should not use our tax dollars to proceed until you do.	3/4/2026 8:04 PM
1341	Kingsley teachers or some of the strongest teachers in the area. That wasn't done in separate buildings. It was done together. Looking at data, we have a lot of adversity we face with language barriers, and other obstacles. If you look at the growth, though, that's where we shine. And we do it together.	3/4/2026 8:01 PM
1342	I'm not sure what this survey was for.	3/4/2026 7:59 PM
1343	Do not increase the attendance at Montgomery Elementary - morning traffic on that road (Ashford Dunwoody) is horrendous.	3/4/2026 7:58 PM
1344	Senario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures,exceeding the previously referenced range of 4-16. Oak Grove: already exceeds the 88% utilization target(89% current, 96% projected). Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth. Ranks in the top teir academically. Would require significant capacity adjustment at SagamoreHills and Briarcliff. Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistribution students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, whee consolidation meanigfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion.	3/4/2026 7:55 PM
1345	I hear concerns from other parents moving to larger elementary schools. Focusing the next round on the additional resources consolidating buildings would provide would help. For example, I hear Fernbank ES has an affordable summer program that lasts all day (similar to school after care). That would be a great benefit. Or more free afterschool activities or special classes at the schools.	3/4/2026 7:49 PM
1346	Class sizes and teacher-student ratios should be addressed.	3/4/2026 7:48 PM
1347	you can just copy paste this: I support the Scenario 1 proposed plans as they relate to CES and the elementary schools in the Dunwoody cluster. CES sits on the largest acreage of land available to DCSD to expand compared to the other elementary school sites in our cluster. ● As traffic on North Peachtree has been questioned as a potential issue, we feel it important to share that due to the CES site location, any redesign could easily include a reconfiguration for new access point(s) off Peachford Rd. This is something the PAC has previously advocated for to improve overall school safety and traffic conditions. ● CES's geographical location creates the most equitable access to elementary schools across the City of Dunwoody. Based on Scenario 1, the three remaining elementary schools would be geographically spread out to best serve students across Dunwoody [i.e.: northeastern side of Dunwoody (via Austin), central Dunwoody (via DES), and the southeastern side of Dunwoody (via CES)]. ● Removing an elementary school from the southeastern side of Dunwoody would adversely affect, and potentially impact educational outcomes, for a large number of Dunwoody residents that reside in the thriving multi-family communities of our city. These families are an important part of the CES community, and many of these families can best engage with their elementary school due to the walkability and public transportation corridor that CES's location provides. ● CES's proximity to Peachtree Middle School further enhances our thriving educational corridor in the Dunwoody cluster by allowing efficiency in shared resources and facility utilization. ● The CES community deserves to be served by a facility similar to the other schools in our cluster. CES has the lowest Building Adequacy Score (67.4%) of all Dunwoody cluster schools. The Building Adequacy Score is a measure of how well a facility aligns with desired standards by school type. Meaning, DCSD can continue to fix issues at our ageing building, but the building itself no longer best fits the needs for delivering exceptional educational services to our students. ● CES knows how to successfully deliver exceptional educational services to a diverse population. CES is one of the most diverse elementary schools in the Dunwoody cluster, and we believe it is extremely important that CES continue to execute what it knows how to do for these families. As evidence of this, CES is a GA Distinguished School and in the top 5% of all Title 1 schools in the state of Georgia. I support expansion opportunities for Dunwoody High School to help alleviate its overcrowding, which would help ensure that all families in the City of Dunwoody could be served by one high school, which strengths our entire Dunwoody community. As all Dunwoody cluster elementary schools roll up to the same middle and high school, we want the best opportunities and outcomes for our students even	3/4/2026 7:42 PM

	after they leave CES. Better utilization of the available land around DHS would best serve all families within the City of Dunwoody.	
1348	N/a	3/4/2026 7:39 PM
1349	All students and schools should receive adequate funding and be grouped based on social economic statuses. Keep the politics at bay when making decisions for public school education for our students...	3/4/2026 7:39 PM
1350	Please consider what is working and what doesn't mandate change. Our cluster of Ashford Park to Chamblee tests well and contains your top tier of performers. Lean into strengths and don't let a horribly advised formula dictate real world decisions. Our community is important and continuity within our cluster and community support our children's learning.	3/4/2026 7:39 PM
1351	Parents and grandparents attended Brockett and love the fact that they are able to send their kids to the same school. The teachers love their students and know the families. We should be pushing for smaller classes and space versus bigger....students need a safe place.	3/4/2026 7:29 PM
1352	I think the county and district is doing a disservice to the entire community with the SAP proposed program. The lack of transparency and visibility and access for parents who care about what is happening in their school is appalling. The district is virtue signaling by scheduling these sessions when they are clearly happening when parents are physically unable to get their in person. The district chooses to label this as lack of community care when that is so far from the truth a significant portion of the population of DeKalb county are underserved under privileged title one schools why does the district think that parents can be in person on a school night when they have their children and their jobs to tend to?	3/4/2026 7:25 PM
1353	with wider grade bands, we need to monitor bullying cases more as i believe having too wide difference in ages can create chances for bullies.	3/4/2026 7:21 PM
1354	So much building to "save money " seems like fraud. Such a huge amount of money when they board hired a criminal is suspicious.	3/4/2026 7:17 PM
1355	Consider more charter schools, technical schools, stem schools, and alternative schools to replace when combining schools and utilizing the closed building. Pushing children at cedar grove to McNair is a poor choice. Two schools with low scores does not help the children or community. We taking a way opportunities and hope from our youth to meet financials. What is happening is Systematic destruction. We are deliberately planning prison to pipe line by not helping the children already in title 1 schools and pushing them together… 2 low scoring school with no change equals no future.	3/4/2026 7:15 PM
1356	We should immediately stop any facility upgrades until this issue if finalized (short of roof or plumbing leaks or safety issues.).	3/4/2026 7:14 PM
1357	Please keep Oak Grove ES an elementary school!	3/4/2026 7:13 PM
1358	Homes purchased in the area because of the school.	3/4/2026 7:12 PM
1359	Closing schools in south dekalb will disproportionately impact Black students especially given the burden on parents for commute time especially if there is no added benefit of access, better integration etc	3/4/2026 7:11 PM
1360	I support addressing overcrowding at Dunwoody High School and want strong long-term facilities planning across the cluster. Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends and utilization, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. Before any closure decision, it would be helpful to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications.	3/4/2026 7:11 PM
1361	Consider athletes when moving high school students. Perhaps grandfather students into schools where they play sports.	3/4/2026 7:08 PM
1362	Take care in considering exceptional education students in all of these scenarios	3/4/2026 7:06 PM
1363	I support the Scenario 1 proposed plans as they relate to Chestnut Elementary School and the elementary schools in the Dunwoody cluster.	3/4/2026 7:04 PM
1364	There needs to be a HEAVY focus on catering to the needs of gifted children so that parents aren't forced to look elsewhere.	3/4/2026 7:04 PM

1365	You all need to better explain what is to happen with the children, and the plans for transportation for the children.	3/4/2026 7:03 PM
1366	Oak Grove elementary is one of the highest performing schools in the area.	3/4/2026 7:02 PM
1367	Focus on smaller schools for academics and then come up with a solution for sports or band to spread resources. Larger schools dilute the teaching and academic focus. Do something about the college prep curriculum for the county to improve it, please.	3/4/2026 6:59 PM
1368	The Kittredge magnet program would benefit continuing through 8th grade. This would allow continued academic rigor until students can pick classes in high school. This would also help with overcrowding at Chamblee Middle School.	3/4/2026 6:58 PM
1369	You are trying to lump so many s hooks that it doesn't make sense, will only hurt education for ea h chikd	3/4/2026 6:58 PM
1370	DeKalb needs walkable schools, not commuting all over half of metro Atlanta. Idle time is "the devil's plaything" and seeing dozens of children stacked up at the bus stops to make their long commutes home is just silly when they could be doing things like art, drama, detention instead of in-school suspensions (homework makeups and tutoring!), music, clubs and athletics (though WHY are we spending money on FOOTBALL, which we KNOW leads to head injuries and muculoskeletal injuries ... health outcomes we know are delirious and possibly only to come back and be a health expense the county has to then bear.	3/4/2026 6:56 PM
1371	Provide a deeper description of how transportation is effective’s for the grade band clusters	3/4/2026 6:51 PM
1372	1. Provide map of current school districts overlaid by future student population estimates. 2. Replacing a high academic performing school because its facilities have not been upgraded is not likely to provide a satisfactory outcome.	3/4/2026 6:47 PM
1373	So many children live in the Dekalb area, that a closure would only serve to help the disctrict, but not consider the minds, and emotions of the students attending Ashford Park. Have some faith, and humanity that a good remodelimg would do the school good, but a complete closure.	3/4/2026 6:46 PM
1374	I noticed the proposal doesn’t say what would happen to any of the magnet schools, like Kittredge. I think it would be a terrible idea to close or repurpose those - you’ll just lose many of those kids (and their parents’ financial support and community involvement) to private schools.	3/4/2026 6:43 PM
1375	Data supporting closure of OGE is entirely incorrect. In a (respectfully) woefully underperforming school system and after a complete mishandling of return to school during COVID that resulted in a mass exodus for those with means, the decision to include one of the county's best schools (across every metric) is a complete mystery. Any decision to close ANY school needs to be done carefully, thoughtfully, and with ACCURATE data and clear disclosure regarding conflicts of interest.	3/4/2026 6:43 PM
1376	Before moving forward, families need cluster-specific reassignment modeling, receive school utilization projections, and a clear explanation of why expansion or shared-campus options were not prioritized. We are open and have been collaborating with our high school neighbors, and would like to propose alternative solutions instead of closure.	3/4/2026 6:40 PM
1377	Thank you for reviewing my feedback	3/4/2026 6:40 PM
1378	Please keep us posted for any progress during the whole procedure.	3/4/2026 6:37 PM
1379	Don't close vanderlyn or Kingsley. These are high performing schools with a small, neighborhood feel. People bought homes in these school districts for these schools, as well as in the other nearby elementary schools, such as austin, which will inevitably be negatively affected by school closures.	3/4/2026 6:33 PM
1380	I’d like to get a better understanding of how the declining enrollment is being measured, if there is any evidence of what may be causing declining enrollment, if there are ways to stop the declining enrollment, and if there are more robust and swift ways to address changes if enrollment begins to rapidly increase, other than reopening recently closed schools, which also present a significant challenge. What’s driving declining enrollment is something that I have personally not seen explained.	3/4/2026 6:31 PM
1381	Oak Grove Elementary should not be closed or consolidated.	3/4/2026 6:20 PM
1382	Robert Shaw is a very prominent school and it is very important to keep it up and alive. This	3/4/2026 6:17 PM

	school has raised, taught and educated families, children and communities. In doing so, they have created leaders, doctors, nurses and more that I know personally and now my child is attending Robert Shaw Theme School. This school is immensely important and valuable to parents, teachers and students. This would break the hearts of the community and students as well as parents who have attended Robert Shaw and now having their own children attending this school.	
1383	Please consider grandfathering in magnet students at their exisitng locations. Those entering Kittredge now should graduate from Chamblee.	3/4/2026 6:14 PM
1384	Serious consideration needs to be made about the logistical burden we're putting on families, especially considering how many students come from families with limited resources.	3/4/2026 6:13 PM
1385	I think traditional grade bands work, but I'm not against separating p-3 and 4-5.	3/4/2026 6:13 PM
1386	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake It does not make sense to close down a school with these characteristics. Projections should be reviewed in light of more recent enrollment and development trends. To close Oak Grove Elementary would be a detriment in the long-run for the county as it eliminates capacity for students just as that capacity will be needed in this corridor.	3/4/2026 6:12 PM
1387	I am concerned that closing schools or changing grade bands could negatively affect students, especially African American children, by disrupting their learning and community connections. I encourage the district to prioritize stability, equity, and student support when considering any changes. Any new scenarios should be carefully reviewed to make sure they do not create unnecessary challenges for students, families, and staff. I hope the district explores alternative solutions that strengthen schools rather than closing or heavily restructuring them.	3/4/2026 6:12 PM
1388	Invest in infrastructure is a priority good Air Conditioning and good heater. Provide resources for Spanish speakers	3/4/2026 6:11 PM
1389	Stop hiring superintendents that steal all the school funds!!	3/4/2026 6:10 PM
1390	Please don't shut down well performing achools	3/4/2026 6:07 PM
1391	We are suppose to care about our children not set them up for failure.	3/4/2026 6:05 PM
1392	Please consider saving money in other ways before closing our neighborhood schools. I'm not in favor of the mega elementary school.	3/4/2026 6:03 PM
1393	I would like better communication regarding transportation and improved safety for children in special education.	3/4/2026 6:03 PM
1394	6-12 feels like a very broad range of ages and developmental stages to put in the same building. I attended a 7-12 school, and while grades 7-8 were clustered on certain floors, it did lead to early exposure to certain concepts (drug use, alcohol, sexual activity) that likely would not have been as prevalent in a junior high environment. These seemed to outweigh any benefits of leadership or mentorship from older students on the same campus.	3/4/2026 6:01 PM
1395	I think Chesnut is perfect for expansion. It's on 11 acres of land and those kids should feed right into peachtree middle	3/4/2026 6:00 PM
1396	Numerous families have moved specifically to be able to attend Oak Grove Elementary. The school is such a special place and a shining example of communal support and partnership with the school system. Eliminating Oak Grove would create a vacuum in the community and drive more families to private schools and alternative to public education.	3/4/2026 5:57 PM
1397	N/a	3/4/2026 5:56 PM
1398	My top priority would be keeping Ashford Park's trajectory to Chamblee MS and HS. My second priority would be keeping our community together, whether through shifting the population to John Lewis Elementary or rebuilding and expanding Ashford Park.	3/4/2026 5:56 PM
1399	Oak Grove is a fantastic school and an integral part of the community.	3/4/2026 5:55 PM
1400	Hawthorne building should not be expanded. Please see 12.8.21 Hawthorne Position Paper for full list of reasons and provided research. If you do not have a copy, please reach out to me for	3/4/2026 5:46 PM

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1401	In future communications, please be more specific and show real life examples of how closing schools will free up funds to support students, especially considering the fact that significant additional construction costs will need to be expensed in order for the schools to be expanded.	3/4/2026 5:40 PM
1402	This is a terrible idea and I wonder why it is really necessary!	3/4/2026 5:39 PM
1403	HPM has a vested financial interest in capital improvements. We should be prioritizing educational reform.	3/4/2026 5:39 PM
1404	Please consider how best to uphold the educational standards and those schools currently thriving as best as possible. If anything, move them to a building that is larger and bring some new students in but please do not completely redo the schools they feed into on a higher level.	3/4/2026 5:38 PM
1405	The principal at Browns Mill is very unprofessional	3/4/2026 5:32 PM
1406	The problem with K-8 is that 13 year olds should not mix with 5 year olds. On the flip side, it's not appropriate to have 11 year old mixing with 18 years in the 6-12 grade setting.	3/4/2026 5:32 PM
1407	Maybe the Terry Mill Early Childhood program can be housed into specific designated areas of the elementary schools (as many as needed) in the proposed list. For example, if there are 12 - 3 year old classes at TMEC, then 6 could classes could be housed in 2 of the elementary schools slated to close, or 4 classes housed in placed 3 of the slated elementary schools to close and the same for the 4 year olds. If concern for grade 5 in schools with 3 and 4 yr olds make a 5/6 academy as cm part of middle school concept.	3/4/2026 5:26 PM
1408	The APES parent association provided a survey to parents and according to the results, a majority of the parents agreed that as long as the APES students continue in the Chamblee cluster, it doesn't matter what building they are in. That was the main priority. Thank you to our community and parent volunteers in the SAP committee. Your dedication to our public schools here in DeKalb county is appreciated.	3/4/2026 5:26 PM
1409	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment	3/4/2026 5:25 PM
1410	Evansdale has more room for expansion than Livsey and our building certainly seems in better condition than Hawthorne! We could house grades 3-5 on the lower field and lower grades in existing building.	3/4/2026 5:25 PM
1411	Midvale Elementary is the only IB school in its cluster, which is why we opted for our child to attend over our zoned school.	3/4/2026 5:24 PM
1412	Reiterating your priority is to the wellbeing of the actual children who attend these schools, not to your desire to "maximize efficiency", cut budgets, or get credit for an unneccesary mutli-million dollar mega school. I understand those are exciting for adults and combining resources may sound good on paper, but please PLEASE think of these kids and what is best for THEM.	3/4/2026 5:23 PM
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1415	Please keep OGE open	3/4/2026 5:19 PM
1416	It's not fair to the community to announce feedback meetings and then cancel them. The flyer that was published had 4 March meeting, now there are only 2 virtual meetings? Many of the parents in the Lakeside cluster were planning to attend the Lakeside meeting. It doesn't seem that you care to actually hear our thoughts if you are going to eliminate half of the feedback sessions. I beg you to consider the programs that are in the schools, the traffic to get to these megaschools, and the studies that show larger schools are not good for elementary age students. I purchased my home in my neighborhood based on it being zoned for Evansdale and Lakeside. If you take the schools out of the communities, you'll be taking the community out of the schools and those who can afford to go to private school or to move will leave, further degrading the quality of our schools. Thank you.	3/4/2026 5:18 PM
1417	Start cutting at the central office. Sell the Kroger property. Fire HPM and either use an LLM to come up with scenarios or get some GT civil engineering students to help.	3/4/2026 5:18 PM
1418	If Ashford park students are moved to John Lewis then John Lewis should be moved into the Chamblee Cluster. Or, in the grade band scenario above utilize both JL and AP and then they feed into Chamblee. Another idea is a northern magnet school and use the AP building. Then you can open more spots as well as extend less students who are not zoned for Chamblee spots	3/4/2026 5:18 PM
1419	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	3/4/2026 5:15 PM
1420	Let’s not let the wealthiest, loudest voices make our decisions! Make choices that support ALL of the district!	3/4/2026 5:15 PM
1421	This school is an asset to our community of children. We will want to see this open. The school is in a great neighborhood and has great parental involvement and support.	3/4/2026 5:14 PM
1422	I would like to know what will happen to the staff if this happens at these schools…. How do the staff feel about this if it takes place	3/4/2026 5:12 PM
1423	More informative thought process on our area would be beneficial to our future planning.	3/4/2026 5:11 PM

1424	If Vanderlyn does end up closing, I hope that the district uses that land/building to serve Dunwoody High School. Dunwoody High School is very overcrowded with limited parking and trailers, it could use Vanderlyn's space for expansion.	3/4/2026 5:11 PM
1425	I hope that DCSD will make decisions that make our district stronger and able to compete with other districts. We have had many setbacks in the past 10 years and it is really time for this district to do better!	3/4/2026 5:05 PM
1426	If this proposal is driven by high school facility needs rather than elementary inefficiency, and if future enrollment shifts may relieve this pressure, closure should not be assumed as the default solution. The Dunwoody cluster cannot be evaluated using the same framework as clusters with multiple under-enrolled campuses. Before moving forward, families need cluster-specific reassignment modeling, receive school utilization projections, and a clear explanation of why expansion or shared-campus options were not prioritized.	3/4/2026 5:02 PM
1427	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with f iscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/4/2026 5:00 PM
1428	Vanderlyn is a wonderful school and an asset to our community.	3/4/2026 5:00 PM
1429	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with f iscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/4/2026 4:58 PM
1430	keep Oak Grove Elementary open	3/4/2026 4:54 PM
1431	Closing buildings should be a last resort, and it seemed like the first one the way this was presented. Additional context would be helpful in the next round - specifically, what are the options for repurposing? While I was thinking of Pre-K, CTAE campuses, Admin, Health services, testing sites, etc. - people have other ideas. Perhaps coordination could be done with Dekalb Parks and Rec for after school programs, or with Technical College System of Georgia for classes, or other education/ job training organizations. Still others have suggested the district is selling property to parties that will make the buildings data centers.	3/4/2026 4:54 PM
1432	In the Dunwoody cluster, I would like to see Vanderlyn closed, and that property become part of DHS. If Kingsley were to also close, then another elementary school would likely need expansion… Probably Chesnut, as Austin and Dunwoody Elementary are already newer and larger.	3/4/2026 4:50 PM
1433	Having 6th-7th graders in a high school is absurd.	3/4/2026 4:49 PM

1434	Also maybe just shutting down parts/wings/floors of the school to save money on heating/lighting, and other overhead resources rather than closing entire schools down. Transferring to smaller buildings?	3/4/2026 4:48 PM
1435	Please stay committed to information and feedback. Be just as thorough about releasing survey results as you have thus far. Thank you!	3/4/2026 4:46 PM
1436	The portable and very exposed portable classrooms (trailers) that are ON Ashford-Dunwoody Road need to be removed so all students can fit within Montgomery Elementary for grades PK-3rd. Overflow to 1663 E. Nancy Creek Drive for 4th and 5th grades (or Kittredge Magnet). The existing "Dunwoody Elementary" students would be relocated to nearby Kingsley Elementary or even Chesnut Elementary in Dunwoody. Thank you for asking for feedback!	3/4/2026 4:41 PM
1437	See above.	3/4/2026 4:38 PM
1438	Oak grove elementary should stand	3/4/2026 4:36 PM
1439	The data used to perform the SAP closure list is flawed. Likewise Scenario 1 as proposed suggests closing 27 elementary schools which far exceeds the prior stated goal or 4-16 closures. To close a school which is already above utilization targets would redistribute students without being able to achieve the SAP goal of reducing excess capacity. Goals of the SAP program need to be clearly stated and defined. Goals then need congizible ties to the proposed cloures. Transparancy is key and the current list of closures does NOT comport with the stated objectives. Pandemic numbers aside, OGE exceeds in utliziation and performance. Closing OGE would not accomplish stated goals.	3/4/2026 4:35 PM
1440	focus on the empty areas directly. the entire district does not need to be impacted. focus on retention of students as opposed to closing schools.	3/4/2026 4:34 PM
1441	Please do not close Oak Grove Elementary.	3/4/2026 4:32 PM
1442	DCSD needs to have all of its schools with the same grades in each level. Also, this district has got to start to plan to replace old facilities rather than continuing to patch them together. It can be a tear down, build up model, as new land and purchasing new land would be very difficult to do in DeKalb. That is why some of the schools should be used to temporarily house other schools, while the permanent location is completely rebuilt.	3/4/2026 4:31 PM
1443	Survey results are manipulated to achieve the goals of the central staff. Parents should be allowed to vote for the school they want, including faith based schools or home schools. I have little faith in the survey, the process and eventual decision of the board.	3/4/2026 4:27 PM
1444	We need better options, especially on the southside.	3/4/2026 4:25 PM
1445	The small neighborhood school setting is what made DeKalb top in the nation in the 70’s. As everyone knows the inefficiencies at the county level should be addressed first. You could save millions by utilizing the same processes used at the federal level	3/4/2026 4:23 PM
1446	Would like to see more inclusive PreK classes available.	3/4/2026 4:22 PM
1447	You don't provide any data that could be used to understand these options. Like FCA scores, CCRI scores, capacity information, enrollment forecast, etc.	3/4/2026 4:18 PM
1448	This plan should be reconsidered. This will impact the students, education, and DeKalb County as a whole.	3/4/2026 4:14 PM
1449	I think the county needs to consider why the seats are empty. I suspect it has to do with the constant upheaval in leadership and decaying buildings. In addition, the county has no special programming for children with autism. It is a definite turn off. If Tapestry did not exist, my children would not be in a Dekalb school for middle/high school.	3/4/2026 4:14 PM
1450	All other avenues should be exhausted before firing/reassigning teachers or closing/consolidating buildings. Look at scenarios which do not have direct impact on student outcomes- such as trim nonessential BOE staff, sell/consolidate buildings not used by students, etc.	3/4/2026 4:14 PM
1451	I like the idea of bespoke grade bands for each community.	3/4/2026 4:12 PM
1452	I have worked in Falls Church, VA schools. They have K-1 and 2-5. It is amazing. I grew up in Dekalb, going K-7 and 8-12. 8th graders (and anyone younger) and 12th graders don't need to be together.	3/4/2026 4:09 PM

1453	I am also concerned about what will happen to these schools if they close. Will this affect property values?	3/4/2026 4:09 PM
1454	I will reiterate, I would encourage the district to carefully evaluate any proposed changes through the lens of what is best for students and educators, rather than focusing primarily on enrollment counts or capacity metric	3/4/2026 4:08 PM
1455	Middle School causes more bad than good	3/4/2026 4:05 PM
1456	Dekalb is not a one size fits all model. The building capacity and infrastructure conditions very wildly across the district. Dekalb needs to look at each cluster individually and determine how to best utilize the resources they have. Drastic future plans should not be announced on infrastructure that does not exist as Dekalb has had quite a difficult time excuting projects to fruition over our 12 years with a student in the county.	3/4/2026 4:05 PM
1457	I feel like these closures target a certain demographic that always seems to get the short end of the stick in Dekalb County. Hopefully discrimination isn't a part of the decisions to close our schools.	3/4/2026 4:05 PM
1458	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4-16. Oak Grove : Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth Ranks in the top tier academically Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024-2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of under-utilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/4/2026 4:03 PM
1459	Please share the intended redistricting maps and don't change the currently assigned middle and high schools! Thank you for taking the time to read feedback!	3/4/2026 3:57 PM
1460	As a grandparent of two Oak Grove Elementary School students, I urge those who are considering makinmg changes to leave Oak Grove Elementary school as it is. My grandchildren are thriving at Oak Grove Elementary School. I strongly believe it would be detrimental to their well-being to close the school or transform it into something other than what is it is today.	3/4/2026 3:53 PM
1461	Feedback Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/4/2026 3:52 PM
1462	N/A	3/4/2026 3:38 PM
1463	The small neighborhood schools are charming in Dekalb county. Families want to go to school with their neighbors. Teachers want to support other teachers and making mega schools will increase the number of teachers on grade level - effecting culture, collaboration, and more.	3/4/2026 3:38 PM

1464	N/A	3/4/2026 3:33 PM
1465	Junior high school scenarios (grades 6-9) have worked well in the past and it separates the adolescent age students from the more mature high school students.	3/4/2026 3:33 PM
1466	It’s so disappointing to continue to have so much change in education. What we need to focus on is giving teachers time to plan and make engaging and meaningful lessons. We need to support our students and teachers and schools instead of tying to pay kids to have school choice, further creating gaps between classes.	3/4/2026 3:27 PM
1467	Shutting down schools that are at capacity to build larger schools is not why families moved into specific areas. Redistricting schools affects families, property values, and so forth. Dekalb will lose value, families, and more as a result of shutting down schools.	3/4/2026 3:26 PM
1468	Thank you!	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
1469	Na	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
1470	None at the time	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
1471	None	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
1472	None	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
1473	N/A	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
1474	HMES is a strong & thriving school. Please do not close HMES.	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
1475	Please do not close oak grove elementary school	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
1476	As the district develops the next round of scenarios, I encourage the following considerations: Prioritize keeping neighborhood elementary schools open whenever possible. Consider renovation, modernization, or partial repurposing before full closure. Carefully evaluate the impact of closures on class sizes, transportation times, and family engagement. Ensure that community identity and school culture are considered alongside facility data. Explore creative programmatic uses (early learning centers, magnet programs, or specialized instruction) that could allow schools like Oak Grove to remain active and valuable to the district. Oak Grove Elementary is an important part of its community, and preserving it would support both students and families. I hope the district will continue to explore solutions that balance efficiency with the long-term value of neighborhood schools.	3/4/2026 3:22 PM
1477	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove’s projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/4/2026 3:21 PM
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1479	Figure out the root of deficiency across the board.	3/4/2026 3:19 PM
1480	Safest in the area for all kid’s	3/4/2026 3:16 PM
1481	Convert the middle and high schools first. Close the elementary that are going into those schools then revisit. Those schools will be the easiest transitions since mostly everything would be in place. Most of the furniture can remain. Move the k-2 furniture and library books over the summer and they can be ready in the fall. The middle schools will fit 3-5 elementary school populations depending on the size. The will be an easier transition than combining schools because everyone is in a new building.	3/4/2026 3:15 PM
1482	Has the overall administrative headcount been adjusted downwards to align with the declining student enrollment? Property taxes are going up yet. Enrollment is going down. Perhaps the funds are being mismanaged. Elementary school children should be in a smaller more nurturing space. Under performing schools we will cause an increase in enrollment. Expanding Briarlake elementary would hurt our home values.	3/4/2026 3:14 PM
1483	I don't think we should be providing pre k seats in the county until we can serve each k-12 student comfortably. Perhaps, since pre k is a privilege, you can house pre -k by region or cluster into the schools that are under enrolled. Also, look at moving some of the magnet or charter programs to underenrolled schools esp those housed in crowded regions. Most of those programs began in order to fill seats in underenrolled areas and look, it worked, so now we have an opportunity to do the same without closing schools or disrupting communities. Special programs as a whole, are a choice. I chose to drive to Evansdale elementary from Clarkston to utilize their French program years ago, as a choice. If the north is overcrowded, you could look at the special programs. Also, what will become of the old Heritage elementary now that GLOBE has moved? It is in an area of growth. If paying extra staff is an issue, then start at the administrative staff level for saving money (AIC) as the children do not know them and that is where consolidation needs to occur, not at the local school level where staff interfaces on the daily with our children. Plus, even a 650-seat school will need more than one principal, and it really takes away that personal touch. I have been in the larger schools, and while pretty and shiny, they are overwhelming and easy to get lost in and not what childhood memories are made of. Gwinnett built their schools later and have larger roads and can get away with that, but any neighborhood built before the 1950's (much of Dekalb) cannot support this same model consistently. What part of the plan takes administrative staffing and facilities into consideration? Let's start there after we hire a permanent CEO, and then we can talk about the schools. And let's start with each cluster or region by having the regional superintendent lead each path to see what works best. You cannot put a large puzzle together by trying to do it all at once. You start on the edges or corners or in clusters and eventually as you fill in the pieces, the whole picture comes to fruition. Take a pause and let's break this down on a smaller more manageable level and reconvene when the pieces start to come together for each region/cluster. Also, let's be real. I think each cluster should be considered first and foremost, as we know best. I cannot speak for other clusters or regions, as I am not familiar with the specifics of their needs or logistics and I don't expect them to understand our needs. Surely, an outside firm is not the answer and never has been. Wasn't a firm used to hire the last several CEOs? How much did that cost? How much is it costing us now? And based on having gone through discussions like this for 20 years, they usually get the data wrong. Lastly, make an effort to start high school later. If schools are bigger and more spread out, bus rides will be even longer! NO. Maintain what you have. Improve upon what is working. And please start checking for housing verification throughout the school year so that the schools, that are overcrowded, ie. Lakeside, can get some relief. People outside of the county and clusters abuse the system and that isn't fair to anyone attending our schools that are currently overcrowded.	3/4/2026 3:14 PM
1484	I think it should stay the same	3/4/2026 3:11 PM
1485	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary	3/4/2026 3:06 PM
1486	Please seriously consider the feedback from the parents. Our children will be affected more than anyone no matter what is decided.	3/4/2026 3:06 PM

1487	I need more information.	3/4/2026 3:06 PM
1488	N/A	3/4/2026 3:04 PM
1489	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth Ranks in the top tier academically Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/4/2026 3:03 PM
1490	N/A	3/4/2026 3:02 PM
1491	Please keep the magnet schools so that the gifted students can develop to their full potentials.	3/4/2026 3:02 PM
1492	NA	3/4/2026 3:00 PM
1493	No suggestions	3/4/2026 3:00 PM
1494	Please keep the Traditional PK-5 / 6-8/ 9-12	3/4/2026 3:00 PM
1495	Example if you close two schools on the south also close two on the north to make it equal around the county	3/4/2026 2:59 PM
1496	Prior to 2020, Open Campus provided DCSD with a proven pathway to graduation for students who needed an alternative structure. It increased stability by helping students stay enrolled, earn credits, and complete school—supporting long-term community outcomes. When students can graduate, they are more likely to build stable lives, remain in the county, and create families that continue to contribute to DCSD. Changes made to the original Open Campus model have reduced overall effectiveness; the district should return to the original intent and structure: flexible scheduling, student-centered support systems, and consistent attendance accountability that matches the realities of the student population served.	3/4/2026 2:59 PM
1497	N/A	3/4/2026 2:57 PM
1498	Consider communities and how the schools could help them, but make sure the funding makes sense.	3/4/2026 2:56 PM
1499	Would love to see The Museum School expand to a 9-12. DHHS needs a lot of support if we plan to send our kids there. I think if you can improve the volunteer culture at these schools, the staff would feel more support and empowerment to do their best, thus showing up refreshed and providing better education. Long term this would improve learning/test scores and draw more interest to the public schools.	3/4/2026 2:53 PM
1500	None	3/4/2026 2:52 PM
1501	I think students still need help from COVID-19.…	3/4/2026 2:51 PM
1502	My feedback regards specifically ashford park elementary and surrounding schools. Ashford is greatly efficient school, scoring high on all student testing despite being over capacity. Many student walk to school as it is anchored at the very heart of the neighborhood. Ashford part housing market has been rising in great part because of APES rating and proximity, which in turns raises money through property taxes for DCSC public schools. A closure of APES would not only hurt a community but also impact the DC public schools budget. If a change is required, it's either re-zoning some of the current students to nearby schools that are near capacity (J. Lewis or Montgomery), or increase the capacity and renovate the existing building of ashford park elementary. Closing this school is not an option as the surrounding schools do not have the capacity to accept >800 students or more in the coming years.	3/4/2026 2:49 PM

1503	none	3/4/2026 2:48 PM
1504	Decide how long it will take to consolidate the schools. The schools that are going into the middle schools should go first and regroup.	3/4/2026 2:48 PM
1505	If we can accurately predict a declining school enrollment what would predicted enrollment look like 20 yrs from now? How would that impact schools that have been consolidated?	3/4/2026 2:47 PM
1506	PK-3/4-6/7-12 possibly. I wouldn't think 6 grade should be with high school.	3/4/2026 2:46 PM
1507	Ashford Park I doubt will close, they just need to build upwards with that school. Lithonia High has too many fights and other problems and may need closing.	3/4/2026 2:44 PM
1508	I think we should renovate Ashford Park elementary to accommodate more students.	3/4/2026 2:44 PM
1509	Transparency	3/4/2026 2:43 PM
1510	Consider projected trends in enrollment and neighborhood growth	3/4/2026 2:42 PM
1511	NA	3/4/2026 2:42 PM
1512	n/a	3/4/2026 2:39 PM
1513	N/A	3/4/2026 2:38 PM
1514	Please notify the seniors that are paying property taxes for these schools yet they can't use them. Maybe you can consider senior day centers for them.	3/4/2026 2:37 PM
1515	Maintaining an open-campus model that is flexible for the variety of students in the county should be a factor moving forward.	3/4/2026 2:37 PM
1516	I firmly believe scenario/phase 1 should be extended. A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment. The following needs to be taken into consideration Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Clarification and answers to the following would be beneficial: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake?	3/4/2026 2:36 PM
1517	If school closure is a real conversation how will that burden other areas and demographics	3/4/2026 2:23 PM
1518	Can you provide fundraising activities/level of parent support for each school? Can fundraising be enough to fill the gap?	3/4/2026 2:22 PM
1519	Small neighborhood schools are such a selling point for DeKalb. It makes us different than other metro districts and more appealing to parents looking to purchase homes and have children.	3/4/2026 2:20 PM
1520	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach	3/4/2026 2:19 PM

	focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	
1521	I think the district needs to assess how much money they would really invest in new programs for all schools (music, STEM, etc), and how the kids would be transported. We are all tired for the lack of real leadership in previous years, scandals and the amount of people the district hire for admin work. All needs to be transparent, starting with the capital and human investment to reach these goals. My kid is in a magnet school and finally happy and learning at his level. After K-3 in a regular school, I am hesitant to believe a regular school would be able to meet his needs as his current magnet school is doing. I think there should be, perhaps, an expansion of the magnet program instead of being replaced by going back to your school that is not serving you.	3/4/2026 2:15 PM
1522	Keep in mind what the impact of announcements of potential school closures does for items such as fundraising. It is incredibly difficult to continue much-needed efforts running successfully with impending closures. Nobody wants to donate to something that is announced to be closing.	3/4/2026 2:14 PM
1523	Making schools larger will only drive more families to alternative schooling (home, private, charter). Also 6th graders are being forced to grow up too fast. They have no business being in the same school as 10th graders let alone seniors.	3/4/2026 2:13 PM
1524	The school board needs to continue to build trust. I'm in north DeKalb and don't have the impression that my board members have been transparent about their views on the scenarios. I want to know what they're doing to represent my community -- I'm tired of hearing them parrot district talking points.	3/4/2026 2:08 PM
1525	Na	3/4/2026 2:04 PM
1526	I know there has been a lot of talk about viability of buildings in this first round of scenarios. Please also consider the children and community that has been created within that building. We love our school, certainly not because of the facility quality, but because of the love and care of our teachers, the parent involvement, and the community and friendships we have made there. Please consider the vitality our school brings to our community and consider the impact removing it would have on not just school families but all families in the Ashford Park area.	3/4/2026 2:03 PM
1527	first round seemed fine.	3/4/2026 2:02 PM
1528	Separate from these scenarios, I want to share concerns about support for students with learning disabilities at Dekalb Schools. Despite our great love for Midvale, we are planning to leave the school next year because they are not well equipped to support students with dyslexia and dysgraphia. Although my son now has an IEP, the school does not have any trained literacy specialists, and his dyslexia went undiagnosed from first through third grade. We love all other aspects of the school, and we have been deeply devoted to supporting our public school, but we are now faced with a fourth grader who cannot read at an appropriate grade level, and who has developed school refusal and anxiety because he does not have the tools he needs to succeed. Instead of consolidating schools, I would urge the County to devote additional resources to identifying learning disabilities and supporting students diagnosed with those disabilities. Many parents would gladly return to public school if their students could receive the necessary support and instruction. Moreover, those who leave are often the families who can afford private school--families who have the time and resources to become active participants in their school community. Dyslexic students without the economic resources to attend private school or hire tutors are left to struggle and often fail, and the school as a whole becomes weaker as this cycle continues. I do not understand why Dekalb has chosen to focus its energy on consolidations and school closures rather than addressing these very real issues affecting student enrollment and success in our schools.	3/4/2026 1:59 PM
1529	none at this time	3/4/2026 1:58 PM
1530	Closing buildings first is just walking people down a road of no return and your huge SAP to rubber stamp the changes. You must respect communities and cultures. This isnt an easy process	3/4/2026 1:57 PM
1531	Again, I reiterate the absolute lack of information and “real” ideas provided by the SAP committee. There has been no information about where students would move to if there school was to close, no data to support these closure as best for everyone, and there remains a	3/4/2026 1:53 PM

	decided lack of trust with this entire process. I am no ignorant of the fact that changes need to be made, but that lack of information and transparency during this information sharing phase of alarming as for what is to come. Reportedly, the committee also didn't take into account any parent feedback with the plans, however I still do not feel like I have seen an actual plan, so who is to say.	
1532	I would like to see the long term needs of English learners and Newcomers taken into consideration. When the political landscape changes, we should expect a return to higher immigration and refugee resettlement. Future scenarios must take into consideration this population and the programs that serve them, such as the International Student Center. This may also be an opportunity to rethink and revamp these programs to better address the needs of the students.	3/4/2026 1:52 PM
1533	Please maintain the Magnet program for DeKalb county schools through the Chamblee Middle and Chamblee High schools. This is the jewel of DeKalb schools with high achievers thriving and representing DeKalb county with pride!	3/4/2026 1:51 PM
1534	I would suggest making this strategy not based on affluence of the community, but rather the number of students served by each school. Different communities will have different resources and parent involvement. Let's drive our decisions based on student numbers across each of the clusters.	3/4/2026 1:46 PM
1535	Keep the Kittredge cluster as it stands (feeding into Chamblee MS and Chamblee HS). The most efficient relief of any overcrowding is to alleviate overcrowding at Ashford Park, a main feeder to Chamblee Cluster.	3/4/2026 1:43 PM
1536	My number one priority is to keep the entire Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone together. Redrawing boundaries or dividing our community into multiple schools is not an acceptable solution. Ashford Park is a cohesive, established community. Splitting the attendance zone would disrupt long-standing relationships, weaken neighborhood connections, and create unnecessary instability for families. Keeping our community intact must be the guiding principle in any proposed changes. I strongly urge the district to pursue solutions that preserve the full Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone as one unified community, without fragmenting it through redistricting.	3/4/2026 1:42 PM
1537	How about we not close and tear down any more schools to build crappy condos. I for one would be happy to pay more school tax in order to keep schools open and class sizes from becoming bloated.	3/4/2026 1:42 PM
1538	na	3/4/2026 1:41 PM
1539	Please share results of your findings from the survery	3/4/2026 1:38 PM
1540	Can you post the full study to the county site?	3/4/2026 1:37 PM
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1542	Please keep in mind the teacher to student ratio. Kids absolutely need and deserve the attention of their teachers in order to develop healthy bonds with the faculty.	3/4/2026 1:29 PM
1543	Communication and accurate data shared with constituents are essential in making any decisions going forward. Any fiscal concerns should be addressed at the county administrative level first. Misappropriation of funds and blatant corruption have already cost DeKalb taxpayers millions of dollars. The solution is not to resolve county caused deficits by further utilizing resident tax dollars (ESPLOST) to expand and consolidate schools at a hundred-million-dollar price tag. DeKalb can't build its way out of its self-inflicted funding crisis. The quality of education in DeKalb is not going to improve with larger schools and larger class sizes. DeKalb risks losing families to other cities/counties if the high achieving schools they rely on are closed in favor of mega schools. Our children are more than just numbers and dollar signs on a spreadsheet. This decision has wide-ranging impacts on their education and futures.	3/4/2026 1:27 PM

1544	My top priority is keeping the entire Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone intact. Redrawing boundaries or breaking our community apart across multiple schools is simply not an acceptable outcome. Ashford Park is a well-established, tightly connected community. Dividing the attendance zone would fracture long-standing relationships, undermine neighborhood cohesion, and create avoidable disruption for families. Preserving the integrity of our community should be a non-negotiable principle in any proposal under consideration. I strongly expect the district to focus on solutions that keep the full Ashford Park Elementary attendance zone unified and to reject any plan that fragments our community through redistricting.	3/4/2026 1:26 PM
1545	n/a	3/4/2026 1:22 PM
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1547	It is difficult to provide feedback when we do not have the whole picture so in the void, people fill in the holes with possibilities. We would like to see where our attendance zone will move to if the closure is reality. We also need to see the implementation timeline so that families can make decisions. Ultimately, it feels like the students and the impact on children, development and education were not taken into account with these decisions. For a school system, education should be the primary goal. Don't forget the "why" when you are making decisions.	3/4/2026 1:19 PM
1548	I think this is a good ideas of using grade bands.	3/4/2026 1:12 PM
1549	The data for Oak Grove Elementary does not show a school in decline. Families are choosing to move into this community. The school is the community. Please keep this highly engaging, high-performing community institution intact. Thank you	3/4/2026 1:11 PM
1550	I think the biggest issue is the lack of diversity of the area. Years ago when City of Atlanta purchased parts of Dekalb which would be considered where all the higher income families were. It left this area to be mostly low income African American families. This lack of diversity in the remaining schools in this zip code 30032 leaves families with higher income to pursue private education for their children or relocation into better school zones.	3/4/2026 1:06 PM
1551	IF you are concerned about the underenrollment in DCSD, please work to STOP THE BLEED TO PRIVATE from elementary to middle. In our cluster, we have an average of 740 students enrolled per grade in elementary schools and only an average of 403 students per grade enrolled in the single middle school they all feed in to. Destroying a high-performing elementary school like Vanderlyn only undermines that goal by incentivizing parents who can to opt out of public school before they even try it.	3/4/2026 1:02 PM
1552	Don’t close our schools.	3/4/2026 1:00 PM
1553	The changes proposed will only lead to teachers leaving Dekalb County schools thus, unqualified teachers being hired to fill a void. There is already a lack of qualified teachers or teachers who care in Dekalb county.	3/4/2026 1:00 PM
1554	I would like more information on how well schools perform when merged based on prior performace criteria as opposed to which school building costs less to repair. That is the easy part.	3/4/2026 12:59 PM
1555	Oak Grove is at capacity with a waiting list. PLEASE do not consolidate or close this great, historic, community resource.	3/4/2026 12:56 PM
1556	The parent feedback from the 2/26 meeting was clear - the families of the students at Ashford Park want to save our school. For the students, for the teachers, for the community.	3/4/2026 12:52 PM
1557	I have taken so many of these surveys in the years. That my kids attended your schools. And I don't believe anyone has taken the questionnaire's so serious, so please make sure that if you're going to make us fill out these surveys that you take them serious and listen to the community. And evaluate what we're really trying to say, instead of just throwing it on a file	3/4/2026 12:47 PM
1558	NA	3/4/2026 12:44 PM

1559	The northeast part of Dekalb County has been very ignored by Dekalb County School board and administration. We want to have conversations mummify schools and maintain our property value. Keep Oak Grove Elementary!!!	3/4/2026 12:36 PM
1560	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/4/2026 12:35 PM
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1562	Please sort this out before huge impacts to real estate and families take hold.	3/4/2026 12:29 PM
1563	My child's learning progression has been improving and I would significantly see him declining	3/4/2026 12:27 PM

	if he was relocated from the school. The teachers have worked hard with him to improve his learning skills.	
1564	I know the Ashford Park parents can be very vocal, but it's because we all moved here with the intent on making something great and being a part of something great (and given our high performing school, we've proven it). There are ways to make changes without impacting the greatness that we have all worked hard to create and strive to maintain. Thank you	3/4/2026 12:27 PM
1565	For the next round of scenarios, I recommend prioritizing fewer student transitions, minimizing transportation impacts, and preserving school communities. It would also be helpful to include clear data on enrollment, capacity, and how resources and programs would be supported under each scenario.	3/4/2026 12:20 PM
1566	I truly hope that the feedback given by the Ashford Park community is taken into true account. Having seen this plan without a viable solution is concerning that the people the public school system is built to serve was not the first line of consideration. Yes we need to find solutions to a clear issue of capacity but if doing so downgrades the experiences of the students this needs to be looked at again.	3/4/2026 12:19 PM
1567	Oak Grove Elementary School enjoys an excellent reputation and is central to this area of DeKalb County's sense of community. That, too, is a reason to retain its current standing.	3/4/2026 12:15 PM
1568	Huntley Hills Elementary school a great school and should be remodeled	3/4/2026 12:08 PM
1569	There needs to be 3rd party to verify any data or numbers presented by Dekalb. This should be approved by parents people not working for or having direct connection to the Dekalb county employees.	3/4/2026 12:02 PM
1570	I think it makes sense to close Ashford Park School and move that school population to nearby (and brand new) John Lewis School, as long as this doesn't change us to a different middle and high school cluster. Or I think it could make sense to keep Ashford Park School open and switch to a different grade band and still use John Lewis School.	3/4/2026 11:54 AM
1571	I love our school community. I want all three of my kids to continue where we started. Ashford Park Elementary is so overcrowded because so many people love it here that they literally move here to go to this school- much like my own family did!	3/4/2026 11:54 AM
1572	None	3/4/2026 11:45 AM
1573	Keep moving forward.	3/4/2026 11:41 AM
1574	We need more transparency. In every session, we should be able to see and vote for questions being asked. It’s extremely frustrating when you select only the questions you want to answer, specially when those questions were already addressed on the 20min recorded power point presentation.	3/4/2026 11:38 AM
1575	N/A	3/4/2026 11:31 AM
1576	Dont Close Oak Grove	3/4/2026 11:28 AM
1577	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary. Do not close Kittredge Magnet.	3/4/2026 11:27 AM
1578	Most important thing for us is to remain in the Chamblee cluster. We currently are at Ashford Park in German Immersion and another student at Kittredge	3/4/2026 11:26 AM
1579	Without a tenured and creditable leader for the school district, I feel the timing of this SAP brings about suspicions of the true goal of this project.	3/4/2026 11:22 AM
1580	My mother and Grandmother also taught for over 20+ years each in DeKalb county, and I believe it’s the best county	3/4/2026 11:18 AM
1581	My brother went through this last year when his school in Sandy Springs was closed. They spent hours and hours trying to state their case, but in the end the school closed. I think the decisions have already been made in closing 27 schools and that is very disappointing. On Friday night we went to get ice cream on Dresden and kids were running around and it looked like a great community of ashford park parents/kids-if you close this school you will also kill the community.	3/4/2026 11:16 AM
1582	I was curious if the option of building "up" on Ashford Park is a possibility since it's only on 7 acres?	3/4/2026 11:15 AM

1583	I am not in favor of school closing especially 27 schools in Dekalb county (absolutely too many, this is unheard of). This will disrupt the schools climate and the living surrounding neighborhoods, and communities across Dekalb County. I believe students, staff, and communities will suffer from a drastically from the number of proposed schools closing.	3/4/2026 11:09 AM
1584	Please start by talking about what has been done to save money outside the local schools. Maybe it is time to liquidate some real estate?? If success in education is what matters most, let's make that a metric too!	3/4/2026 11:08 AM
1585	N/A	3/4/2026 11:00 AM
1586	I urge the district to reconsider the methodology behind these consolidation proposals. Enrollment numbers alone do not capture the value a school provides to its community. Vanderlyn Elementary has strong test scores, engaged families, and serves as a community anchor in our neighborhood. Before closing any school, DCSD should conduct a thorough community impact assessment and explore all alternatives — including investment in facility improvements, boundary adjustments, or innovative programming that could attract more students. Our children deserve stability, not disruption driven by facilities planning that treats schools as interchangeable buildings rather than the heart of our communities.	3/4/2026 11:00 AM
1587	I think that this whole process is no considering community and school impacts.	3/4/2026 10:48 AM
1588	I would hope that you are not only closing schools that serve predominately black students. We should also use any funds saved to get teachers support in the classroom. The students of today needs more than one adult in the classroom. You may be able to keep teachers if they felt supported with behavior. Better training for behavior, and another adult in the classroom. Also, class sizes should be capped. Too many students in one class for one adult is too much. If you are consolidating to save resources, I would hope that you would not try to put 30 kindergarteners, 28-2nd graders, and 32-5th graders in one classroom. This is what makes teachers overwhelmed and leave.	3/4/2026 10:48 AM
1589	When will DCSD do an actual audit and show it to the community? Why are you not restructuring county office?	3/4/2026 10:37 AM
1590	we did fine in the 80's no nibble schools .We stayed in elementary until 7th then went straight to high school 8-12	3/4/2026 10:34 AM
1591	We need more information. We need to know the downstream effects of VES closure. I understand we won’t know boundary lines but we at least need some options to think through. Are we waiting for a new chestnut to be built? If DHS capacity or space is an issue we want to know specifically so that we can work Collaboratively to help DHS (our kids will be students there too) but also to keep VES open.	3/4/2026 10:31 AM
1592	Traditional is the best way to go. I feel the reason for having elementary, middle, and high school is to give the kids a chance to develop and grow in their own environment.	3/4/2026 10:29 AM
1593	I am not in favor of small school closures and believe these neighborhood schools are important for our communities and raising confident and well adjusted children.	3/4/2026 10:26 AM
1594	I heard Dr. Sauce speak about concerns that Dekalb enrollment was going down before the SAP recommendations came out. I do not think that closing Ashford Park or Vanderlyn are going to help those numbers. I'm not personally wealthy, but I can ensure you that many of the families with children at these schools have the means for private schools, and will leave if you choose to close their community school. That would be an unfortunate loss to Dekalb.	3/4/2026 10:26 AM
1595	I don’t support any consolidation. Keep all the schools. If not enough enrollments, rooms/facilities can be rented out for group activities within the community for people of all ages.	3/4/2026 10:26 AM
1596	Good luck! There will be no way to make everyone happy. Thank you for including us in the process.	3/4/2026 10:24 AM
1597	Need to provide guidance on where students would go if their elementary school is closed.	3/4/2026 10:14 AM
1598	Do not close Oak Grove. We love our school and want it to be around forever so our friends and neighbors can continue to have a great school in our neighborhood.	3/4/2026 10:14 AM
1599	There is tremendous value in neighborhood schools. They create community. Children know the other students and families. With increased anxiety rates amongst kids, this is important to	3/4/2026 10:09 AM

	their social-emotional learning and growth.	
1600	Bus routes are already delayed or having issues- bussing kids further will make this much worse and the walkable Vanderlyn community will be destroyed	3/4/2026 10:05 AM
1601	I hope someone has properly “vetted” the current superintendent so that he is not arrested and indicted as others have before him.	3/4/2026 10:01 AM
1602	De acuerdo	3/4/2026 10:00 AM
1603	My primary concern is not losing Brockett. We are a community. We help and uplift one another. More than half of our families struggle with financial needs. We make sure as a community that their kids do not miss out on experiences or have any basic needs unmet. Please let us continue caring for one another.	3/4/2026 9:59 AM
1604	Although some schools are older and would require updates, all costs need to be considered. The cost of many children newly requiring busing, the effect on parents (so many of whom work and may not be able to handle time changes without paying more for gap childcare). A neighborhood elementary school acts as a kind of glue for a community. That's hard to put a price on and we can all agree that people spend too much time on screens and not enough time in person. A neighborhood school encourages both student and parent face to face contact. I don't know how to quantify this, but I know it's important.	3/4/2026 9:54 AM
1605	N/A	3/4/2026 9:53 AM
1606	Teachers are mean and treat the kids like prisoners. I witnessed a teacher making a child sit in the floor and not get any pizza due to hit acting up. He’s in the 1st grade what do they expect. My son tells me the teacher doesn’t allow them to outside for recess because they’re bad. What type of teachers are at these schools and telling kids their bad that already stay in a low income neighborhood is a disaster for their future. The school or administration doesn’t care!!!	3/4/2026 9:42 AM
1607	The magnet program with kittredge already provides some relief from oak grove, Henderson and lake side and no reason to change it unless you want to ruin our neighborhood, our community and our housing values. Oak grove is one of the top performers in the state so why do you want to mess with it?	3/4/2026 9:40 AM
1608	I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed closure/repurposing of Vanderlyn Elementary (and Ashford Park Elementary). The current SAP scenarios prioritize building age and arbitrary capacity targets over the proven academic excellence and irreplaceable community culture of these schools. 1. Penalizing High Performance: > Vanderlyn boasts an 89% 3rd-grade reading proficiency—one of the highest in the district. It is logically inconsistent to dismantle a "winning coaching staff" and a proven culture of literacy while the district claims to prioritize "educational adequacy." 2. Unique Physical Assets (Land vs. Concrete): Vanderlyn’s land size is a unique, non-replicable asset that supports physical activity and community wellness. If the district moves toward an 800-student model, newer "land-locked" sites cannot accommodate that density without becoming concrete jungles. Vanderlyn’s footprint is exactly what a high-capacity school should look like. 3. Economic Risk and Enrollment Exodus: These schools are the primary reason families move to Dunwoody and Brookhaven. Closing these top-tier assets will not "reallocate" students within DeKalb; it will drive an immediate exodus to the private sector, permanently damaging the district’s tax base and reputation. 4. Lack of Human Centricity: > The district admitted that academic data was not used in Version 1. I request that "Community Value" and "Academic Performance" be added as primary metrics for Version 2, rather than just "Building Adequacy. "We pay a lot in taxes to go to the schools that we do. We should not be penalized because the school board district doesn't know how to manage the financial aspect of running our district.	3/4/2026 9:37 AM
1609	We love Brockett Elementary and do not want it to close. Our community is very involved and many would gladly cover extra costs to keep it open. Pleas consider the community impact!	3/4/2026 9:35 AM
1610	Cut costs by reducing administrative bloat and expensive office real estate deals for said administrators.	3/4/2026 9:33 AM
1611	From an occupational therapy lens: grouping of emotional and behavioral maturity, motor development, executive functioning, activities of daily living, nd leisure life- it makes MUCH more sense to band grades accordingly, rather than closing and overcrowding schools. However, I do not love the idea of continuity of community- it does leave much less time for community to feel connected to their school, which ultimately lends itself to less parent involvement	3/4/2026 9:27 AM

1612	6th graders should not be at the same school as 18 year olds	3/4/2026 9:18 AM
1613	I would highly encourage the closed schools to be available as public spaces for kids to play, with investment in infrastructure to support that - skate parks, pools, playgrounds, etc.	3/4/2026 9:12 AM
1614	Based on my earlier comment, public messaging around SAP has emphasized whole-school transitions, yet discussions indicate Vanderlyn students would likely be split between neighboring schools, if closed. This is not comparable to combining two half-capacity schools and would create significant feeder disruption and transportation impact. If this proposal is driven by high school facility needs rather than elementary inefficiency, and if future enrollment shifts may relieve this pressure, closure should not be assumed as the default solution. The Dunwoody cluster cannot be evaluated using the same framework as clusters with multiple under-enrolled campuses. Before moving forward, families need cluster-specific reassignment modeling, receive school utilization projections, and a clear explanation of why expansion or shared-campus options were not prioritized. Thank you for asking for and reviewing our feedback. We really appreciate it.	3/4/2026 9:12 AM
1615	Cost need to be decreased so money can be distributed equally to meet the needs of all students and properly compensate staff members. These small neighborhood schools have become entitled! Parents think they control the school!	3/4/2026 9:10 AM
1616	The districts pushed it to align seats to fiscal bands is unnecessary and more research needs to be done on how smaller community based schools benefit elementary students. Vanderlin has always been a high performing school.	3/4/2026 9:09 AM
1617	Oak Grove Elementary is a valuable asset to the DeKalb County School District and has consistently maintained strong enrollment and active community support. Its strong academic performance, dedicated teachers, and engaged community make it an example of a successful neighborhood school that should be preserved and supported. Please please please do not close OGE!	3/4/2026 9:08 AM
1618	To ensure the Dunwoody cluster’s long-term success, I am requesting that the next round of scenarios include comprehensive, cluster-level data. Specifically, we need to see reassignment outcomes, capacity projections, class size impacts, and transportation analysis clearly mapped against SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization. While I recognize the district faces under-utilization challenges elsewhere, the Dunwoody cluster remains highly utilized with post-pandemic enrollment growth. Decisions regarding school closures must account for the specific demand and enrollment trajectory of local schools like Vanderlyn. Our community’s real estate market and family stability are built almost exclusively on the high performance of these public institutions. Families districted for Vanderlyn bought their homes (and paid a significant premium) SOLELY because their home was districted for this school. Closing a high-demand, well-utilized school like Vanderlyn risks a significant trust gap. As we saw during the pandemic, when families lose confidence in the district's stability, they move to private options. This would not only exacerbate declining enrollment across DCSD but would likely leave the remaining Dunwoody schools either overcrowded or destabilized. I urge the district to prioritize data that reflects these local realities before finalizing any reassignment plans.	3/4/2026 9:06 AM
1619	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	3/4/2026 9:03 AM
1620	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	3/4/2026 9:00 AM
1621	KEEP REDAN ELEMENTARY OPEN!!!	3/4/2026 8:58 AM
1622	I don't think consolidation in and of itself is a terrible idea, but it certainly needs more fleshing out before being implemented. This should not happen until the 2027-2028 school year at the earliest, and repairs to schools that will remain need to happen first.	3/4/2026 8:57 AM
1623	Do better. Don't release another round of scenarios until you have fully explored and explained all of the impacting factors (including without limitation traffic patterns, impact to enrollment, student outcomes in larger vs smaller schools, where students will be moved to, how 'expanded' schools will be expanded and with what budget, impact to staff and teachers,	3/4/2026 8:54 AM

	consideration of special programs like magnets, etc.). Don't release another round of scenarios until this district has permanent and established top leadership (including superintendent).	
1624	These older buildings are not safe, not able to secure easily, and are sending some serious health risk.	3/4/2026 8:53 AM
1625	Closing excelling schools is not the solution. Think performance over profit. Smaller schools perform better in test than larger ones so consolidation only increases the chances of even lower academic achievement	3/4/2026 8:53 AM
1626	Transportation is one of the largest district costs Walkable schools reduce bus routes and staffing. Vanderlyn has a high walkability rate	3/4/2026 8:47 AM
1627	Shutting high performing schools especially those with STEM certified programs is only going to negatively impact Dekalb county students. Closing schools with low enrollment (50% or less) makes sense. But taking hundreds of children out of a high performing school to place them in schools that don't have the capacity to absorb them does not make sense. For example, instead of expanding Dunwoody high school into Vanderlyn or using Vanderlyn land for a new athletic field, why not expand the current facilities upward and have the school expand by another floor. Can also expand later covering the parking lot while at the same time creating a vertical parking complex. Shutting down a high performing elementary school with stem program is counterproductive and will only negatively impact the students and Dunwoody as a whole. New families moving to our town or families staying in our town will plummet.	3/4/2026 8:38 AM
1628	The stability of our neighborhood and the financial health of local families are inextricably linked to the continued excellence of our public schools. Unlike other regions facing different demographic shifts, the Dunwoody cluster has maintained high utilization and post-pandemic growth. Because of this, any proposal involving a high-demand school like Vanderlyn must be grounded in its specific enrollment trajectory rather than broad district-wide averages. To ensure the cluster remains viable, I am asking that the upcoming planning phases include a more granular, data-driven analysis. It is essential for the community to see how reassignment, class sizes, and transportation logistics specifically align with the SAP's focus on enrollment trends and space efficiency. We have seen in the past, most notably during the pandemic, that when the district's long-term planning feels unpredictable, families frequently transition to private education. A decision that undermines the stability of our high-performing schools risks driving away the very students we seek to retain, potentially leaving our remaining facilities either overburdened or fundamentally weakened. I urge the district to prioritize a data set that reflects these local realities before moving forward with any final plans.	3/4/2026 8:30 AM
1629	They're definitely schools out here in DeKalb county that needs to be closed down or be revamped or we teach the teachers how to handle specific situations the 504 plan does not always protect the children with disabilities	3/4/2026 8:30 AM
1630	I think it can work but want about teachers and their jobs when this does happen and support staff	3/4/2026 8:30 AM
1631	We are making choices that affect children's, and parent's , lives. Be considerate, be responsible, and use good judgement. Don't make these decisions in a vacuum and by looking at a map. Propose, listen, and make them based on what is best for our children.	3/4/2026 8:30 AM
1632	Specific to the Dunwoody Cluster, we know there is overcrowding at middle and high school level. But once the new Sequoia high school is built, we can rezone students and relieve pressure from Peachtree Middle and Dunwoody High School. Vanderlyn can expand on the land and give the high school a needed softball field while still keeping the elementary school as is. There is no need to close Vanderlyn. Our students would be split up, neighborhoods would be split up as Dunwoody Elementary and Austin cannot hold our students. Close Kingsley since it cannot be expanded and divide the students up between Chesnut and Vanderlyn.	3/4/2026 8:27 AM
1633	Vanderlyn Elementary is a high-performing school that serves as an important anchor for the surrounding neighborhood. It consistently delivers strong academic outcomes and benefits from a highly engaged parent and community base. While the facility may be older, it remains a well-functioning neighborhood school that supports student success and community involvement. The school is also well integrated into the surrounding neighborhood in ways that benefit both students and residents. Many families are able to walk or have very short commutes, and the current traffic patterns and school access points work well within the community. Reassigning students to other schools could introduce unnecessary transportation	3/4/2026 8:24 AM

	challenges and increased congestion in surrounding areas. As the district evaluates future facility scenarios, it is important to consider not only building capacity but also the academic performance of schools, the strength of neighborhood school communities, and the practical impacts on families. Preserving strong, high-performing neighborhood schools like Vanderlyn should remain a priority when considering consolidation options.	
1634	Present a cohesive plan that is all of the steps. Fix the HVAC. It's been broken for years. If the county's failure to repair the HVAC system is used as an excuse for closing this school it will be exceptionally disappointing.	3/4/2026 8:24 AM
1635	Oak Grove is adaptive. It can handle any division.	3/4/2026 8:21 AM
1636	I am concerned about the school lottery (choice) decisions. What happens to those who successfully lotteried in? I don't think it would be fair to make those families re-lottery since their kids have already been used to going to a certain school. The assignment should be made on CURRENT enrollment at schools.	3/4/2026 8:20 AM
1637	This district has constant instability in leadership and education. The leader of this study is a remnant of someone under federal indictment. We need the district to be going in the direction of stability and predictably while addressing ongoing issues with existing schools. This project would do the opposite and permeate additional instability.	3/4/2026 8:19 AM
1638	Pre-K is vital to having children ready for K'garten. Without it, a number of children are "left behind" at the beginning.	3/4/2026 8:18 AM
1639	These initial scenarios revolve heavily on schools in the South Dekalb region with few if any on Dekalb's North side schools. Also, older schools (such as Redan Elementary) with deep historical community roots need renovation, not closure. We need to look at the community impact, not just the economic end game, when implementing these scenarios.	3/4/2026 8:09 AM
1640	My deep concern regarding the recent 20,000-student enrollment decline in DeKalb County and its impact on the southside community. It is difficult for me to believe that all of these students only affect the southside. Yet, resources have been allocated to hire a company to provide raw data that may not be effective in addressing the issue. The southside of DeKalb County is indeed affected by these changes. However, the decision to bus our children to other schools where there is insufficient space and a shortage of teachers is troubling. Additionally, the plan to place portable buildings on school property is unacceptable. I urge you to revisit these decisions and consider holding meetings within each school community. The area superintendents are in place and capable of hosting these discussions to engage parents and community members effectively. Please be advised that parents from Redan Elementary and surrounding communities, including others in the southside, are prepared to stand united in opposition to any school closures. We demand that our schools remain open and that we receive the resources we deserve.	3/4/2026 8:05 AM
1641	Focusing on behavior,Impact, and consequences rather than just outcome.	3/4/2026 7:57 AM
1642	Serious thought needs to be given to impacts to traffic patterns within neighborhoods and the accuracy of population projections.	3/4/2026 7:57 AM
1643	My daughter attends Oak Grove Elementary due to school choice. Oak Grove is a great school with great teachers. It is small class sizes and we need that for our daughter to succeed. Smaller class size works. If she would not been able to attend Oak Grove we would have left Dekalb County Schools and put her in private	3/4/2026 7:56 AM
1644	Oak Grove has an 86% utilization rate with a projection rate of 96% by 2026. 200+ students on waitlist with 100+ of them being Kindergartners. This school is a foundation of a community built right into a neighborhood. Please do not close it.	3/4/2026 7:54 AM
1645	You are incompetent idiots, and you should be shaping the future of our children on a whim.	3/4/2026 7:45 AM
1646	If the seats are the problem, then bring back pk-7/8/12.	3/4/2026 7:19 AM
1647	Show exactly what the programming would look like at the school include elective/special classes, extracurricular activities and what grade levels they would be open to.	3/4/2026 7:02 AM
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1649	Dear DeKalb County School Board Members and Community Leaders, I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the proposed school consolidation and redistricting plans in the DeKalb County School District, particularly the ideas involving the repurposing of middle schools into elementary schools and high schools into middle schools. While these changes are framed as necessary due to declining enrollment—from facilities built for 110,000 students down to just 92,000 currently—they risk creating environments where younger elementary students (K-5) could end up sharing spaces or transitioning into buildings previously used for older grades, effectively blurring the lines between elementary and middle school experiences. This "cascading" approach to consolidation, as described in the district's Student Assignment Project, may lead to unintended mixing of age groups during transitions or in repurposed facilities, which I believe is a fundamentally bad idea for the developmental well-being of our children. First and foremost, elementary school students should not be exposed to environments influenced by middle school dynamics. Children in grades K-5 are at a vulnerable stage, building foundational social skills, self-esteem, and a positive attitude toward learning in a nurturing, age-appropriate setting with high levels of supervision. Middle schoolers, however, are dealing with puberty, peer pressure, and more complex social interactions, which can introduce behaviors like bullying, profanity, or risky experimentation that younger kids might imitate through observational learning—a concept supported by developmental psychology research on behavioral contagion. In today's digital age, where kids already face premature exposure to mature content via the internet and social media, we must protect them from additional real-world influences from older peers. Studies on school configurations show that combining younger and older students in shared spaces often leads to increased behavioral issues, lower attendance, heightened anxiety, and even long-term academic setbacks for the younger ones. For example, transitions into middle school settings are linked to spikes in aggression and emotional distress, and extending this downward could disrupt the protective environment elementary kids need to thrive. Varying maturity levels among children mean that while some might cope, many—especially those in high-poverty areas common in DeKalb—could suffer from intimidation, reduced motivation, or the adoption of negative habits, exacerbating existing disparities. Moreover, this proposal comes at a time when DeKalb County has repeatedly failed to deliver on promises of improved educational standards and outcomes. Despite years of initiatives and funding, the district has 45 schools identified as low-performing—the highest number in Georgia—making families eligible for the state's voucher program to escape to private options. Eighty percent of these underperforming schools are in South DeKalb, highlighting a persistent failure to address inequities. Recent reports show that while six schools were removed from the federal improvement list due to progress, three more were added, indicating inconsistent gains at best. The district has also faced legal challenges, such as the Georgia Association of Educators' lawsuit over the failure to issue proper contracts to nearly 700 certified employees, violating state law and undermining teacher stability—key to quality education. Historical issues, like the protracted retirement fund case where the district suspended payments to employees, further erode trust in leadership's ability to follow through on commitments. Promises of better resources, simplified processes, and aligned support in the district's Forward Together Transition Plan and Strategic Plan have not materialized into widespread improvements, as evidenced by ongoing enrollment declines driven by families seeking better opportunities elsewhere. How can we trust that consolidation will suddenly fix these deep-rooted problems when past efforts have fallen short? Instead of rushing into closures and repurposing—such as turning Bethune, Champion Theme, Lithonia, McNair, and Miller Grove Middle Schools into elementary schools, or Cedar Grove, Lithonia, and Towers High Schools into middle schools—we should focus on investing in existing structures to maintain separation of grade levels and address root causes like affordability, birth rate declines, and performance gaps. Smaller, dedicated elementary schools foster better outcomes, with research indicating optimal sizes around 300-500 students for balanced engagement without the disruptions of larger, mixed-age settings.	3/4/2026 6:52 AM

	Community input is crucial, but let's prioritize proven strategies over cost-cutting measures that could harm our children's growth. I urge the board to reconsider these plans and seek alternatives that preserve age-appropriate separations and genuinely fulfill long-overdue promises for educational excellence in DeKalb County.	
1650	Oak Grove is a generational school for our family. We intentionally chose to live in this neighborhood so our children could attend Oak Grove, just as previous generations in our family have. This school is not simply a building to us — it represents continuity, community, and a long-standing investment in public education.	3/4/2026 6:40 AM
1651	I do not have any.	3/4/2026 6:10 AM
1652	Merging small elementary schools as opposed to closing them and corralling them in middles schools would be a better route in my opinion. I would also like to know the plan to rehouse all the staff that will be affected, including administrators.	3/4/2026 3:52 AM
1653	We strongly oppose the closure scenario for Ashford Park Elementary. The proposal relies on obsolete Facility Condition (FCA) data that ignores the current $23.5M renovation already resolving building issues. Closing a school with 171% utilization—the highest in the district—is counter-intuitive, especially when neighboring schools lack the capacity to absorb 822 students. I request the Planning Department develop a 'Maximize Asset' scenario for the next round. Instead of closure, the district should pivot to Strategic Expansion and Targeted Rezoning. Expanding the current construction to include a permanent wing would capitalize on existing taxpayer investment, while surgical rezoning can balance enrollment without the fiscal negligence of abandoning a newly renovated facility.	3/3/2026 11:45 PM
1654	Please save our community schools even if the outcome is higher taxes. Our children are our future and investing in that future is a priority of our institutions, corporation and all of society.	3/3/2026 11:36 PM
1655	Expand pre-k enrollment by eliminating the lottery. If schools are overloaded and some are not, offer relocation due to parent's locale for work (or other valid scenarios)	3/3/2026 11:12 PM
1656	As a DLI lottery parent, I hope the district carefully considers how any consolidations or grade band changes may affect the continuity of Dual Language Immersion programs. Families often choose these programs through the lottery process with the expectation that students can continue through the full pathway. Maintaining stability and clear program pathways for DLI students should be an important factor when developing future scenarios. If possible, preserving access and minimizing disruption to established DLI cohorts would be greatly appreciated by families participating in the program.	3/3/2026 10:07 PM
1657	The IB programme is vital to raising informed and caring citizens. We are in an era of strife not seen in many decades. IB creates world citizens who are empathetic and thoughtful. It creates students who are aware that differences make us stronger.	3/3/2026 9:46 PM
1658	You need to provide the full scenario - if X happens, then these children do this/ go to this school - to get real feedback. This piecemeal approach only creates confusion, panic and distrust.	3/3/2026 9:46 PM
1659	HPM emphasizes that choices are driven by data such as declining enrollment and building conditions. But…their numbers are wrong and only support their cut and paste plan. If we had instead used the almost $8M we paid HPM and instead invested in our schools, we'd be in a much better place.	3/3/2026 9:33 PM
1660	if a school building is underutilized, consider creative solutions like re-purposing one part of the building (i.e rent out the space) instead of overcrowding a school that is functioning well at its current capacity	3/3/2026 9:27 PM
1661	We have paid HPM nearly $8M. This is financially irresponsible!	3/3/2026 9:20 PM
1662	School choice options are vast and should likely be evaluated on program effectiveness in relationship to the stated goals of the choice program. I will add that Kittredge should be expanded to serve grades 4-8 district-wide, rather than having two high achievers programs. Wadsworth is severely under-enrolled. With the right location and marketing, a Kittredge program that serves all of DCSD at grades 4-8 could be a diverse and full program that offers opportunities in advanced/accelerated coursework grades 4-8, fine arts, world language and extra-curriculars/athletics. And such a program could offer choice HS pathways to places like DSA, DECA, Arabia and Chamblee or even include a CTAE element that begins in 6th grade with options that continue in a chosen pathway including the major CTAE pathway schools.	3/3/2026 9:19 PM

	You could open more seats and prepare more for our very brightest students. The options for Carnegie Unit coursework at grades 6-8 is vast. What an amazing opportunity you have there.	
1663	Consider not putting younger kids in the high school bracket schools. Emotional development of kids will be hampered if they are interacting at an early age with high school kids.	3/3/2026 9:18 PM
1664	Run a TRANSPARENT community input process, then listen. Instead of reassigning students to different schools, fix the enrollment issues. The community sees SAP as a bandaid that won't solve the bigger problem. It's become clear to me in the last several years that the county doesn't put students and their education first. A few examples — 15 min recess, laptop usage for kindergarteners, Saturday testing proposals (thankfully nixed, but wow!).	3/3/2026 9:15 PM
1665	Devon Horton started this process and has been indicted on 17 federal counts tied to alleged embezzlement, wire fraud, and tax fraud. So, who, involved in this, is corrupt or financially benefitting?!	3/3/2026 9:12 PM
1666	My mom said, someone's pocket is benefiting from this and they could care less about us kids.	3/3/2026 9:07 PM
1667	As you consider which schools may need to close, consider some of the information provided above. Closing an IB school or a magnet school would greatly decrease the benefits of an education in this school system.	3/3/2026 9:05 PM
1668	If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion.	3/3/2026 8:56 PM
1669	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/3/2026 8:47 PM
1670	For the next round of scenarios, it would be helpful to have more details for each school—like enrollment numbers, staffing, and how student transitions will be handled. A clear timeline and plans to minimize disruptions would also be really useful.	3/3/2026 8:27 PM
1671	None	3/3/2026 8:22 PM
1672	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be	3/3/2026 8:18 PM

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1673	Leave the community and schools alone If you actually care about the children	3/3/2026 8:17 PM
1674	N/A	3/3/2026 8:16 PM
1675	Please respect the neighborhoods and what this will do to the value of homes	3/3/2026 8:10 PM
1676	Oak Grove elementary school consists of students who live in the houses that pays the most property taxes. Those parents deserve to have a Oak Grove elementary school, hands off of the school..	3/3/2026 7:56 PM
1677	I wonder why there isnt full enrollment in the schools?? People are leaving poorly performing school districs and moving to good ones. The school board is incompetent and needs to be taken over by the governor again.	3/3/2026 7:35 PM
1678	Tracy only tour schools while not in session/ students and staff were not present during visits! to see the schools operating at full capacity!!	3/3/2026 7:34 PM
1679	Evansdale's DLI French immersion program is part of the reason that families move to the Evansdale neighborhood or enroll in school choice. Smaller neighborhood schools are the only reason people choose DeKalb anymore because they don't want their kids in mega schools with overpacked classrooms like surrounding counties and if DCSD decides to close this many schools that are so special to the community, their enrollment will end up declining and this will also have a huge negative impact on student learning and special programs. Not only will DeKalb lose many families, but great teachers as well! Transportation is already an issue at our school because of the shortage of bus drivers, how are they going to accommodate sending our students to schools even farther away? Many of our classrooms that don't have homerooms are used forSPED, ESOL, EIP, and Gifted instruction so our teachers can allow small group instruction to help students grow in academic achievement . I have worked at Evansdale for over ten years and had planned on staying there until retirement. This news and scenarios are devastating to our staff and community when we have already gone through so much with superintendents over the last decade. Evansdale should be chosen as one of the schools to expand rather than close for many reasons.	3/3/2026 7:34 PM
1680	Closing Brockett Elementary would be a detriment to Tucker. This sweet school has been a cornerstone of our Brockett area community.	3/3/2026 7:09 PM
1681	Oak grove should remain the same.	3/3/2026 7:06 PM
1682	Please make questions clear and easy to understand	3/3/2026 7:06 PM
1683	It is one thing to propose school closures because of empty seats. It is another thing entirely to propose closures because the district board and administration failed to properly maintain buildings and now expect the community to bear that burden and experience the consequences of the district's inaction. Evansdale does not have empty seats. I would ask that DeKalb focus on one thing at a time. Prioritize collapsing schools with half empty buildings and then perhaps we can invest resources into the maintenance of schools that are community gems. Keep in mind these small community schools are the reason many families do not move to other districts like Gwinnett with gigantic elementary schools.	3/3/2026 6:55 PM
1684	I dont understand why the plan started by a clearly corrupt superintendent and possibly board is being pursued. No one who pays taxes and has children in a school could possible be happy with these scenarios	3/3/2026 6:48 PM
1685	Keep OGES open as a diamond in the crown of DeKalb County Schools.	3/3/2026 6:44 PM
1686	Instead of closing schools, start reinvesting money in neighborhood schools that have been a staple for decades. Oak Grove started to slip because there was no reinvestment, yet it was allocated to help other lesser wealthier districts. Erego many people switched to private schools and then COVID. I went to OGE and so did both my kids. So many neighbors are distraught about this. Please don't do this. This school is the reason for the neighborhood.	3/3/2026 6:41 PM
1687	Family has moved to that community just for that school. Great test scores and a waitlist to get in	3/3/2026 6:34 PM
1688	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) •	3/3/2026 6:23 PM

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1689	Please do not close Midvale. These are horrible ideas. Leave the elementary schools alone!	3/3/2026 6:19 PM
1690	Do the hard thing. it won't be perfect but it will be a strong start to responsible managment of resources and of support for students	3/3/2026 6:08 PM
1691	Vanderlyn should be utilized to relieve pressure on Dunwoody high	3/3/2026 5:57 PM
1692	Tucker is growing tremendously closing down an elementary at this time is short sided, and most likely lead to a reversal in the next few years. So all in all a waste of time.	3/3/2026 5:48 PM
1693	I beg you to hear from the homeowners and parents of these children, NONE of whom agree with this proposal. We want what is the best interests of our children, and closing Oak Grove Elementary is not among those. Please hear us. Signed - a worried and loving mom of a 4 year old, pre-k boy and 6 year old kindergartner girl, enrolled in Oak Grove Elementary.	3/3/2026 5:28 PM
1694	Oak Grove already exceeds the 88% utilization target. Due to economic factors in the community, there is projected growth. There has been four consecutive years of enrollment growth. Oak Grove ranks in the top tier academically.	3/3/2026 5:09 PM
1695	don't change any of the edcuational structure, think of the schildren there and also the teachchers who ae helping the students to thrive and learn. many teaeeachers go above and beyond to care for and help their students.	3/3/2026 5:02 PM
1696	Please layer on boundaries with facilities as I am not understanding how all these overcrowded schools and where students in our current cluster are going by shutting down whole bldgs that seem to be critical to functionality! It makes no sense when every school is at/over capacity nearby.	3/3/2026 4:40 PM
1697	n/a	3/3/2026 4:39 PM
1698	Severely lacking is any mention of what DCSD will do with all of the other buildings its closing. Even if you don't know the final quantity of vacant buildings yet, I think round 2 of scenarios needs to include clear guardrails so that community can understand how their neighborhood will be impact (vacant building? community services? different instructional use?) I also think STUDENT-FIRST outcomes need to be much more present in the next round of communications.	3/3/2026 3:47 PM
1699	I was frustrated that the communication from the county was not clear that the February and March feedback sessions would be focused on a different phases. We had scheduling difficulties and we're unable to attend any of the feedback assessments during the first week they were offered and we're planning on coming to the March scenarios. This was also an issue with the Druid Hills high school Renovation meetings where it was not made clear that they would be accumulative. Your communication team needs to be more clear when sending out messaging that these meetings are going to be on separate topics. The times offered for the meetings were also inconvenient for many families as there were no weekend options and no virtual options offered outside of a traditional workday.	3/3/2026 3:37 PM
1700	Please keep ASHFORD PARK ELEMENTARY open!	3/3/2026 2:33 PM
1701	We moved into this neighborhood in 2009 because of the amazing schools. The community is incredible, with parent volunteers and incredible public education and test scores. If our school	3/3/2026 2:27 PM

	community gets split up, many parents will opt for private school instead. This will bring down the test scores and overall success of the county's schools. It's tragic, really.	
1702	I was at the Feb. 25 meeting, and I think the next meeting should take into account parents' time more. The first hour was taken up by a video we have all seen repeatedly these past 20 months and then a Q&A from QR codes that were easy questions that most of us already knew the answers to. We had gotten a babysitter, and I would like to next time trust that a meeting like this will be worth my time. An open forum where actual questions are addressed early on, not 1.5 hours into the meeting.	3/3/2026 1:55 PM
1703	Please provide us with enough information to actually be able to offer thoughtful feedback. There are buildings that were left off the 'buildings phase' and it is impossible to discuss buildings without knowing the plan for where the students will be going.	3/3/2026 1:53 PM
1704	Pk-8 and 6-12 is crazy, I would never combine that many children and of that wide an age range. You are asking for kids to get hurt and possible bullying. If you do this I will take my kids to private	3/3/2026 1:19 PM
1705	There is little trust in the school board and the Board of Education these days. This should be considered as you continue with this process.	3/3/2026 1:08 PM
1706	STOP and prioritize things that matter and reduce BLOAT at district headquarters giving teachers more autonomy to do what they are trained to do!!!!! There education matters!	3/3/2026 1:01 PM
1707	Do away with school choice!	3/3/2026 12:44 PM
1708	Please create clear and transparent KPIs for these changes which will absolutely be damaging. What improves and by how much.	3/3/2026 12:32 PM
1709	Do not close Midvale Elementary and turn Livsey into a mega school. Look at Smokerise Elementary and how it's doing since combining with Idlewood. Everyone hates it there. People are leaving the public school system. I know families in that cluster that purposely chose private BECAUSE of how bad Smokerise Elementary is. It's too big. The kids get lost in the sea of students. These small elementary schools are a blessing to our community. Closing them because it's at 88% capacity instead of 90% is bullshit.	3/3/2026 12:26 PM
1710	Please provide more clarity and data on this decision making process. Thank you.	3/3/2026 12:26 PM
1711	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/3/2026 12:25 PM
1712	In general I think the lack of information and transparency and unclear timeline has been incredibly disappointing and the district would be best served listening to parents and following the relevant data. Evansdale Elementary is on track to surpass 100% enrollment in the next 5 years. Closing this neighborhood school would be a travesty.	3/3/2026 12:14 PM
1713	Please don't close Evansdale. We have a strong, welcoming community, and would be devastated to lose our elementary school.	3/3/2026 12:12 PM
1714	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing	3/3/2026 12:09 PM

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1715	Do not close Evansdale	3/3/2026 12:05 PM
1716	Pushing elementary-aged kids into larger schools is deeply problematic from a child development and community-building standpoint. It will push even more DeKalb County children into private and charter schools, particularly among families in higher socio-economic brackets who have that flexibility, and drain crucial support by those families from neighborhood schools.	3/3/2026 11:43 AM
1717	Can you please allow more time and education around any next steps? It can be challenging to get the word out. It seems as if you are NOT trying allow feedback when you shorten survey time and the decisions seem to already be made. This is a major disservice to children, parents and community members. Also, the empty schools and property affect homeowners and we would like to know more about that.	3/3/2026 11:35 AM
1718	Have Robert Shaw stay opened by adding Prek-3 year olds and extending the grade levels to 8th grade.	3/3/2026 11:34 AM
1719	I don't like the idea of 6th graders in with high schoolers. They need that transition period before high school and mixing with older children.	3/3/2026 11:33 AM
1720	Schools are part of community identity. Make cost reductions in the county bureaucracy, not cuts to schools themselves.	3/3/2026 11:32 AM
1721	Keep Oak Grove!!! It is apart of our community. Think about all the students, teachers, staff, and future families that would be affected by this. Don't you care about them?!	3/3/2026 11:17 AM
1722	Please address how IB, STEM, and language programs will be saved and address average class sizes instead of just talking about "empty desks."	3/3/2026 11:15 AM
1723	I think if the team is going to name specific schools on the list then the team needs to be prepared to speak to the specific scenario for each school. If you are not ready to discuss specific school scenarios then do not begin a list that requires many answers to questions that you are not ready to answer.	3/3/2026 11:08 AM
1724	Address our questions if you want us to make informed recommendations. The SAP committee lost the trust from the community the moment you came up with scenarios completely out of the left field.	3/3/2026 11:05 AM
1725	Stop wasting our property tax money on misguided ideas and charging time to this pointless and useless project.	3/3/2026 10:54 AM
1726	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be	3/3/2026 10:52 AM

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1727	Thanks for your hard work. You can't make everyone happy, but consolidation needs to happen. Carry on.	3/3/2026 10:52 AM
1728	Please consider the traffic patterns, overcrowded classrooms, renovation budgets when thinking of merging schools. Would small renovations to multiple schools be more beneficial than a large rebuild to "mega schools"? Also- having soooooo many children in one school just seems to be an obvious issue with behavior, parent involvement, school discipline, funding, criminal activity... the list goes on and on. Long live small neighborhood schools!	3/3/2026 10:50 AM
1729	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/3/2026 10:48 AM
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1731	Part of the reason I bought my house was close proximity to Midvale ES. I am less than a quarter mile from the school and I believe closing it will negatively impact my housing value.	3/3/2026 10:42 AM
1732	The lines need to be redrawn so they aren't gerry-mandered. There is plenty of diversity in our communities, but the communities are split by socio-economics and ethnicity because of how the lines are drawn. Please be thoughtful in your maps.	3/3/2026 10:39 AM
1733	How can the county spend millions of dollars on ANOTHER building for people not working with students but not put in money to fix building that students have been in for years. Such mis-management of money. The people outside a school house should not be making decisions like this. They are wayyyyy out of touch.	3/3/2026 10:05 AM
1734	Starting from facilities is a mistake. You have to consider the current success of various schools, the different program options, community support, and not breaking up schools that are at capacity. Also, get rid of computers for elementary kids and severely limiting middle school. These devices are hurting our children. Our kids are the first generation not to exceed the prior generations in terms of cognitive function and the main difference is computer based learning.	3/3/2026 10:05 AM
1735	Closing Oak Grove will terribly affect the future of our students, the community and will not benefit anyone.	3/3/2026 9:55 AM

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1737	We respectfully urge the district to prioritize stability, student well-being, and community trust in its final decision. Ashford Park is a thriving K–5 neighborhood school that is working well for students and families within the Chamblee cluster. Preserving what is already successful is often the most responsible course of action. We ask that the district protect the continuity, identity, and strength of our school community by maintaining the current structure.	3/3/2026 9:37 AM
1738	I think it is extremely short sighted to close both Evansdale and Henderson Mill. Closing one could work and you could get the community around it, closing both is just dumb and won't work	3/3/2026 9:23 AM
1739	Keep Midvale as it is, let us be the only IB elementary school in the area. Keep the grades as they are. Dont close these schools.	3/3/2026 9:17 AM
1740	The data does not support this consolidation. OGE is at full utilization as defined by the county. The other schools in the area are either at full utilization or will be in the next few years as they recover from the Covid decline. Dekalb made the decision not to return to in house learning and it hurt the system dramatically. Recovery is underway and those years of remote learning should not be factored into the equation as a measure of the utilization. The current growth in the area should be used as a factor instead. Shortfalls in the Dekalb budget are a direct result of poor management and selection of crooked Superintendents (more than one!!!) These hires have cost the county in so many ways. The students and parents should not bear the burden of these horrible decisions. The new interim Superintendent seems to be on the right track.	3/3/2026 8:59 AM
1741	When this proposal was first announced, it was presented as an initial step in gathering community input — not as a final decision. However, it now appears that the process may be moving forward in a way that feels predetermined. The lack of transparency and shifting tone around this issue is deeply concerning and undermines trust with families who are trying to engage in good faith.	3/3/2026 8:47 AM
1742	The data does not support large elementary school sizes. The community is invested in Midvale.	3/3/2026 8:23 AM
1743	Parents will not allow there children to move from a high achievement school to a lower achievement school. If you want to keep performing students in Dekalb schools do not break up or close performing schools.	3/3/2026 8:13 AM
1744	Please prioritize student safety, transportation efficiency, smaller class sizes, and strong communication with families. Any changes should include community input and a clear transition plan to minimize disruption to students' academic and social development.	3/3/2026 8:12 AM
1745	Our community's position is clear: the proposed closure is not supported by the district's own data, would create significant capacity challenges within the Tucker cluster, and is being advanced by consultants whose financial interests are not aligned with the best outcomes for students (as shown when this was done in Austin, TX: https://www.austinchronicle.com/news/what-the-task-force-wrought-11751623/) Several factors indicate that closing Midvale is not in the best interest of students or the community: **IB Feeder Pattern** Midvale serves as an established IB feeder school. Closure would disrupt a pathway that many families intentionally choose. **Walkability and Community Access**	3/3/2026 8:11 AM

	Midvale is highly walkable for Tucker families. Reassigning students to Livsey Elementary would reduce safe walking access, increase traffic on already congested roads, lengthen commute times for young students, and likely increase district transportation costs. **Capacity Concerns** Livsey is reported to have capacity for approximately 300 students, while Midvale currently serves about 430 students — excluding potential impacts from Brockett Elementary, which is also under consideration. This represents a material capacity mismatch that warrants careful review. **Facilities and Expansion Potential** Midvale has substantial space for future expansion. Livsey already relies heavily on trailers near a busy roadway, raising both safety and long-term infrastructure concerns. **Academic Performance** Midvale currently holds the highest CCRPI score in the Tucker cluster. Disrupting a high-performing and improving school requires a clear, data-driven justification. **Public Education and Equity Implications** Consolidating neighborhood schools primarily for financial reasons, while the district simultaneously supports charter expansion and private school vouchers, creates a conflicting message for families and risks further straining traditional public school enrollment. More broadly, the assumption that larger, consolidated schools are inherently more economical or educationally effective has not been clearly demonstrated in this case. Research and experience often show that school stability and community connection are key drivers of student success. The Tucker cluster is already experiencing enrollment instability, including families leaving Smoke Rise Elementary. Additional disruption is unlikely to rebuild confidence in the system and may further weaken long-term enrollment trends. Midvale's community may be perceived as quiet, but it is highly engaged and paying close attention. Families expect a transparent process that meaningfully incorporates community input and fully evaluates long-term student impact. **Process Integrity Concerns** Finally, I would like to discuss concerns around process integrity: One of the most concerning details to arise is that the SAP originated under former Superintendent Dr. Devon Horton, who was federally indicted in October 2025 and subsequently resigned. In response, the Board ordered a forensic audit of district contracts and purchasing activity, acknowledging the need for heightened oversight of decisions made during his tenure. Two additional facts warrant review: * The Executive Director of Student Assignment overseeing the SAP, Sarita Smith, was hired during Horton's administration and previously worked in Evanston-Skokie School District 65. * The third-party vendor HPM was also contracted under Horton's administration to support the consolidation analysis and dashboard used to inform closure recommendations. We are not alleging misconduct by any individual. However, given the Board's own decision to initiate a forensic audit, it is reasonable and prudent to ensure that the SAP recommendations — which carry irreversible community impact — have been independently validated. **Requested Actions Prior to Any Board Vote** * Confirmation that the forensic audit scope includes all SAP-related vendor contracts, including HPM * Full public disclosure of the HPM contract (authorization date, scope, compensation, and approving authority) * Disclosure of any financial interests HPM or its principals may have in construction, renovation, or repurposing work resulting from school closures * Publication of the full enrollment projection methodology, data inputs, and model assumptions underlying Scenario 17	
1746	It is important to separate the cost factor of maintaining multiple schools with the benefits of access for children and reduced commutes. The area already struggles with difficult traffic, and unless these patterns are considered when choosing school closures/expansions, it may lead to more chaos for children and their parents. If a school is expanded, the logistics involved in that expansion must be considered beyond just adding or expanding buildings - the effect on the entire community must be considered.	3/3/2026 8:11 AM
1747	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth Ranks in the top tier academically Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/3/2026 8:06 AM

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1749	Please do not close Oak Grove. We love our neighborhood school, it is vital to our community.	3/3/2026 7:00 AM
1750	Currently, the district lacks International Baccalaureate (IB) options and has limited AP course availability. Additionally, DeKalb has fewer specialized high schools compared to neighboring districts, such as dedicated technical, STEM, health sciences, aviation, or technology-focused schools, despite strong demand that doesn't follow the decreased enrollment trend, and the potential for corporate partnerships to support these models. If the district is considering consolidation, it must be paired with a clear investment strategy that expands high-quality academic and career pathways equitably across the county. Without a commitment to opportunity expansion, closures will intentionally exacerbate inequities rather than solve structural challenges. I encourage the Board to ensure that any restructuring plan includes a forward-looking vision for academic innovation and equitable access to advanced and specialized programming.	3/3/2026 12:17 AM
1751	Oak Grove community is rallying to save our school. I will be attending the various feedback meetings virtually or in person to voice my opinion.	3/2/2026 11:14 PM
1752	Do not move onto Phase 2 yet. Parents have't had enough time to give feedback before decisions are made at the end of Phase 1.	3/2/2026 11:01 PM
1753	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/2/2026 10:20 PM
1754	Has it been considered to expand up at Ashford Park and double the footprint with a second story since it sits on a flood plane? The Brookhaven and Chamblee needs and scenarios are VASTLY different from south dekalb county. We cannot afford to close school buildings up here.	3/2/2026 9:43 PM
1755	Need more parent feedback and consideration for our community and not merely what others from a distant location providing feedback without living in region. Would entertain tax write off donation for families to support rebuild of Ashford Park School.	3/2/2026 9:24 PM
1756	Do not remove the only IB elementary school from a cluster. IB schools cannot be moved.	3/2/2026 8:44 PM
1757	Midvale is the happiest place I could have imagined for my kids, and I could not be prouder of what my little school has become since I was there in the 80's. The IB program is incredible. I	3/2/2026 8:30 PM

	beg you to keep this wonderful community intact and don't rip these kids away from this warm and loving space.	
1758	More information on specialty schools like Robert Shaw and how the program will look if a merger was to happen.	3/2/2026 8:25 PM
1759	Closing Vanderlyn is a disservice to the community. Yes, there is a newer school down the street, but many parents still choose school choice and come to Vanderlyn rather than stay in that newer building. Vanderlyn is known for their perfomance. I believe one of the reasons we have an older building is that updates seem to be only done in alphabetical order, rather than in what is needed. Also, I felt like more meetings should be held in the Dunwoody area and elsewhere so that everyone has the chance to speak up. I have copied and pasted what I have said above because I feel all of it is important. I think closing our school will not be good for the community and for the high-achieving students who attend it. The only downside to Vanderlyn is that the building is old, but it is very well-maintained. The parents and staff form a relationship that benefits the whole child. We do not look at what we can gain outside of it, but build lasting relationships. I used to attend Vanderlyn when I was a child, and a teacher there, whom I ended up working with as an adult at Vanderlyn, was the reason I wanted to become a teacher. Teachers like her are rare, and we have a good number at our school who push students to succeed, but that also comes with supportive parents and a strong community. So, only wanting to close Vanderlyn down because of the building's age seems a bit unfair. I feel like Vanderlyn is on this list because the high school is planning to build a stadium for home games and needs parking. Vanderlyn sits on a lot of unused land, so building an updated Vanderlyn where the playground is and building up, not out, would help everyone get what they want. By moving Vandrlyn to the end of the playground field, there is room to create a large parking lot for Vandrlyn Staff and the High School. During work hours, there are assigned sports for Vandrlyn Staff and Visitors, and others for the high school. When the high school has a game, all spots are available at night. Currently, the county is putting money into fixing schools they know they are not going to keep, so why not save that money and use it to help rebuild schools that are showing good numbers and where the kids are learning? Vanderlyn is a school that is highly sought after by parents when they make school choices or even when choosing a home to buy. Vanderlyn has been more than a school to the neighborhood; for people like me who grew up here, it is also home. It is where you made new friends and had great teachers, and you still came back to see them after you graduated, or even to work there. I am not the only former Viking who came back to work there. Also, our administration teacher has been great and supportive, and will guide you if you need help. Also, closing that many schools will create overcrowding and large class sizes. Larger class sizes make it harder to reach and help the students.	3/2/2026 8:11 PM
1760	Keep current school communities together.	3/2/2026 8:04 PM
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1762	If anything 7-8 together and 6 out!	3/2/2026 7:58 PM
1763	N/A	3/2/2026 7:34 PM
1764	Keep small neighborhood schools!	3/2/2026 7:33 PM
1765	Please look at the impact a school will have on the community, homes, city proposed project like the Tucker Path, and traffic before closing an integral part of our neighborhood community. Sometimes less is truly more.	3/2/2026 7:15 PM
1766	Would like to see all ashford park students moved to John Lewis and have John Lewis moved to chamblee cluster. Or would like to see Ashford park expanded instead of shut down.	3/2/2026 7:09 PM
1767	We moved to this area specially for the Ashford Park, Chamblee Middle & Chamblee High school zones. I understand you have empty seats in south Dekalb and the county should address that. Closing or rezoning Ashford Park will likely result in another problem, more empty seats due to upset families. If you want to keep Brookhaven money in Dekalb county let Ashford Park stay in the Chamblee cluster.	3/2/2026 6:55 PM
1768	Middle schools seem to struggle across the board serving students	3/2/2026 6:43 PM
1769	As DeKalb County School District weighs consolidation and grade banding decisions, we urge district leaders to look beyond test scores and attendance data alone. While academic metrics matter, they do not capture the full value of a school community. Research and lived experience consistently show that smaller schools foster safer environments, stronger	3/2/2026 6:15 PM

	relationships between students and staff, greater family engagement, and more individualized instruction. In smaller settings, children are known by name, behavioral concerns are identified earlier, and teachers can tailor learning to individual needs—benefits that are often diluted in larger, consolidated campuses. These qualitative factors directly impact student confidence, belonging, and long-term success, even if they are not immediately reflected in standardized scores. This is especially important when considering schools like Midvale Elementary School. Midvale is not just a building with enrollment numbers; it is a high-functioning academic community with International Baccalaureate and STEM-certified programming, strong family involvement, and an established culture of innovation and support. Closing a school that already demonstrates educational quality, community commitment, and specialized programming would undermine the very strengths the district seeks to promote. If changes must be made, they should protect proven, high-performing, community-centered schools like Midvale and prioritize models that maintain the benefits of smaller learning environments rather than replacing them with larger, less personalized systems.	
1770	DO NOT CLOSE MIDVALE. DO NOT CLOSE MIDVALE. DO NOT CLOSE MIDVALE. The only IB elementary in the Tucker Cluster with and IB middle and IB HS...don't break that consistency and distinguishment. Neighborhood elementary schools are the best thing in our Tucker Cluster...the staff at TMS was the biggest shock coming from a well organized elementary school. The LAST thing parents need are elementary schools where the staff and administration fail them. Smokerise Elementary was DCSD's chance to show the Tucker Cluster they were capable of success in a "super" elementary school and it's been the biggest failure, families leaving Smokerise in droves for school of choice at Midvale and Livsey and private school. We have zero trust that you can facilitate, across the board, a succesful district of large elementary schools. Take your one sided research you paid for and throw it in the trash. We'll never recoup the money you spent on that, but you can do the right thing and save our thriving neighborhood schools from this poor thought out plan.	3/2/2026 6:13 PM
1771	I would love to know how this study arrived at 33% of elementary schools need to be closed if the student population has only decreased by 17%	3/2/2026 5:14 PM
1772	Closing elementaries like Ashford Park without understanding the organic success drivers will cause failure to the student, district, and local area. Ashford Park is a (original) capacity of 500 but a school of 800 students which means it's in high demand for a reason. If you take that away the high demand for enrolling students in this school will go away. Parents are ready to move away or take their students to private school (this will syphon more money out of the district). Desirability of the area will go down. DCDS will lose claim to high performing ES like Ashford Park and Vanderlyn. Parent involvement will go down in a new mega school. Most importantly, if Ashford Park students lose the Chamblee cluster, all of the above will be further accelerated.	3/2/2026 3:53 PM
1773	If closing schools is the only option, both Hawthorne and Livsey should have been on the closure list instead of Evansdale. Evansdale has a lower field that could be used for an upper grade building and the existing building could be PreK - 2. It has more room for expansion than Livsey and Evansdale's building adequacy score is higher than Hawthorne. I worked for 8 years at Hawthorne. That building was in HORRIBLE shape...much more run down than Evansdale. Hawthorne had trash cans everywhere in the hallways catching water and the bathrooms smelled terrible because there were always issues with the plumbing. Hawthorne also had a boiler blow up (thankfully on a weekend) right before we were supposed to come back from Covid. Unless Hawthorne has had a TREMENDOUS amount of work since I left 4 years ago, I don't know how they got a high FCA score. It doesn't make sense that Evansdale is on the closure list over these schools.	3/2/2026 3:47 PM
1774	I hope you really take the local community and SAP committee feedback into consideration before any next round of scenarios. We need to build trust back into our school system before it’s too late.	3/2/2026 3:28 PM
1775	Please consider adding in more information to the scenario prior to releasing another round. For various reasons, parents, teachers, and staff have a lack of trust in DCSD. Not acknowledging the lack of trust doesn't make it go away, it only reinforces why those populations don't trust the county. For weeks we heard about being able to provide feedback and then were given 20minutes, in a two hour meeting, to provide it, but only if it was a question the county felt could be answered. Don't talk to us as if we don't know what's going on. Work with us. Discuss with us. Problem solve with us. Please get rid of this consulting firm. They aren't helpful.	3/2/2026 3:26 PM
1776	MIdvale Elementary is tucked back into a neighborhood. It is much bigger than Livsey. It has a huge field, and also could be expanded, if necessary. Livsey is on a main street and is pretty	3/2/2026 2:49 PM

	much landlocked with no expansion capabilities. If Livsey has to remain a school because of the land donation requirements, then make it a Preschool or Early Development Center. I am sure Dekalb has many other things that Livsey could become. Thank you.	
1777	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/2/2026 2:48 PM
1778	The APS community is strongly opposed to the idea of closing our school. Not because we think the building is sufficient but because there is not clear solution to rehome the APS students that doesn't result in either displacing a significant portion of the JLE population or dividing our community. We propose deep research and feasibility study of rebuilding APS on the current lot - while we have been told 7 acres is insufficient space, there is evidence in urban settings for schools being build on smaller plots and even similar projects for schools in the Atlanta area, like E. Rivers. Further, we are steadfast that our community maintain their participation in the Chamblee Cluster.	3/2/2026 1:16 PM
1779	Do not pull any schools or communities from the Chamblee cluster. It is working!	3/2/2026 12:56 PM
1780	I think you need to re-think this situation over. Beside, there is a lots of children misses the first week of school. That count needs to be to be counted at least 2-3 weeks after school starts, this way all the late comers and transferring students can be added in. It also takes several of weeks before DeKalb receives transfer school records from the student transferring school. It took 3 weeks before my grandson could start your district school. All because it's computerized.	3/2/2026 12:35 PM
1781	I am deeply concerned by the conflict of interest of HPM's involvement in this process and their ties to the corrupt Horton. Has anyone looked at the negative impacts of their previous projects (Jefferson County, KY, for example)? Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	3/2/2026 12:21 PM
1782	Please show actual site plan and study showing that AP can't be expanded. Has this been researched? This is the only school in the immediate area. To close it, would mean all the schools are on the north side of the cluster. *The AP community has no interest in being redistricted into another cluster. Non--starter.	3/2/2026 12:05 PM
1783	I would like to see how rezoning changes these scenarios.	3/2/2026 11:46 AM
1784	We love the schools in our area, please open a new Middle School in the north Decatur area	3/2/2026 11:42 AM

	the choices are not great	
1785	if you are trying to save some money maybe close the charter schools. that has taken many children out of their community schools. Im sure they are fine schools but knowing the cost involved for instance globe academy sitting on very very expensive land should change before closing neighborhood schools.	3/2/2026 11:35 AM
1786	if we are closing down ashford park elementary school for expansion, where are the children going to go?	3/2/2026 11:31 AM
1787	More direct information is needed. It already feels like the board and district will make decisions based on what they want to do rather than based on the feedback provided. By providing vague scenarios and asking people to comment on them, you provide yourself a loophole for not hearing the feedback that's necessary to this procedure. We moved to this area for the schools, we have so far been disappointed and would consider moving or trying different schools if the magnet schooling changes.	3/2/2026 11:04 AM
1788	Specific building utilization and projected enrollment would be helpful to see in the next round of modeling.	3/2/2026 11:00 AM
1789	I left Ashford Park off my list. If closed and rehoused to Montgomery you will certainly have a massive increase of traffic on Ashford Dunwoody Rd. passing two large private schools as parent will not put their kids on a bus before daybreak.	3/2/2026 10:56 AM
1790	Redistrict Drew Valley into John Lewis Elementary. Redistrict north of Peachtree Rd. to Montgomery. Keep Ashford Park in the Chamblee cluster.	3/2/2026 10:34 AM
1791	Please provide more opportunities for special needs kids. Dekalb County has Coralwood for Pre-K through K, and then Tapestry for middle and high school. However, there is nothing for grades first through fifth. And, both of those schools are based on a lottery system and are hard to get into. Our special needs students deserve better options.	3/2/2026 10:30 AM
1792	The principal and teachers at HMES are wonderful, as is the cultural diversity.	3/2/2026 10:13 AM
1793	I would like to see scenarios that explore the opposite of the first scenario. One where the south is potentially expanded.	3/2/2026 9:36 AM
1794	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and any feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	3/2/2026 8:45 AM
1795	Do not move magnet programs from their current clusters. Same comment as above. You will lose the students. They will leave and go to another private or charter and the funding + academic achievement for that child will also go.	3/2/2026 8:39 AM
1796	Dekalb is a wide ranging geographical footprint and needs the micro schools in each area to best serve the families close by. This benefits the students and the families and the ability to be full participants in the educational and extra curricular experience. Please DO NOT try to consolidate and cluster large groups of kids in wide ranging age groups resulting in the closure of local school campuses.	3/2/2026 8:35 AM
1797	I would ask that you include more information about where you plan for the students whose schools are closing to attend. There are many options and possibilities floating around, and it is impossible to know how to think if we don't know where and when children will be moved. I would also ask that you have feedback meetings in each cluster that will be tailored to the specific needs and issues there. Each cluster and each school has such a unique situation, and some have the resources to speak louder than others. Please make it accessible for all and give equal time to each community.	3/2/2026 7:59 AM
1798	Please be transparent and disclose the same information through general messaging sent via schools, email and meetings. Right now I have gotten completely different updates and information from emailing directly with school board members, standard communication sent through our school and DCSD, and from attending meetings in person. There is a lot of distrust with Dr. Horton's scandelous departure from the district, the extreme plan sent out in February, and discordant information from dealing directly with DCSD leadership.	3/2/2026 7:07 AM
1799	Next round of scenarios need to be clear, detailed, and leave no room for guess work as parents. They also need to explain why and how schools will be combined with details of new	3/2/2026 5:20 AM

	#'s and configurations. They need to detail what staffing, administration, and counseling, and other human resourcing will outfit the building. Additionally, we need to hear about our specialty schools like DSA, DECA, ELIZABETH Andrew's Arabia HS as well. Finally, it should be clear what will happen with buildings that will be close and explicit which buildings will close and those being repurposed how they will be repressed. Thers is a mention of more resources, What will be those resources? Also, will this limit school choice options for parents who are looking for something else? I.e. I want my child to attend Chamblee will they be able to or will they be forced into their home school that may become more violent? Have the community combinations been considered based on community interactions i.e. joining rival schools?	
1800	Transparency is key to this decision for all parents to see. You need clear metrics and criteria upon which you are basing your decisions and you need to publish these so there is no appearance of favoritism or 'peanut butter spread' so that you are trying to equally negatively impact everyone. The criteria you use should include total cost per student which will show where the county is being more efficient with its money (i.e., lower cost/student). The total operational cost should include the costs to run the school -- faculty, administration, utilities, maintenance, food, etc. This doesn't mean to move a lot of kids to a school that is not large enough to handle them and class sizes exceed 25 students per class. The learning environment must be strong or all your efforts will result in kids unable to learn, teachers dealing with discipline issues with much larger classes, etc. There are other places to find excess costs that the county can reduce before it decides to consolidate elementary schools. Look at the overhead /admin costs of the school system (e.g., the non-teaching roles that add no value to the students). Look at the sourcing and procurement process as it can probably be improved significantly to reduce costs. Look at current vendor contracts and if they need to continue. Last, you need to consider the growth plan for the county...where development is occuring and more businesses/residents are moving into the area. You do not want to close a school in a current area that might have lower capacity, but there is going to be a huge development that will bring a lot of new residents to the area (e.g., the old North DeKalb Mall development). You need to consider current usage/capacity of a school and the future usage/capacity so you do not create more problems for the county.	3/1/2026 11:59 PM
1801	I am curious about how the High school overcrowding will be addressed with Lakeside students. Has there been discussion around AP courses being offered at the former Globe Academy lower school? What is being done with that property?	3/1/2026 10:04 PM
1802	Dunwoody residents in Dunwoody High cluster.	3/1/2026 10:02 PM
1803	There needs be a revision of the information that is being presented that simplifies it.	3/1/2026 9:42 PM
1804	We are a close knit community and shutting down Ashford Park would be detrimental to our community, the area as a whole, and would force families out of the public school system.	3/1/2026 8:01 PM
1805	Redistributing the Chamblee cluster will sacrifice many high achievers from the Dekalb system. Not opinion. Based on many real life conversations.	3/1/2026 7:51 PM
1806	I feel that schools with special programs should be evaluated and expanded and upgraded. Neighborhood schools deserve a place and our community.	3/1/2026 6:17 PM
1807	It is so important to keep neighborhood schools, so more thought should be given to closing multiple schools in adjacent districts. It should also be a big priority for all students to be able to remain in their current schools they've already started in, so a phased closing leaving upper grades in place needs to be considered.	3/1/2026 6:14 PM
1808	Putting 6th to 12th grade together is asking for problems	3/1/2026 6:07 PM
1809	Please continue to invest in magnet programs and the Dekalb School of the Arts!	3/1/2026 4:11 PM
1810	Do not close Vanderlyn!	3/1/2026 4:04 PM
1811	If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake?	3/1/2026 3:51 PM

1812	Strong, stable elementary environments are important for students and communities, and I would like to better understand how this proposal supports long-term cluster planning. I support solutions for high school overcrowding, but it would be helpful to see complete modeling on reassignment, receiving school enrollment and capacity, transportation, and feeder impacts before decisions are finalized.	3/1/2026 3:11 PM
1813	Oak Grove just had a recent investment in it's roof , beautiful artificial turf installed on the playground & new playground equipment	3/1/2026 2:57 PM
1814	As the district develops the next round of scenarios, it would be helpful for the community to see clear, side-by-side modeling that shows projected enrollment, utilization rates, class sizes, transportation impacts, and feeder alignment under each option. Transparent cluster-level data will allow families to understand how proposals align with the district's stated goals around efficiency, access to opportunities, and long-range sustainability. For the Dunwoody cluster specifically, I encourage the district to explore campus-level and phased solutions that address Dunwoody High School capacity while preserving stable elementary access in the surrounding neighborhood. Given the unique proximity of Vanderlyn Elementary and Dunwoody High School, thoughtful reconfiguration or grade band adjustments within that footprint may provide alternatives to full closure. Finally, I encourage the district to consider not only utilization percentages, but also community stability, walkability, equity implications, and the impact of transitions on younger students. Long-range planning decisions should balance system-wide efficiency with the value of maintaining strong, cohesive elementary communities. Thank you for continuing to gather input before advancing future scenarios.	3/1/2026 1:57 PM
1815	We just bought in Ashford Park with the excitement of the elementary school, it would be a great detriment to the neighborhood to lose it.	3/1/2026 10:39 AM
1816	Druid Hills HS is overcapacity and will be overcapacity once built. Redistricting students who live near 285 would make sense.	2/28/2026 10:47 PM
1817	Merging several "home schools" into one larger campus will inevitably lead to overcrowding and strained resources. Research consistently shows that smaller learning environments produce stronger academic outcomes. Overcrowding works against that progress. In addition, consolidating multiple school communities into one site will significantly increase peak-hour traffic along Covington Highway, which already experiences heavy congestion. Concentrating hundreds of additional families into one arrival and dismissal window creates safety concerns and unnecessary strain on local infrastructure. Smaller, neighborhood-based elementary schools support stronger academic performance, safer traffic patterns, and healthier community connections.	2/28/2026 10:29 PM
1818	Priority is to maintain the Chamblee cluster and not tear apart our community.	2/28/2026 6:57 PM
1819	Please see above. The next rounds should be a start over. Instead of a building firm, spend a bit on a PR firm, do some good non-controversial project that could make you gain our trust, and then we can discuss large structural changes.	2/28/2026 4:03 PM
1820	Prefer traditional scenario and not opposed to 4bands, but strongly oppose the others because of the age considerations with younger kids with kids so much older	2/28/2026 3:40 PM
1821	In the future please consider having cluster-specific meetings. It would be helpful to engage substantially when it's community-focused.	2/28/2026 3:24 PM
1822	Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be	2/28/2026 3:05 PM

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1823	Oak Grove Elementary School (OGE) is already a strong performing school. The success of OGE kids is collaboration of parents and school teachers, with years of effort building it. The culture may form again after dissemination but it will take several years. Please pause major consolidation in schools in north Decatur area. The Druild Hills/North Druid Hills corridor area is experiencing unprecedented investment and job growth, which is attracting more families to the Oak Grove, Briarlake, Sagamore Hills elementary school area. These schools may require expansion in a few years. DSCD should look at significantly underutilized schools, and use the good experience from well utilized schools to help them.	2/28/2026 2:41 PM
1824	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4-16. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion.	2/28/2026 2:18 PM
1825	Perhaps Ashford Park can continue to be renovated and become a new magnet school. Kittredge has a massive waitlist.	2/28/2026 1:58 PM
1826	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	2/28/2026 1:23 PM
1827	I emphasize and refer back to my response to Question #4.	2/28/2026 12:28 PM
1828	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment	2/28/2026 11:46 AM
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1831	You need to consider the fact that you are ignoring the impact this will have on parents in South DeKalb. It appears that benefits are being pooled to North DeKalb.	2/28/2026 9:55 AM
1832	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16 Oak Grove: Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth Ranks in the top tier academically Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	2/28/2026 7:46 AM
1833	Will there be a map available of how this will play out. Yes the list is there but it is sort of confusing because you cannot really see what is going on	2/28/2026 7:20 AM
1834	We moved to DeKalb County for the dual language immersion programs, please do not cut these as part of these efforts.	2/27/2026 8:46 PM
1835	I feel like there is concern around potentials RIFs if we are talking about physical buildings closing/being repurposed. Is it possible to address the possibility of minimal reduction since more teachers will be needed in each building	2/27/2026 8:31 PM
1836	Hi think I might attend these activities	2/27/2026 7:31 PM
1837	30 years ago we had only elementary schools and middle schools. The shift to the current model has seemed beneficial - keeping younger kids in different environment than older (thinking especially high school. 6-12. That's a little crazy)	2/27/2026 7:27 PM
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1839	In terms of student assignment, we hope that our cluster will not be shifted to cross 285. This would seem inefficient for busing. We'd rather still have our neighborhood (Evergreen Forest) flow into the Druid Hills cluster as Druid Hills Middle School is quite close.	2/27/2026 6:41 PM
1840	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	2/27/2026 4:44 PM
1841	If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? 5. Who is responsible for this process and why is HPM leading the meetings? The board needs to take responsibility for these decisions. HPM has a vested interest in capital investments in the SAP program and the board seems to be abdicating their responsibilities so that they can point their fingers at everyone else if something goes wrong. A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment. In addition, Phase 1 input needs to be extended for a much longer period. Releasing the SAP recommendations the week before Winter Break and only give families and community members a couple of weeks to give input shows a lack of respect for the stakeholders.	2/27/2026 4:44 PM
1842	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures — significantly more than the previously referenced range of 4–16. In evaluating this scenario, it is important to consider whether each school recommended for closure truly advances the district's stated goal of addressing underutilization. Oak Grove already exceeds the district's 88% utilization target (89% currently and 96% projected next year). It has experienced four consecutive years of enrollment growth and ranks in the top tier academically. Closing it would require substantial redistribution of students to Sagamore Hills and Briarlake, both of which would face capacity pressures or boundary disruption as a result. Closing schools that are already at or near target utilization does not meaningfully reduce excess capacity; it primarily shifts students within the system. If the objective is to close the utilization gap efficiently, priority should be given to schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation produces measurable capacity gains without creating new strain elsewhere. Before final decisions are made in this corridor, additional clarification would be helpful: Were recent employment expansions and documented residential pipeline activity incorporated into enrollment projections? Were pandemic-era enrollment trends weighted in a way that may understate current recovery and growth? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital and operating costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake to absorb its students? A phased, data-driven approach that focuses first on the most significant sources of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term planning. In a corridor experiencing sustained investment and enrollment growth, decisions should be sequenced carefully to preserve capacity needed to support the community's future.	2/27/2026 4:16 PM
1843	Maybe work on overcrowding at LHS first.	2/27/2026 3:50 PM
1844	Make sure you get all the data needed that provides you why the enrollments are low or high	2/27/2026 3:36 PM

	for certain neighborhoods. What is the tax base for some of the schools that are being considered to be closed is it because lower households of school aged kids (senior) more rental properties that maybe contributing to low propoerty taxes being collected how do you get state laws that corporations or buisness pay into the tax support for schools, ensure all children in Dekalb have the appropriate access to resoures that set them up for success, make sure the communities know what your needs are often and share in variouls platforms, should not be hearing about first time as a dire issue on the news. Pair up with the CEO of Dekalb and other commmisioners to share updates in community forums. I am a taxpayer although i dont have children but adjustment in school placement could negatively impact the value of my home or if done right could improve my value so consider me a partner	
1845	I was disappointed to see that so many schools with majority lower income families may be closed. It seems like those should be invested in more to improve enrollment	2/27/2026 2:26 PM
1846	Ashford Park represents a successful, deeply connected community of students, families, and educators. Our strength comes from the relationships and consistency we have built together. While a building may change, our commitment to one another does not. If relocation is unavoidable, we asked that our entire school community remain intact and continue within the same middle and high school cluster to preserve stability, continuity, and the academic progress our students deserve.	2/27/2026 2:06 PM
1847	Ashford Park is more than a building, it is a strong and high-performing community of dedicated teachers, engaged parents, and thriving students. We are committed to staying together as one school community, regardless of the physical building we are placed in. If relocation is necessary, we respectfully ask to remain unified and to stay within the same middle and high school cluster so students can maintain continuity, relationships, and the academics success this community has built together.	2/27/2026 2:00 PM
1848	The Dunwoody cluster and District 1 overall does not have the same problems as South Dekalb. In the south you can take an entire school, close it and move the all to another school. That cannot happen in Dunwoody. We want to keep Our communities together. This will tear Dunwoody apart! Relieve overcrowding in the middle school and high school with redistricting those in our district who really should be at High Tower and Sequoia and this can fix the issue. No need to close Vanderlyn.	2/27/2026 1:40 PM
1849	I reiterate I feel like there has been a decided lack of information to make an informed decision. There has been no data given to demonstrate that any interest in our children’s education has been at the forefront, let alone even a consideration. I implore this group to release these surveys for parents to review. They are anonymous, their is some data, and it would help with some degree of transparency.	2/27/2026 1:32 PM
1850	I believe you need to work on keeping communities together rather than focusing on clusters. Communities like Ashford Park need to stay together, wherever you move them. We've proven we can handle 900 capacity communities and it's a success, let us stay together to continue to be neighbors in school and at home.	2/27/2026 1:27 PM
1851	If Ashford Park gets shifted to John Lewis is it an option to continue renovations on the current Ashford Park and turn that school into a magnet school.	2/27/2026 1:16 PM
1852	Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake	2/27/2026 12:45 PM
1853	I attended the regional community meeting yesterday (2/26 at Cross Keys) and asked specifically about teacher retention and staffing throughout this process. I was told there would be no teacher layoffs or attrition. If that is truly the expectation, I’m deeply concerned the district is underestimating the magnitude of what’s being proposed. Consolidating five elementary schools into three larger ones in the Dunwoody cluster alone will inevitably create turnover and disruption for teachers and staff. Separating these discussions—first facilities, then programs, then boundaries—feels short-sighted and risks long-term negative impacts. These elements are interconnected, and decisions in one area directly affect the others. I strongly urge the district to take a more holistic approach and meaningfully incorporate parent, staff, and student feedback as these scenarios evolve.	2/27/2026 12:27 PM
1854	Leave Vanderland as is.	2/27/2026 12:19 PM
1855	None	2/27/2026 11:54 AM

1856	Be specific as possible on numbers of children would be in schools with each different option	2/27/2026 11:53 AM
1857	No one	2/27/2026 11:45 AM
1858	My biggest goal would be to keep the Ashford Park community intact. To me the building doesn't matter, but the community and the parents and the teachers who have built such an amazing school is what matters. I want to work with the county to keep that community together in one school and remain in the Chambly cluster. I believe we could work together to make it happen, however I'm scared to be blindsided by the county making decisions outside of what is discussed.	2/27/2026 11:34 AM
1859	Ashford Park is being suggested to close. I do agree that the building has been sadly neglected over the years and does not support the current size of students. A building is not what makes Ashford Park special. Ashford Park is special because of it's community of parents and teachers. Please keep our community together. With several nearby elementary schools suggested for expansion, I think you should consider moving the Ashford Park community to John Lewis. Proximity makes sense, school size make sense and with neighboring schools either suggested for expansion or already have expansions in progress I think the current John Lewis students could feed into those schools as needed.	2/27/2026 11:30 AM
1860	I was a DCSD student who was in elementary school until 7th grade, and high school in 8th grade. The lack of access to electives courses in 6-7 was severely detrimental to those students and to the programs in the high schools that depended on them.	2/27/2026 11:29 AM
1861	You need to focus on keeping the programs that make our schools valuable. Evansdale Elementary has risen in school rankings through the years for one reason, French DLI. The teachers in this program care deeply about it. The families care and are actively involved. There is an established pipeline to continue french at Henderson Middle School and an opportunity for AP French at Lakeside High School. The schools Evansdale feeds into are part of our community. Lakeside kids volunteer and are actively involved. We are one cohesive unit, with the aim of giving these young children a quality dual language education. You have forgotten about the children in this discussion by starting with buildings. Your consultants have failed to acknowledge how these schools are the central cores of our neighborhoods, and have been for generations.	2/27/2026 11:19 AM
1862	1. Proceed with vital improvements that were already approved on the budget and is essential for student/facility success. 2. Consider stopping the School Choice option and allow students who are going to be re-distributed with new boundaries to choose where their children are moved and give those students first rights of refusal as to where they are moved to. 3. Possibly utilize the buildings already open but redistribute the grade bands which would reduce the over-capacity at the middle/high school (specifically in the Dunwoody cluster).	2/27/2026 11:13 AM
1863	Please keep Vanderlyn!	2/27/2026 11:07 AM
1864	This plan was started under a person that is now indicted on federal charges, I do not trust anything about it. No one wants their local neighborhood schools closed so their child can attend a larger, further school. STOP THIS PLAN.	2/27/2026 10:40 AM
1865	Has the county considered the amount of new families that have moved into the Vanderlyn community and the growing current capacity of the school to be 86%. Can we also consider the amount of families that will intent to move to private school when this plan takes place and what that will mean for Dekalb Counties financial bottom line. We plan on sending all 4 of our children (2 currently at Vanderlyn) to private school if and when this plan takes place.	2/27/2026 10:36 AM
1866	Keeping existing neighborhoods intact to give kids stability and the least amount of disruption during this process.	2/27/2026 10:35 AM
1867	I am partial to keeping the 6-8 and 9-12 because I don't think the younger kids are ready to handle what all comes with socializing with the older kids. I do wish Dekalb had more options for the advanced math and languages in middle school for those that want it. It should be more consistent between clusters too. I think not having those options over the last few years has impacted on the enrollment in HMS, then LHS. There were a lot of complaints when those options were removed.	2/27/2026 9:44 AM
1868	Oak Grove already exceeds the utilization target and is expected to be even higher next year. This is a great community school and is highly relied on by all members of this community.	2/27/2026 9:03 AM
1869	The county has many ways to cut costs like actually doing their due diligence when hiring a	2/27/2026 7:40 AM

	superintendent instead of hiring someone who misuses taxpayer funds. Some of the lower student projections are due to the county's poor management. The board should focus on offering public education to all students in safe facilities that parents want to send their kids to.	
1870	A school at 89% capacity should not be closed to overcrowd two schools next to it. But it does need renovation.	2/27/2026 6:50 AM
1871	Oak Grove Elementary school has had 4 consecutive years of enrollment growth, with 2026-2027 projected to be 96% utilization. We can look into expanding Oak Grove capacity in the future to achieve the district's target of 600 students. If you get into the numbers, I am sure the comparative costs of maintaining Oak Grove will be LOWER than expanding BOTH Sagamore Hills and Briarlake to accommodate all of the current Oak Grove students, not to mention additional future students. We also love our current teachers and staff: Mrs. Hawkins has been instrumental in my son's math skills, Ms. Davidson opened up his reading potential, the after-school enrichment programs have expanded his interest in the arts, in Taekwondo, in chess. We did not have this when we attended a giant school of > 1000 students in Houston, Texas, prior to our relocation in 2024 to this community. Potential disruptions may cause these gems of teachers/staff to go elsewhere completely.	2/27/2026 6:22 AM
1872	Oak Grove already exceeds the utilization target. Keep the school cluster stable as it is in a high growth zip code and structures are not in decline.	2/27/2026 6:13 AM
1873	The district needs to shift the assignment zones. Adjust the areas to balance out student population. Shift the assignment areas south where there are seats.	2/27/2026 6:07 AM
1874	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	2/27/2026 4:08 AM
1875	I urge that Brockett be retained. We have supported that school for 51 years, recommended it to countless neighbors even in favor of alternatives. This is a strong, safe community.	2/27/2026 1:17 AM
1876	They don't all need to be the same but they do need to be equitable. The wealthy parts of the district shouldn't have k1-2, 4-5 and the least wealthy get stuck with k-8. That will create more wealthy inequalities I worked at a k-8 school in Boston Public Schools for 7 years and it was dangerous to have students with the biggest bodies in the same school with the littlest bodies. It was a scheduling nightmare because they can't all be transitioning in the hallway at the same time which is impossible to avoid between lunch times and specials as those classes are usually housed in similar areas of a school	2/26/2026 11:08 PM
1877	I would like to see clearer data showing how this scenario aligns with the district's stated focus on enrollment trends and utilization at the cluster level. I understand the need to address high school capacity pressures, but sharing full reassignment and receiving school modeling — including transportation and class size impacts — would help families fully evaluate the proposal.	2/26/2026 11:06 PM
1878	How long will HPM be involved in this process? We don't want to hear from them we want to hear from our elected officials. Of course a construction company, HPM, will advocate for closing schools and building brand new. $$$ We don't want mega elementary schools. When we bought our home it was to attend a small neighborhood school. We also looked at homes districted to Fernbank but did not want our kids to attend such a large school. Can these construction projects be funded without ESPLOST? No ESPLOST NO SCHOOL CLOSURES sounds like a great chant for the next election cycle.	2/26/2026 10:13 PM

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1880	Please consider including campus-level or phased options that address secondary capacity needs while maintaining elementary access where possible. Seeing multiple solution types side-by-side would help the community better understand the full range of possibilities.	2/26/2026 10:00 PM
1881	Increase transparency. Is the goal to get every school close to 100% or just to remove schools with <100%, leading to most schools >>100% capacity, relying on aging trailers.	2/26/2026 9:14 PM
1882	Parents need better options. Consolidate the great teachers redirect financial resources to update facilities and provide more student benefits.	2/26/2026 8:52 PM
1883	Oak Grove should be removed from the list for consideration of closure. The county would be doing a tremendous disservice by closing a school that has always been a top performer in forming students to excel at the next level.	2/26/2026 8:38 PM
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1886	More details and transparency about the data, models, class sizes would be helpful	2/26/2026 7:28 PM
1887	Community members are strong in support of local schools. Don't destroy our neighborhoods	2/26/2026 7:27 PM
1888	School performance is a critical factor that should be considered. What's the purpose of having these ratings if they are not a part of showcasing the success of public schools in our county. These impact funding, these impact economics of the surrounding community, these impact resources for our children and teachers. Secondly, if student displacement has shown to impact student success rates we should be trying to minimize the amount of kids being impacted and displaced so we should be taking some of these very top performing schools across the district and working harder to be creative about how we use buildings and investing in these communities instead of dispersing and closing. The surrounding schools to Ashford park are already at or almost over capacity. Where do these families go and how awful would it be to displace families at the surrounding schools. Have you also considered the Nancy creek option and banding So perhaps have John Lewis and Ashford Park be lower and higher for the current APES enrollment. Then have Nancy Creek and Montgomery be banded or attendance overfill. Nancy Creek most likely will be available in the next year or two after Cross Keys construction is complete and doesn't need Nancy Creek to house displacement. Then everyone can stay in the chamblee cluster and elementary schools are considered more "efficient."	2/26/2026 6:55 PM
1889	Please consider meetings for community participation for weekend meeting times. Or consider offering childcare or meals for children who must attend because parents may not have childcare for meetings in the evenings during the weekdays. Weekday meetings in the evening are very difficult to find childcare to be able to attend for many families, in addition to having to get children ready for dinner, bedtime and school the next day on a weekday evening.	2/26/2026 6:38 PM
1890	Focus on educational outcomes (students first agenda) not optimizing resources. Eliminate top-down waste (think lean, our superintendent made $300k+ but only contributed felonies) and focus on improving personnel in a bottom up fashion first where impact will be felt (aggressively retaining quality teachers).	2/26/2026 6:32 PM
1891	No confidence in SAP or the Board.	2/26/2026 6:25 PM
1892	Vanderlyn has a brand and supporting community worth saving. If there's an opportunity to save the brand, this should be considered	2/26/2026 6:24 PM
1893	The treatment of Ashford Park is the most egregious part of this entire plan. Take action and do better.	2/26/2026 6:22 PM
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1895	Too many transitions, spreads money and resources from PTO's. If traditional is not an option K through eight seems to be the best option that way students can begin foreign language and other advanced classes sooner. PTO resources can be distributed among the entire school instead of dividing into so many schools, then having limited resources for the fewer grade bands schools. Another reason I do not like the 6 to 12 model is because the needs of this age	2/26/2026 5:42 PM

	group vary drastically and concerned funding and resources will go to the higher grades while the 6th-8th grades will be left without funding for sports, after school programs, etc.	
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1897	Please propose solutions that include how things would be rebalanced. It's easy to say I don't want my school closed, but if I understood the proposed solution, I might not have an objection to the plan	2/26/2026 4:07 PM
1898	Again, we should keep in mind the different cultures that exist within our school. It once was easy to put children together and they co-exist with no problem, but that is no longer the world we live in. Closing schools or changing locations affect surrounding communities as well. Other considerations have to be made, such as traffic or crime.	2/26/2026 4:01 PM
1899	How do we find out more info about who is in charge of the final decision?	2/26/2026 3:40 PM
1900	Listen to the data, not people's hearts. Change is not easy but as Dr. Sauce said, "Empty seats are not neutral. They cost money." This district DESPERATELY needs to realign school zone lines.	2/26/2026 3:33 PM
1901	As much as I deeply love my small neighborhood school (Chesnut), I believe we need to move to larger elementary schools in order to most efficiently utilize district resources for our children. I'm very concerned that some well-resourced parents at smaller elementary schools (like Vanderlyn) will be the loudest voices in the room in order to keep their school the way that it is and stand in the way of a more equitable distribution of resources across the district. I sincerely hope that the district stands firm on this and applies the same criteria across the district, in all clusters. I truly believe that well-resourced, high performing students will continue to thrive when they are reassigned to other schools, and I'd like to see the district spend some time on discussing what the transition plan will look like and what the vision for the future is in order to help ease the fears that some parents have.	2/26/2026 3:32 PM
1902	Could Kingsley be turned into a solely PreK/ kindergarten school to allow for more PreK lottery spots. Could vanderlyn then become part of the high school? That way the high school doesn't have to use trailers outside for some classes.	2/26/2026 3:04 PM
1903	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization. Please consider including campus-level or phased options that address secondary capacity needs while maintaining elementary access where possible. Seeing multiple solution types side-by-side would help the community better understand the full range of possibilities.	2/26/2026 3:02 PM
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1905	As mentioned, I believe the Chamblee cluster is a tight knit community with strong	2/26/2026 2:53 PM

	involvement and leadership. I believe it would be a huge mistake to move Ashford Park Elementary students out of this cluster. As long as a building closure ensures the cluster remains intact, I would be very supportive.	
1906	Decisions must be thoughtful regarding exposure of younger children to older individual and topics. The Internet and social media are quickly exposing children, especially older ones with less restricted access at home, to more mature topics and behaviors that negatively impact mental health and wellness. Limiting younger kids exposure to those already exposed to these topics and experiences is the responsibility of the district since it has a large impact on child development and mental wellness.	2/26/2026 2:43 PM
1907	when you take away the neighborhood school you really gut the neighborhood and hurt everyone.	2/26/2026 2:42 PM
1908	A credible cost estimate for the expansions and mods (HS to MS, MS to ES) upon which a scenario depends MUST be presented. Ditto for transportation cost. Mr. Stanley's inputs at the 2/26 virtual meeting were much appreciated. When you talk about having break-out sessions for clusters, that is quite risky since in many areas there will be cluster changes. Parents don't have the bandwidth to attend/advocate in multiple clusters, and if they pick the "wrong" one then their input won't be heard. Ms. Smith's experience with a transition to a new school (presumably the Idlewood transfer to Smoke Rise this year) needs to be explained a bit. DCSD has a weak track record of managing redistrictings well, partly because they have done so few redistrictings lately and because the ones they've done have NOT had resources follow the students. Necessary ESOL resources for CKHS students transferred to Chamblee HS didn't come. That's not ok. One of the main reasons for these changes is to improve resources at schools. The track record isn't inspiring. Excess capacity by geographic area MUST be presented. Otherwise, this initial scenario is viewed as an unfair closures in south DeKalb, inflaming persistent perceptions that north DeKalb is treated more favorably. The lack of a plan to relieve severe overcrowding at Lakeside HS (2030 forecast = 129%) is a serious flaw. Unless students are moved to Cross Keys (which will have space due to Sequoyah opening), this is not ok. Despite these many serious concerns, my level of understanding and support for HPM and the internal SAP team has grown this week. I hope for more data and transparency in round 2.	2/26/2026 2:21 PM
1909	As a former special education teacher, the more support, the better the education	2/26/2026 2:16 PM
1910	Performance at a school has to be considered.	2/26/2026 2:15 PM
1911	Streamline this process to avoid confusion and maintain parents' trust. Right now, you're just scaring people.	2/26/2026 1:47 PM
1912	I have non	2/26/2026 1:44 PM
1913	Have you considered leaving 6th graders in elementary school & having 7-12 grade? For 6-12 grade model, how would you keep preteens separated from teens, like separate floors or wings?	2/26/2026 1:28 PM
1914	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	2/26/2026 1:25 PM
1915	Why are we cutting IB schools?	2/26/2026 1:12 PM
1916	I am the most in favor of a "Robust Program Offerings with Small Schools" model and feel like it is the most helpful to focus on in this process. I would like to see how achievement levels bear this out in future meetings.	2/26/2026 12:59 PM
1917	When making these decisions, please keep student development and achievement at the forefront, while also considering community and taking a long-term view. There are several subdivisions and apartments currently being built within the Cedar Grove and Southwest DeKalb clusters, which could increase future enrollment. I would not want the schools to go back to situations where students are without desks or trailers are needed to accommodate for the growth. Additionally, from the perspective of a parent who has fundraised for PTA and extracurricular activity groups, cultivating community/business support takes time and sustained effort to build those relationships. Eliminating/rearranging school clusters will require a rebuilding that support, which could also impact the schools.	2/26/2026 12:47 PM

1918	Keep local neighborhood elementaries open. It fosters better community and I think having kids split up from elementary as they feed up the chain is also bad for development. Each elementary should feed wholly into a middle school. Middle schools could potentially split in half to high schools which would keep peer groups together from k-12	2/26/2026 12:31 PM
1919	Explain what you are proposing in more detail.	2/26/2026 12:30 PM
1920	I hope y'all are paying a lot of attention to what these potential school closures, such as Evansdale, would do to home values. This is a well-rated and well-respected school. When we bought our home in late 2020, this highly rated elementary school, as well as our close proximity, were part of the valuation that was done by mortgage company. In this tenuous economic landscape, negatively impacting so many home values throughout the district (even for folks without kids to attend the schools) while closing highly rated school just doesn't make sense to me.	2/26/2026 12:20 PM
1921	Rather than close some elementary schools- transition them and underutilized schools to pk-2 or 3-5 schools to help with overcrowding	2/26/2026 12:19 PM
1922	x	2/26/2026 11:52 AM
1923	Consolidation plan should prioritize minimizing disruption to students and families	2/26/2026 11:44 AM
1924	n/a	2/26/2026 11:42 AM
1925	The stability of our neighborhood and the financial health of local families are inextricably linked to the continued excellence of our public schools. Unlike other regions facing different demographic shifts, the Dunwoody cluster has maintained high utilization and post-pandemic growth. Because of this, any proposal involving a high-demand school like Vanderlyn must be grounded in its specific enrollment trajectory rather than broad district-wide averages. To ensure the cluster remains viable, I am asking that the upcoming planning phases include a more granular, data-driven analysis. It is essential for the community to see how reassignment, class sizes, and transportation logistics specifically align with the SAP's focus on enrollment trends and space efficiency. We have seen in the past, most notably during the pandemic, that when the district's long-term planning feels unpredictable, families frequently transition to private education. A decision that undermines the stability of our high-performing schools risks driving away the very students we seek to retain, potentially leaving our remaining facilities either overburdened or fundamentally weakened. I urge the district to prioritize a data set that reflects these local realities before moving forward with any final plans.	2/26/2026 11:29 AM
1926	I think as less grand band as possible. Elementary and middle grades need recess daily and gym to help them to burn some of that energy they have. I also think you all should especially add recess for the Special Education department, because those students definitely need to burn off energy after lunch. It helps to keep them calm. I work in a school that had that method and they did not have any disciplinary problems with their schools in their Special Education Department. It made a difference. I am available as a consultant to speak with you all to help make a difference with behavior and discipline in your schools as well as parents engagement.	2/26/2026 11:23 AM
1927	To ensure the Dunwoody cluster's long-term success, I am requesting that the next round of scenarios include comprehensive, cluster-level data. Specifically, we need to see reassignment outcomes, capacity projections, class size impacts, and transportation analysis clearly mapped against SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization. While I recognize the district faces under-utilization challenges elsewhere, the Dunwoody cluster remains highly utilized with post-pandemic enrollment growth. Decisions regarding school closures must account for the specific demand and enrollment trajectory of local schools like Vanderlyn. Our community's real estate market and family stability are built almost exclusively on the high performance of these public institutions. Closing a high-demand, well-utilized school like Vanderlyn risks a significant 'trust gap.' As we saw during the pandemic, when families lose confidence in the district's stability, they move to private options. This would not only exacerbate declining enrollment across DCSD but would likely leave the remaining Dunwoody schools either overcrowded or destabilized. I urge the district to prioritize data that reflects these local realities before finalizing any reassignment plans.	2/26/2026 11:08 AM
1928	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization. In addition, in any decision regarding reassignment or closure of schools, I believe an important factor	2/26/2026 10:59 AM

	should be the demand and enrollment trajectory for specific local schools. Our community and real estate market in Dunwoody is almost exclusively built around demand for our public schools. Vanderlyn is one of the top public schools in our state, and families here have made significant financial, housing, and location decisions based almost entirely on student assignment to Vanderlyn. Closing a school that is well utilized and high performing will result in families losing trust in DCSD and moving students to private schools as a result (as families in Dunwoody did during the COVID pandemic). This will further exacerbate declining student enrollment across the district. We also need more data at the cluster level. I understand DCSD as a whole has alot of empty seats. In the Dunwoody cluster, however, the data shows the school facilities are relatively highly utilized and enrollment has increased since the COVID pandemic. If Vanderlyn, a high performing and high demand school is closed, this will likely result in overcrowding at the remaining Dunwoody schools (unless, as a result of the closure, families move their children out of the public school system entirely, as they did during Covid).	
1929	Please consider including campus-level or phased options that address secondary capacity needs while maintaining elementary access where possible. Seeing multiple solution types side-by side would help the community better understand the full range of possibilities.	2/26/2026 10:46 AM
1930	Please make sure to include potential uses or purposes for closed schools. Also make sure to consider transportation logistics, school choice logistics, and the positions of DCSD Staff Members alongside the Student Assignment Project.	2/26/2026 10:38 AM
1931	More transparency around modeling assumptions would be helpful in the next round. Specifically, showing projected enrollment, building utilization, and student distribution across the full cluster for each scenario would help families understand tradeoffs and long-term impacts.	2/26/2026 9:19 AM
1932	I think there should be consideration about how the consolidations will effect traffic.	2/26/2026 8:58 AM
1933	More transparency around modeling assumptions would be helpful in the next round. Specifically, showing projected enrollment, building utilization, and student distribution across the full cluster for each scenario would help families understand tradeoffs and long-term impacts.	2/26/2026 8:34 AM
1934	It is interesting how most of the schools that are to be closed or repurposed are TItle 1 schools or in heavily populated black neighborhoods.	2/26/2026 8:29 AM
1935	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investmen	2/26/2026 8:28 AM
1936	I would address that folks should not be diminishing the other area schools that get to "stay open" Parents are starting to have a "me only" myopic viewpoint and it's concerning. Saying other elementary schools should be the ones to close purely based on achievement data isn't right. We all know that some schools have different make ups in population and programming which does affect testing data or survey participation from the community with CCRPI data. Folks need to be reminded we are all a part of the same cluster and we come together in middle and high so now is not the time to tolerate insults towards others' neighborhoods, property values, schools, or teachers as though a community a stones throw away is of lesser value or desirability. I love oak grove, HMS and LHS but I work with parents from all our feeder schools and they're all awesome. OGE is not the only school on the planet. Some of our parents need to be reminded of that. Sigh. Thank you for reading this.	2/26/2026 8:02 AM

1937	The proposed changes appear from the outside to be largely financial and not necessarily in the best interest of the students nor the communities they serve. The county has a lot of work to do to convince the public otherwise.	2/26/2026 7:09 AM
1938	• Transportation impact must be carefully modeled before finalizing scenarios. • Clear academic performance benchmarks should be established to evaluate whether consolidation achieves its stated goals. • Communication with families must remain transparent to prevent enrollment decline during transition. • Any reconfiguration should prioritize equity in access to advanced coursework, extracurriculars, and support services. The long-term goal should not simply be reducing facilities, but strengthening academic opportunity and stability for students across the district.	2/26/2026 7:02 AM
1939	I really like the idea of arts-focused students and high academic achievers being supported in their home schools. They're just kids: the lottery application process, subsequent rejection or transition stress, and pressure to fit into one mold in our charter schools seems unhealthy and exclusive.	2/26/2026 6:16 AM
1940	Has research been conducted on how this may impact the quality of education in terms of busing kids and various grade bands. It may be helpful to share those findings. Thanks.	2/26/2026 4:18 AM
1941	-	2/26/2026 12:25 AM
1942	Druid Hills Middle School is 4.8 miles from my zip code. In Atlanta traffic this is an eternity and causes our neighborhood to suffer from 2hour bus rides. Due to the distance many students in our neighborhood are prohibited from fully immersing in the middle school experience as after school sports and clubs are limited due the the 1hr round trip commute to school for parent involvement and late pickup. Making kitteredge 4-8 with priority placement to the west side of DCSD would greatly serve our community.	2/25/2026 11:07 PM
1943	Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment	2/25/2026 10:28 PM
1944	I strongly urge the district to avoid closing Evansdale Elementary in future scenarios. Evansdale serves a stable, invested community and has demonstrated a strong academic culture and supportive learning environment. As a former student, I experienced firsthand the quality of instruction and sense of community the school provides. Closing it would significantly disrupt families and neighborhood stability. If consolidation is necessary, I encourage the district to explore options that preserve Evansdale's academic strengths while addressing enrollment realities	2/25/2026 10:12 PM
1945	Understanding enrollment is below capacity in the county, the county should look at where enrollment trends are increasing, where community involvement is high, and decide what is best for the students as they make this impactful decisions to the future of our children.	2/25/2026 9:16 PM
1946	I think that suggesting a school closure without giving parents any idea of different paths forward is pretty insensitive to what our families are having to deal with when it comes to a conversation about redistricting. Asking for honest feedback without different solutions to consider is going against everything the SAP group has been saying for the past 20 months. It doesn't feel like good communication, and it makes me wonder what has been discussed during this time besides just a list of old buildings. So, if we're really only talking about buildings and location (distance from communities) in this first round of scenarios, it makes the most sense to move the Ashford Park community to John Lewis and move the John Lewis community to Dresden Elementary and other schools closer to Buford Highway. I'm definitely interested in seeing other potential ways to keep our community together, but nothing else seems to make sense from a building/facility standpoint.	2/25/2026 8:05 PM
1947	I care less about the Ashford Park building and more about keeping our strong community together and staying in the Chamblee cluster.	2/25/2026 7:49 PM
1948	Please add the officers who care for the building properties added into the crew of officers brought in tonight. Most questions involve their input and insights.	2/25/2026 7:48 PM

1949	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	2/25/2026 7:41 PM
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1951	District leaders need to more for our children instead of closing schools.	2/25/2026 6:54 PM
1952	Oak Grove: -already exceeeds the utilization target -has four consecutive years of enrollment growth -ranks in the top tier academically -would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake	2/25/2026 5:58 PM
1953	Please keep our tradition. And elementary school should be more and smaller. 2	2/25/2026 5:53 PM
1954	Rather than resources and equability, it would be best if the district weighs the cost to a community and residents. Are city officials including city planning officials being engaged and have cost analysis of transportation and roadway cost been assessed? What are the distance and length of time for bus routes? Neighborhood streets are not connected in Tucker. Has traffic been accessed during morning and afternoon commute times? The City of Tucker has plans for walking trail planned. Will this impact roadways and if so, will it impact school routes? Has a cost analysis been complete for noted school expansion vs keeping another school open? Please reach out to individual communities before making decisions that will impact a residence quality of life.	2/25/2026 5:49 PM
1955	SMALL local schools that the community feels connected to are vital	2/25/2026 5:32 PM
1956	This is more important than the school itself, this has a huge impact on the property values in each school zone.	2/25/2026 5:23 PM
1957	A critical part of our support for moving Ashford Park to John Robert Lewis Elementary is ensuring that the current students at John Robert Lewis Elementary are also placed in a high-quality, modern school that meets the district's standards for educational adequacy. The district's "cascading use" approach must provide these students with a "win-win" transition into a newly renovated or expanded facility within their own cluster. We advocate for a solution where both communities benefit from modern infrastructure, ensuring that no student's education is disrupted without an immediate upgrade in facility quality. Cluster integrity and equitable access to "nice schools" must remain the guiding principles for the final 2026 plan	2/25/2026 5:22 PM

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1959	If the district is trying to reduce excess capacity, the closure list should be driven by underutilization, not by schools that are already full or getting fuller. Oak Grove is at or above the utilization target today and projected higher, and shutting it down would require substantial capacity changes at receiving schools. The district would likely get more measurable efficiency by prioritizing schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation closes the utilization gap without triggering new expansion.	2/25/2026 5:15 PM
1960	Scenario 1 appears to overcorrect by proposing 27 elementary closures, overshooting the earlier 4–16 reference point. It also includes closing Oak Grove despite the fact that it is already above the 88% utilization target and is expected to climb further, with consistent enrollment growth and strong academic performance. That choice would push capacity stress onto Sagamore Hills and Briarlake, meaning the closure functions more as redistribution than right-sizing.	2/25/2026 5:09 PM
1961	Great school how it is lots of young families with young children are moving to this area	2/25/2026 5:02 PM
1962	The criteria for the suggested closures need more discussion and clarity. Areas of underutilization and underperformance should be prioritized for closure over a fully utilized, high-performing, sought after school with active parent involvement and investment.	2/25/2026 4:55 PM
1963	Scenario 1 proposes closing 27 elementary schools—far more than the previously discussed range of 4–16. Oak Grove Elementary: • Already exceeds the district's 88% utilization target (89% now; 96% projected) • Has grown enrollment for four straight years • Is a top-performing school academically • Its closure would require major adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools that are already near or above capacity does not meaningfully reduce excess space—it simply shifts students around. If the goal is to improve efficiency, the district should focus on schools operating well below 70% capacity, where consolidation would have a real impact without creating new crowding or construction needs. Before moving forward in this area, several questions should be answered clearly: 1. Were new housing developments and job growth from 2024–2026 included in enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era declines weighted too heavily in ways that distort recent growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates for 2028 and 2030? 4. How does the cost of keeping Oak Grove open compare to expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A careful, phased approach based on current data would better support long-term planning and fiscal responsibility. Closing a school in a growing area could create overcrowding in just a few years. The district should also provide a clear cost-benefit analysis comparing renovation of smaller schools with building larger ones. The per-student cost figures presented do not account for the millions required to build new facilities or maintain closed properties. Educational outcomes should also be part of the analysis—not just building efficiency. Many parents and taxpayers do not want significantly larger elementary schools. This proposal creates uncertainty across multiple neighborhoods and deserves to be reconsidered with community stability, financial impact, and student success in mind.	2/25/2026 4:54 PM
1964	Please don't close OGE. Small schools like OGE are the best option community members have without having to consider private school options.	2/25/2026 4:52 PM
1965	Oak Grove already exceeds the utilization target of DeKalb County. It has 4 consecutive years of enrollment growth. It ranks in the top tier academically. Oak Grove is an absolute gem of a	2/25/2026 4:48 PM

	school and deserves to remain open given its always consistent excellent academic performance and utilization rate.	
1966	If the goal is to close the utilization gap efficiently, the district should focus closures on schools well below 70% utilization, where consolidation actually reduces excess capacity and avoids triggering new capital expansion.	2/25/2026 4:40 PM
1967	Oak Grove is a poor closure candidate because it is already above the 88% utilization target, has sustained enrollment growth, strong academics, and its closure would require major capacity changes at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake.	2/25/2026 4:38 PM
1968	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	2/25/2026 4:36 PM
1969	Scenario 1's 27 proposed elementary closures far exceed the earlier 4–16 range, and closing high-utilization, high-performing schools like Oak Grove (89% now, 96% projected) mainly shifts students and creates capacity strain elsewhere without meaningfully reducing excess capacity.	2/25/2026 4:31 PM
1970	Perfect	2/25/2026 3:54 PM
1971	Please provide your research into this decision making process to the public. Post it all on the website and make it easily available. Hearing about this from the news first and not Dekalb county was outrageous.	2/25/2026 3:23 PM
1972	Use alternative/additional sources of student enrollment predictions which take area employment growth into account (e.g. Emory and CHOA expansion.)	2/25/2026 3:17 PM
1973	We are heavily invested in the oak grove community and education. We strongly ask that oak grove be reconsidered or closing and that traditional grade bands remain in tact.	2/25/2026 3:03 PM
1974	Closing Oak Grove Elementary would damage the community and negatively impact the lives of the children that rely on the teachers and faculty there.	2/25/2026 2:22 PM
1975	Your survey is horriblly written!! For an education system that you are, you are truly showing your level of edication. Shame on you!	2/25/2026 2:17 PM
1976	Please consider including campus-level or phased options that address secondary capacity needs while maintaining elementary access where possible. Seeing multiple solution types side-by-side would help the community better understand the full range of possibilities.	2/25/2026 2:10 PM
1977	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth Ranks in the top tier academically Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers	2/25/2026 2:08 PM

	of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	
1978	Dekalb country has historically been corrupt and dysfunctional and this just showcases more of that dysfunction.	2/25/2026 2:05 PM
1979	Please consider campus level or phased options that address secondary capacity needs while maintaining elementary access were possible. Seeing multiple solution types side-by-side would help the community better understand the full range of possibilities.	2/25/2026 1:52 PM
1980	I think those of us in the Chamblee cluster would like to stay in this cluster as over the last few years we've helped build up the reputation and scores- and people are CHOOSING it now over other options (often private). Let's keep that. We're a Cham Fam. Please keep us intact- all the feeder schools. And let's help Other feeder patterns and schools also be successful.	2/25/2026 1:51 PM
1981	Clear comparisons between scenarios would be helpful, including academic, community, transportation, and facilities impacts. Providing both short-term and long-term projections would also help families evaluate sustainability.	2/25/2026 1:48 PM
1982	Question 6 is unclear: Are you asking should all clusters throughout DCSD have the same grade band configurations? In that case, my answer is no, not necessarily. Or, are you asking, within a specific cluster, should all schools have the same grade band configurations? In that case, my answer is yes.	2/25/2026 1:24 PM
1983	Vanderlyn is a very well performing school with a lot of passionate parent involvement. I think closing Vanderlyn would be a mistake.	2/25/2026 1:12 PM
1984	Evansdale offers language courses, speech therapy and other specific programs that other schools may not offer. It is a close community and needs it's own school to better serve the public.	2/25/2026 1:07 PM
1985	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	2/25/2026 11:36 AM
1986	Please keep Vanderlyn intact. It is an amazing community of teachers and staff, parents, and students. We perform well each year in our very involved community. You would be closing one of the top elementary schools in DeKalb County and the state by closing Vanderlyn.	2/25/2026 11:33 AM
1987	What is the big picture plan to improve county schools? How can smaller facilities be leveraged to achieve better learning outcomes ?	2/25/2026 11:04 AM
1988	Thinking districtwide and long-term, I think Dekalb needs to address their spending of tax payer dollars and what is best for our students. I have a hard time understanding how a new school building at Dresden elementary can cost $74 million dollars but we can't fund a nurse at a school. We were told throughout the year that we couldn't have a new front desk staff until we hit 800 students. That puts our school at risk and seems like Dekalb is not prioritizing student safety. My main concern is preserving communities. Students as young as 4 years old in prek should not be on a bus for 30 minutes to get to school. I disagree with the model of mega schools. The impacts of these proposed school building closures had not been communicated well and HPM needs to take a step back and remember this is not a consulting project but actual children's lives. My priorities are the best public education for all children in Dekalb. There should not be a difference between south and north Dekalb but the core of that will be building community and not tearing apart community. We walk to school everyday and love that we have so many friends within walking distance. What matters most to me, my family, and the Ashford Park community is preserving our community. We want our special school to remain together even if it is not in the current school building.	2/25/2026 10:38 AM
1989	Having worked in a school that was closed and consolidated, I know that there will be a lot of frustration, anger and sadness expressed by the students, parents and staff of the closing schools. Be prepared. Let them have closure in their old building and make them feel welcomed in the new one.	2/25/2026 10:26 AM
1990	Yea	2/25/2026 10:21 AM
1991	I think understanding if you are planning to close school buildings, how do you plan to maintain schools with failing HVAC systems currently that still need to run for another 3 years? The	2/25/2026 10:20 AM

	expectation here is that you wouldn't be putting money into those buildings, however the students currently in those schools would be served a huge detriment of a safe learning environment for current students.	
1992	No	2/25/2026 10:13 AM
1993	None	2/25/2026 10:12 AM
1994	N/A	2/25/2026 10:10 AM
1995	None	2/25/2026 10:06 AM
1996	.	2/25/2026 10:06 AM
1997	Great	2/25/2026 10:04 AM
1998	Transportation would be a mess. Buses are already breaking down and overcrowded. The school would probably have to hire more people to monitor students too. i overly just don’t think it’s a good idea	2/25/2026 10:03 AM
1999	idk	2/25/2026 10:00 AM
2000	N/A	2/25/2026 9:59 AM
2001	I do not have anything else	2/25/2026 9:59 AM
2002	?	2/25/2026 9:56 AM
2003	I don't know	2/25/2026 9:56 AM
2004	m	2/25/2026 9:55 AM
2005	good	2/25/2026 9:46 AM
2006	good	2/25/2026 9:43 AM
2007	I think this is a complete farce of a process. I feel like underperforming schools are being targeted unfairly. I feel like the spending problem in DeKalb county is at the top and now they are trying to make our most precious resources- our students, pay the price for decades and of misappropriation of funding.	2/25/2026 9:36 AM
2008	School bands should stay traditional. Graduating gives the students a sense of accomplishment and something to look forward to when advancing to a new level of education.	2/25/2026 9:29 AM
2009	Please focus on the vast ways a school can be diverse. It is not only race - but also economic privilege. Again, healthy schools sit at the 50/50 mark or risk greatly underserving a population. Example: Huntley Hills' more economically advantaged students are not getting an adequate education, gifted services, or special education services. The school's needs are so focused on our ESOL population, leaving accelerated students to find challenging and on grade-level teaching elsewhere in tutoring, home assignments led by parents, Kumon, etc. SO MANY students in the Montessori program utilize outside services or their parents work hard to teach them at home after school hours - mostly beginning in third grade. The rigor, structure, oversight, and educational quality are less than desirable in both the Montessori and Traditional programs at Huntley Hills. And our students do not get into Kittredge at a rate that other schools do - usually only sending 3-4 students when an average of 7-10+ desperately need the service each year.	2/25/2026 9:01 AM
2010	To reiterate, I am open to Ashford Park ES being torn down, our kids being split between multiple elementary schools utilizing grade bands that aren't traditional but I am emphatic in that I want our community to remain intact and be in the same cluster through high school.	2/25/2026 8:54 AM
2011	Redistricting over 6-8 years is going to create chaos for students, the community and staff. Stability in a school community matters. The kids are going to suffer. Even if you make plans, I don't trust Dekalb to follow through with those plans or do them correctly. I assume any plans that Dekalb makes will change, not happen or be delayed. We had a ground breaking in our community for a new school that was never built. When we moved to the community there were plans to expand our high school and then those plans also disappeared. How is this going to be any different? The rollout is already a mess. How do you announce potential schools you want to close without explaining to the community where those kids are going to go when you close the school and how it might work. Do better.	2/25/2026 8:38 AM

2012	To put all kids is not good k-8 is not good kids can bullied those are babies not to mention when they get on bus. I rather homeschool my children but I allow that to happen	2/25/2026 8:02 AM
2013	It is really interesting that the entire line for the Stoneview-Lithonia MS-Lithonia HS would be closed. I guess that just means the student population in this specific area has declined significantly. It is hard to have an opinion on what should happen when I don't have any information about where students currently attending would be shuffled though. I understand why Evansdale would be closed since Pleasantdale got their new school and has never met capacity but Evansdale has a ton of trailers. But I'm not as sure with closing the Stoneview line where those students will go.	2/25/2026 6:30 AM
2014	Clear comparisons between scenarios would be helpful, including academic, community, transportation, and facilities impacts. Providing both short-term and long-term projections would also help families evaluate sustainability	2/25/2026 5:00 AM
2015	Stop panicking. Stop hiring superintendents that steal from the schools. Stop being so damn short-sighted and making decisions based your fear of your past poor decisions. Stop hiring ineffective Principals and APs. Stop wasting money on Admin. Have more town halls. Let teachers teach instead of doing all kinds of stupid irrelevant paperwork, just so admin. can check off some box. Go back to the way Thurman use to run this place. Less Horton, more Thurman. Also, the School Board needs to resign since they were the ones that brought Horton here knowing full well he was under investigation in Illinois. What the hell?	2/25/2026 3:42 AM
2016	I don’t love the idea of combining 6-12th grade. As mentioned above, it is nearly impossible to provide useful feedback on a physical building without considering the school’s community, programming, performance, traffic patterns, surrounding neighborhoods and more. To do so will only further weaken the trust parents and community members already have in DCSD. Additionally, our school (Brockett) has spent thousands of taxpayer dollars pursuing an IB designation. It is my understanding from a source at DCSD (not a school employee) that our finalized application is awaiting Dr. Sauce’s signature. The SAP committee acknowledged that they were unaware that IB programs cannot physically move locations until after it was announced both Midvale and Brockett were on the list. I have concerns that the superintendent will purposefully delay signing the school’s application in order to clear the way for Brockett to close. This would be extremely disappointing as a parent who has worked along side the school to support this effort. These are the exact types of programs the District needs to be pursuing to attract more families to the community. Furthermore it sends a clear message to the school’s staff that all of their time and efforts were in vain.	2/25/2026 12:04 AM
2017	Remaining consistent with other schools in the area and across the country is important because it provides stability and predictability for students and families. When grade bands align with common models, transitions between schools are smoother, especially for families who move, and academic, social, and extracurricular programming can be structured around widely recognized developmental stages. Consistency also supports alignment in curriculum standards, staffing models, and resource planning, helping ensure students receive comparable opportunities and are not unintentionally disadvantaged by a nonstandard structure.	2/24/2026 11:31 PM
2018	no.	2/24/2026 11:21 PM
2019	Why wreck the highest performing elementary school in the county. Seems like this is financially motivated and does not take what's best for the children into consideration at all.	2/24/2026 11:21 PM
2020	It will be important to the residents of Dekalb County to see the results of this survey in both qualitative and quantitative data. The expectation is that the board will not draw independent conclusions without being able to cite the data gathered in this study. Dekalb County has a consistent history of failed leadership, including at DCSD, which has put the residents in this position we are in today. Integrity and transparency are key to maintaining any level of public trust as this process moves along.	2/24/2026 11:09 PM
2021	I strongly oppose any scenario that would close Vanderlyn Elementary School. Vanderlyn was the top-performing elementary school in the county last year and has consistently been one of the highest-performing schools for many years. It is well-enrolled and supported by families. Closing a school with sustained academic success does not align with strengthening the district. High-performing schools should be protected and used as models for best practices, not eliminated. Any future scenarios should prioritize: • Preserving academically successful schools • Maintaining stability for elementary students • Providing clear data on long-term	2/24/2026 10:27 PM

	financial and academic impacts Decisions of this magnitude should reinforce what is working in the district, not dismantle it.	
2022	We want smaller schools with more diverse curriculum options. Reduce the dependence on technology and focus on real hands on learning with far more outdoor time.	2/24/2026 10:21 PM
2023	Please put Vanderlyn students into Austin especially neighborhoods that are already partially zoned for Austin.	2/24/2026 10:07 PM
2024	We call for better representation for Dunwoody residents and awareness of how the proposed change will negatively affect our lives and livelihoods.	2/24/2026 9:51 PM
2025	More transparency around modeling assumptions would be helpful in the next round. Specifically, showing projected enrollment, building utilization, and student distribution across the full cluster for each scenario would help families understand tradeoffs and long-term impacts.	2/24/2026 9:22 PM
2026	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	2/24/2026 9:09 PM
2027	I work in accounting so spend a lot of time looking at budgets and spreadsheets so to me I just struggle to understand the math of closing so many schools and displacing teachers and building new and larger schools. Hawthorne would definitely need to be much larger to accommodate students from Henderson etc. I would want to see some numbers that make it make sense and show how this benefits current Dekalb employees and students.	2/24/2026 8:58 PM
2028	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	2/24/2026 8:54 PM
2029	The published data is very clear at that mega elementary Schools and excessive 500 is bad for student academics, absenteeism, happiness at school, etc. It’s especially harmful to kids already at risk like sped students. following this risks enrollment declining farther as people flee the system	2/24/2026 8:28 PM
2030	This is going to create job loss, travel time increases for transportation where we are lacking bus drivers, and over crowded schools	2/24/2026 8:23 PM
2031	I understand and support the need to address overcrowding at Dunwoody High School. I recognize that Vanderlyn’s proximity to the high school places our campus within a broader facilities planning conversation. I also recognize that the district has framed SAP around enrollment trends and utilization. Any proposal should clearly demonstrate how those metrics are being applied at the cluster level. The combined Vanderlyn and Dunwoody High School campus presents an opportunity to explore thoughtful, phased solutions that address secondary capacity while preserving elementary access. The current proposal lists Vanderlyn for closure but does not outline receiving school enrollment after reassignment, class size projections, transportation impacts, or feeder pattern implications. This modeling should be shared before any closure decision is made. Vanderlyn is a diverse, academically strong, and inclusive community. Preserving stable elementary environments while solving high school challenges aligns with district priorities. I would welcome collaboration between district leaders and both school communities to explore campus-level solutions that address high school capacity while preserving the Vanderlyn community.	2/24/2026 8:17 PM
2032	Much more listening and sharing of information needs to happen. I hope you are also considering "grandfathering" especially for Junior & Senior High School students.	2/24/2026 8:00 PM
2033	In addition to SAP, I think it is way past time for the district to trim down the number of positions at the district offices. Too many people with vague job titles making 6-figures while at one of my local schools, there is one PE teacher with 50 students at one time with no paraprofessional. This is a serious liability.	2/24/2026 7:23 PM
2034	No decision should be made solely focused on "the buildings"	2/24/2026 6:56 PM
2035	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size	2/24/2026 6:48 PM

	impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	
2036	This sounds like shifting the money to somewhere else other than to the betterment of the child education. More busses , and drivers will be needed, bus schedules making kids leave leave home earlier, also getting home later. This is a mess	2/24/2026 6:29 PM
2037	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	2/24/2026 6:01 PM
2038	Will this band revitalize the arts, provide more aides for children w/learning disabilities?	2/24/2026 5:44 PM
2039	If enrollment rates and sustainability are truly the issue then I recommend rolling back to school models that were in place before all of the extra middle schools, etc. were built to address what at the time was a population boom (i.e. early 1990s)	2/24/2026 5:12 PM
2040	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	2/24/2026 4:41 PM
2041	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	2/24/2026 4:34 PM
2042	Please don't mess with the magnet programs! I know it wasn't mentioned here, but different programs offered through dual language, high achieving magnets, IB and montissouri are the best thing DeKalb schools have going for them. Whatever changes made, please protect those options for all students.	2/24/2026 4:07 PM
2043	I know everyone is looking at money, but we will be failing kids even more, if we have overcrowded classroom. 30 students in a classroom is totally unacceptable. Research had shown that smaller class sizes work better than large class sizes.	2/24/2026 4:01 PM
2044	More information should be provided to parents to help understand what would happen in their specific districts. The lack of information is causing a lot of distress and panic. The potential redistricted zones should be provided to the public.	2/24/2026 3:53 PM
2045	I'll be attending the meeting on Thursday, as will many of our other families and we hope to hear more information about actual plans beyond just consolidating school. We keep hearing that these are just initial scenarios and its the start of a conversation, but I have not seen any clear and defined information about where we would be consolidated into, whether our school would be split between two other schools, etc. I've provided my reasons for being opposed to the closure of our local school in general, but more specifically, HMES is the FIRST STEM/STEAM elementary school in Georgia. We have a very special curriculum that helps reinforce lessons through PBL and through programs like the Alliance Theatre. This is a very special school with a very special education style that I believe is truly innovative. I can see how much my son is learning and I do not want that to change for my daughter when she attends elementary school. The HMES teachers and admin are like none I've met before and what this school does is unlike any of our surrounding schools. The thought of closing HMES down is absolutely devastating to our school community.	2/24/2026 3:44 PM
2046	More transparency around modeling assumptions would be helpful in the next round. Specifically, showing projected enrollment, building utilization, and student distribution across the full cluster for each scenario would help families understand tradeoffs and long-term impacts.	2/24/2026 3:37 PM
2047	The main focus should be our students well being and success. The new plan will increase absences , bullying and overall difficulties	2/24/2026 3:28 PM
2048	Seems like resources can be pooled/shared among neighboring schools (that already exist and thrive) without having to spend the money on mega schools that require the youngest kids to leave their neighborhood environment and become nothing but a number in a huge school full of strangers.	2/24/2026 3:24 PM
2049	Parent involvement is best in the local neighborhood elementary schools.	2/24/2026 3:22 PM

2050	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	2/24/2026 3:15 PM
2051	I support addressing overcrowding at Dunwoody High School and want strong long-term facilities planning across the cluster. Since SAP is framed around enrollment trends and utilization, I would like to better understand how closing a highly utilized elementary school aligns with those metrics at the cluster level. Before any closure decision, it would be helpful to see detailed reassignment modeling, receiving school capacity, class size projections, transportation impacts, and feeder pattern implications.	2/24/2026 3:04 PM
2052	I do think more k-8 schools are a good option to consider. It gives families more time in a specific school to get invested in the community.	2/24/2026 2:29 PM
2053	More transparency around modeling assumptions would be helpful in the next round. Specifically, showing projected enrollment, building utilization, and student distribution across the full cluster for each scenario would help families understand tradeoffs and long-term impacts.	2/24/2026 2:25 PM
2054	The other thing I want to see addressed are programs like Kittredge, to reenter our traditional schools. Those kids leaving our area neighborhood schools have hurt our enrollment for years, and I feel parents only do it to avoid the "big scary" middle school, or for status alone. These "gifted" needs CAN and should be addressed within a child's home school. Remove that option, or put it back inside the community neighborhood schools, and that consolidates a lot of our resources rather than spreading them thin. I would also like to see language programs be added if our schools grow in size, giving us the potential for an allotment of staff who can teach a foreign language as a special, like many APS schools do. Again, if you offer a language, many wouldn't leave to go to charter programs in other buildings, leaving our neighborhood schools to see attrition for foreign language programming. Thank you for the work you all are doing, I think you are on the right track. Folks don't love change, but right now many may not see how change could bring more programming, better staff, and better facilities, if done right.	2/24/2026 2:21 PM
2055	Must know where the kids from the closing schools will be re-zoned to.	2/24/2026 2:19 PM
2056	I understand that there is underutilized school capacity. This plan seems more like a plan to close small neighborhood schools like Evansdale and Henderson Mill than a plan to right size schools to demand in the local area. I am against it. Furthermore, grade basing across such a large age range is a terrible idea. A kindergarten student doesn’t need to share a school with an 8th grader, and nor does a 6th grader need to share with a high school senior. Both the banding and facilities plans seem to be more about saving money and less about good educational outcomes.	2/24/2026 2:16 PM
2057	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	2/24/2026 2:08 PM
2058	Smaller classes, smaller grade level, smaller schools	2/24/2026 1:55 PM
2059	Please include detailed cluster-level data in the next round of scenarios, including reassignment outcomes, receiving school enrollment and capacity projections, class size impacts, transportation analysis, and feeder pattern effects. It would also be helpful to see how each scenario aligns with stated SAP drivers like enrollment trends and utilization.	2/24/2026 1:43 PM
2060	Any idea on when special programs will be discussed also can we offer transportation for theme schools like Kittredge and Wadsworth. And not just "satellite" stops that seem to still be more convenient for N. DeKalb. They deserve a bus to pick them up as well for being star students. Why punish parents with smart kids that can't afford to move into million dollar homes to get better education	2/24/2026 1:01 PM
2061	Do not send Evandale to Pleasantdale and please do not shift Evandale to feed into Tucker. We would leave DCDS as I'm sure many would. We bought our homes in this space for Evandale + Lakeside.	2/24/2026 12:53 PM
2062	In Dunwoody, Dunwoody High School seems over capacitated and could move 9th and maybe 10th grade to Vanderlyn due to proximity. Kingsley Elementary could also be repurposed to	2/24/2026 12:46 PM

	hold all Pre-K and Kindergarten in Dunwoody, which would relieve some room in the other elementary schools.	
2063	I think as parents of a closing school we need to either have a say in where our child goes or greater visibility into where our family would land after these changes. We moved into the area for a great elementary education, and whether we end up with Dunwoody ES or Austin ES vs a Chestnut which has a lower rating. Now we are forced to ask will our children be in trailers for their ES education, will it be filled with a constant change leading to worse education outcomes, etc.	2/24/2026 12:38 PM
2064	For the Dunwoody cluster, I believe the cluster would benefit most from the traditional PK-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 model, because it keeps elementary schools like Vanderlyn Elementary together as a unified PreK–5 school rather than splitting younger and older elementary students into different buildings. Keeping a unified elementary school supports continuity, strong relationships, and fewer unnecessary transitions for young children.	2/24/2026 12:05 PM
2065	In my experience as a teacher (3rd-12th) I like the identity formation involved with the Pk-5/6-8/9-12. However I could understand the need to do a PK-3/4-5/6-8/9-12 model to manage a larger elementary population.	2/24/2026 12:03 PM
2066	We bought our house to be in this school district. There should be some school choice options if your school is closing.	2/24/2026 11:55 AM
2067	As the district refines the next round of scenarios, I strongly encourage a phased and gradual implementation approach rather than large, immediate structural shifts. Incremental adjustments allow the district to address enrollment and utilization challenges while minimizing disruption to established school communities. Gradual change builds trust, creates space to evaluate outcomes, and allows for thoughtful course correction over time. Importantly, families should be given meaningful choices wherever possible. Options such as grandfathering, voluntary transfers, sibling alignment, and clear transition pathways help reduce anxiety and preserve continuity. When families feel empowered rather than forced, the district can move forward in a way that strengthens long-term confidence and stability.	2/24/2026 11:50 AM
2068	At this unusual time solidarity and unity is a most. We all have to sacrifice a little so we can balance everything out. In the benefit of our children.	2/24/2026 11:35 AM
2069	Stand your ground. Make the hard choices. You might get voted out, but these closures need to happen to help the district move forward. We need to stop wasting money on empty buildings & start investing money on students.	2/24/2026 11:32 AM
2070	I don't know	2/24/2026 11:27 AM
2071	The announcement and rollout of these scenarios has been poorly managed. It was announced the week before I'm concerned about the data used to make decisions, as our schools was incorrect. Including our school on the potential closures has already been detrimental to our school, which otherwise has an excellent reputation, high occupancy, and excellent academic outcomes.	2/24/2026 11:24 AM
2072	What worries me also is that many families in my neighborhood would send kids to private school rather than send their kids to another DeKalb elementary school, further reducing our county's student population. I am a DeKalb teacher also at another school.	2/24/2026 11:15 AM
2073	Why not make schools K-8 and leave the high schools.	2/24/2026 11:01 AM
2074	Sharing that data without also sharing how dcsd will change curriculum or reduce district overhead is appalling.	2/24/2026 10:44 AM
2075	Just the best fit to support our community	2/24/2026 9:52 AM
2076	If Kingsley Elementary is not closing immediately, what is the district’s plan to ensure students have safe, fully functional learning environments, including reliable HVAC? Why was the previously approved HVAC renovation paused, and why were families not directly informed before this decision was made? How will the district provide proactive and timely communication when building conditions or student routines are impacted? What transparent academic outcome data is being used to support proposed school consolidation decisions? What verified financial projections, timelines, and measurable savings justify consolidation, and how will those figures be publicly shared? What administrative or consultant cost savings have already been realized, and why are neighborhood school closures being considered before those efficiencies are demonstrated? How does the district plan to avoid leaving	2/24/2026 9:13 AM

	students in operational limbo while long-term facility and assignment decisions remain unresolved? How are community impacts — including student travel time, neighborhood stability, and family disruption — being weighed alongside cost efficiency?	
2077	Many families like mine move to Dekalb county for the schools. Even announcing closure of so many schools may hurt our school system for years to come as families including mine see the focus in school closures instead of on fixing overcrowding and reliance on old trailers. I think if schools need to be closed, it should be 5 or fewer in the districts with the lowest enrollment. Then reevaluate in 5 years. If additional schools are going to be repurposed, the parents/taxpayers/community deserve an explanation for how this will benefit the children of Dekalb county. Is the repurposing to decrease overcrowding at other schools, decrease reliance on trailers?	2/24/2026 9:07 AM
2078	As far as changes are concerned, I would like to see more theme schools for the middle and high school levels. To have so many theme elementary schools but only 1 theme middle and high school seems quite ridiculous. I think that there are many more students that could benefit from the theme school environment but are loosing out because of lack of availability.	2/24/2026 8:24 AM
2079	Because students are transient, it would be helpful to have similar grade bands across the district.	2/24/2026 7:54 AM
2080	Please consider demographics and how this affects neighborhoods who struggling with their youth and those which are thriving	2/23/2026 10:35 PM
2081	This needs to be address: critical structural and fiscal failures within our district. Currently, our school configurations and administrative priorities do not reflect the safety needs or economic realities of 2026. Student Safety and Developmental Realignment We propose a standardized Pre-K–5, 6–8, and 9–12 model with a stair-stepped bell schedule (prioritizing a later start for high school). In the current social climate, the intermixing of "Junior High" students with high schoolers is a safety liability. Younger adolescents should not be exposed to the social pressures and potential contraband issues associated with older students. Furthermore, by reducing class sizes, we can provide the supervision necessary to mitigate the "unwanted attention" and bullying fueled by social media, creating a focused sanctuary for learning. Economic Health and Administrative Accountability Beyond the classroom, the district's management of assets and funding is directly harming our community's economic growth. Empty school buildings have become blighted anchors that lower local property values and represent a significant loss of potential jobs. While these facilities sit idle, taxpayer funding is being "lost" to an over-bloated administrative hierarchy. We are concerned that top-tier staff are overcompensated while classroom resources dwindle. This reflects a failure in the vetting process for district leadership, including the last Superintendent, who must be held accountable for the lack of transparency in fund accounting and the failure to revitalize community assets. Proposed Forensic Audit Questions To ensure transparency, Administrative vs. Instructional Spending 1. What is the exact ratio of central office administrative salaries compared to classroom teacher salaries over the last five fiscal years? 2. How many new "non-instructional" management positions have been created in the last 36 months, and what is the total compensation package for each? 3. Can the district provide a breakdown of "unaccounted" or "miscellaneous" line items in the current budget exceeding $10,000? Asset Management & Economic Impact 1. What is the total annual cost (insurance, security, maintenance) to maintain vacant school buildings? 2. What specific "Highest and Best Use" studies have been conducted to prevent these buildings from devaluing the surrounding neighborhood property taxes? 3. How many local support jobs (custodial, cafeteria, clerical) were eliminated during the last school closure, and were those funds redirected to the classroom or to the central office? Leadership & Vetting 1. What third-party agency performed the background and fiscal-history vetting for the current Superintendent? 2. Does the Superintendent's contract include performance-based clawbacks if enrollment continues to drop or if audit discrepancies are found? 3. Why is there no public-facing portal that tracks real-time spending of state and federal grants to ensure they reach the specific students for whom they were intended?	2/23/2026 10:32 PM
2082	I'd be ok moving from PK-3 and then to a 4-6 cluster. Honestly I don't favor a K-8 approach, and I definitely don't favor a 6-12 approach. As someone who has taught 7th grade, I think that 6-8 grade is a tough age for kids socially and with puberty, and putting them with kids significantly older or younger than them is challenging.	2/23/2026 10:29 PM
2083	I believe the school zoning boundaries should be reevaluated. I understand that Ashford Park Elementary is currently over capacity; however, rezoning seems like a more effective solution because it would preserve much of the parental involvement and strong sense of community	2/23/2026 8:34 PM

	that define Ashford Park. Those two factors are key drivers of a high-performing school. If the school were closed, that community foundation would likely be lost, and I don't believe simply redistributing students would automatically recreate it at lower-performing elementary schools.	
2084	I think school zoning lines should be revisited. I realized Ashford park elementary is over capacity; however, I think reasoning is a better solution, as you would still maintain the majority of parental involvement and community at Ashford Park. These two qualities are what create high performing schools. You would likely lose that if you close the school. I don't believe you would gain it at the lower performing elementary schools.	2/23/2026 8:31 PM
2085	Due to poor superintendent behavior and responses to violence--like the substitute teacher that was beaten--I am also considering pulling my kids out of DCSD as they enter middle school. School violence, poor administration, and poor performance is the main reasons for my considerations.	2/23/2026 7:08 PM
2086	School closures negatively impact property values for ALL taxpayers in the zone. Mega schools do not benefit children and limit access to education and resources. Student population in the Oak Grove cluster continues to grow. The Oak Grove cluster continues to deliver the highest academic excellence in Dekalb. There is no data that supports closing or consolidating the schools that would benefit students or tax payers. The Board must vote no.	2/23/2026 6:54 PM
2087	More transparency around modeling assumptions would be helpful in the next round. Specifically, showing projected enrollment, building utilization, and student distribution across the full cluster for each scenario would help families understand tradeoffs and long-term impacts.	2/23/2026 6:08 PM
2088	Please keep successful, cost effective magnet programs open with continued availability across all of Dekalb.	2/23/2026 5:48 PM
2089	I think that the school times need to be adjusted as well. K-8 8:15-3:15 9-12 7:15-2:15	2/23/2026 5:29 PM
2090	Please provide cluster-level data in the next scenarios, covering reassignment results, school enrollment and capacity projections, class sizes, transportation, feeder patterns, and alignment with SAP drivers such as enrollment trends and utilization.	2/23/2026 4:39 PM
2091	Again, please acknowledge, if it's all about the students then consider combing same level schools of small populations and the staff. Those with larger populations than other schools rezone those areas to balance out the students at those schools. Thank you for listening!	2/23/2026 3:54 PM
2092	In addition to my previous comments, I respectfully ask the district to prioritize stability for currently enrolled students when considering any boundary or grade band adjustments. Children thrive with consistency. Frequent or significant transitions can disrupt academic momentum, peer relationships, and emotional well-being. If changes must be implemented, I strongly encourage the district to provide grandfathering options that allow current students to remain at their existing schools through the highest grade offered. This approach would balance long-term planning with compassion and consideration for families who are already established in their school communities. Clear communication, adequate transition time, and minimizing the number of school moves a child experiences should remain central to any final decision. Student success is not only measured by efficiency or facility usage, but by stability, belonging, and continuity of support. Thank you for engaging families in this process and for considering the long-term impact on children.	2/23/2026 3:45 PM
2093	Ashford Park, as a neighborhood cluster, is a uniquely tight knit community with many families able to walk to school, and friendships formed with neighbors. It would benefit the community to keep this school open to maintain the walkability for families, as well keeping students together with friends.	2/23/2026 3:31 PM
2094	Don't collapse school choice programs! These are beneficial to our scholars. They cannot be adequately serviced at neighborhood schools.	2/23/2026 2:46 PM
2095	Fire from within your HQ. Stop going to the schools looking for the cuts hurting the kids. Get rid of Executive directors, Directors sucking the system of all the money. Get rid of all the nepotism and that exists. Lots of fakers making dumb decisions. Like having a SNOW DAY that was not an Digital Learning Day. Stupidity constantly shows itself in the Highest offices of Dekalb Schools. Keep DR. Sauce and don't you dare have another Nationwide search for a Super-Intendent.	2/23/2026 2:40 PM
2096	It would be nice to have a little more info about where the students from the schools being	2/23/2026 2:36 PM

	consolidated will end up going. For example, "Vanderlyn will close and students will be sent to x and y schools instead."	
2097	In the districts with lower numbers of enrollment, there really needs to be a reason as to why that is. Are there simply not enough kids living in those districts? Are kids doing home school? Private school? Why is enrollment lower? Is there an opportunity for bilingual schools anywhere? This is absolutely needed in our communities. Are there incentives for sending kids to public schools for working parents such as before and or after care at either a free or reduced rate? I cannot accept the “enrollment numbers are low so we have to reassess” excuse. There’s a reason the numbers are low. Let’s fix the reason.	2/23/2026 2:33 PM
2098	PK-3 is a financial burden on stakeholders. Until fully funded by the state, PK-3 should be eliminated. Plus, research shows that achievement gains are lost by 3rd grade. Focus on K-12, please. If DCSD is committed to PK-3, enrollment should be given to children of student-facing staff only (bus drivers, food service, teachers, paras, clerks, custodians, media specialists, counselors, social workers, and local school administrators - not central office staff and BOE members) to help retain quality staff in DCSD.	2/23/2026 2:08 PM
2099	What will happen to the school buildings when they are closed? I suggest creating a school specifically for Pre-K to Pre-4.	2/23/2026 1:45 PM
2100	None at this time.	2/23/2026 1:35 PM
2101	Heavy impact on Lakeside and Tucker schools not justified by empty seats. Consider adding 6th graders to improve operating capacity at elementary schools instead of closing them. Middle schools would benefit from more contained programs/schools in schools from parents wary of middle schools who send their kids to private to avoid and then return for Lakeside.	2/23/2026 1:25 PM
2102	My children attended Obama, we loved the school! The school was too small for the number of kids that attended. The class sizes were 30+ and the facility could not accommodate the parents for events as well.	2/23/2026 1:20 PM
2103	Parents need enough lead time if their clusters will change to move out of the DeKalb county school district. 2 years minimum.	2/23/2026 12:59 PM
2104	Combine one or two schools, update / upgrade the buildings, then move them to the updated school, do the same thing with a few schools at the same time. Don't close 27 schools at once - take your time, do it right! Provide the magnet and charter schools updated buildings - they NEED AND DESERVE THEM! STOP TREATING CHARTER AND MAGNET SCHOOLS LIKE THEY DON'T MATTER!	2/23/2026 12:53 PM
2105	I am a product of DeKalb. I have witnessed the decline in academics and social emotional behaviors since that reformation. Initially, there were no middle schools in South DeKalb. Elementary was K-7th and high school was 8-12th. I believe that keeping K-7th together, reduces early exposure to teenage social pressures and limits disruptive school transitions. I believe that their would also be more parent involvement because middle school is usually where parent involvement declines.	2/23/2026 12:24 PM
2106	N/A	2/23/2026 12:15 PM
2107	Please leave the Pre-K-5th grade or the 6th grade. Please ! Do not group middle school and highschool you will see a rise in assault whether it’s sexual or physical. Please! Do not let Norman Sauce ruin our kids !	2/23/2026 12:09 PM
2108	A PK–5 and 6–12 cluster balances child development needs with resource efficiency and expanded opportunities. It protects early learning environments while building a stronger, more coherent pathway to graduation.	2/23/2026 12:06 PM
2109	Please do not overlook social developmental stages. It is at least as important as academics. Keep 6-8 away from 9-12. I do love the ideas of opening more facilities that specialize - it is so important that kids feel 'at home' and with those who understand them.	2/23/2026 12:00 PM
2110	Prioritize Academic Continuity Maintain stable grade bands in clusters where students are thriving academically. Avoid unnecessary transitions between schools, especially for grades 5–6 and 8–9, to support student achievement and social-emotional well-being. Consider Facility Capacity and Growth Use current enrollment and projected growth data to ensure schools are not overcrowded or underutilized. Cedar Grove Middle, in particular, has capacity for continued enrollment and should remain a 6–8 school to preserve middle school programs. Support Specialized Programs Preserve schools that offer unique programs (STEM, gifted,	2/23/2026 11:54 AM

	career pathways, special education services) without forcing relocations that could disrupt participation.	
2111	The funds need to go to schools with more students rather then schools that have low enrollments.	2/23/2026 11:47 AM
2112	Our kids have been through alot...not just mine personally but my kids friends and peers it could be the last straw for some kids I think the focus needs to be on getting facilities and teachers more money really	2/23/2026 11:45 AM
2113	Consider how and when the scenarios are being delivered. Record all meetings, so all stakeholders have an opportunity to listen to feedback so the process remains transparent.	2/23/2026 11:40 AM
2114	Please leave these schools alone. This is going to make it much harder for the children than it already is. The school on the proposed list are primarily schools located in African American neighborhoods making those schools primarily African American. Forcing children out of school and crowding them into other schools no only delays them educationally it ensures that the few resources that were once available to those children become no longer available to them. It will cause a strain on students and families caring for these students. Leave the schools alone.	2/23/2026 11:39 AM
2115	This is a tough problem to solve, and no answer will ever make all stakeholders happy. There will always be a group of people who are not on board. However, I trust Dr. Sauce to use his good judgment to navigate these waters. I hope those around him will also have the students' best interests in mind.	2/23/2026 11:36 AM
2116	As you develop the next round of scenarios, I encourage a closer review of the geographic distribution of schools being identified. At present, a disproportionately high number appear to be concentrated in the southern end of the district compared to the northern end. This imbalance raises concerns about equity and regional impact. Future scenarios should more carefully evaluate and balance these impacts to ensure that no single area of the district is disproportionately affected.	2/23/2026 10:31 AM
2117	Scenario 1 calls for closing 27 elementary schools, a number far beyond the previously suggested range of 4–16. Including Oak Grove in that group is not justified by the data. The school already exceeds the district's target utilization level, standing at 89% today and projected to reach 96% next year. Enrollment has climbed for four consecutive years, academic performance is among the best in the review group, and closing the school would force major capacity and boundary adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake. Eliminating schools that are already full—or nearly full—does not solve the district's capacity problem. It simply redistributes students, often creating new overcrowding issues. If the objective is to meaningfully address underutilization, the focus should be on schools operating below 70%, where consolidation can actually improve efficiency without requiring costly expansions elsewhere. Before moving forward with any closures in this cluster, the community deserves clarity on several key points: -Have the district's projections incorporated the major residential and employment growth occurring between 2024 and 2026? -Are outdated pandemic-era data points still driving regression models in ways that underestimate recent growth? -What utilization levels are expected for Oak Grove in 2028 and 2030? -How do the long-term capital costs compare between keeping Oak Grove open versus expanding nearby schools to take its students? A thoughtful, data-centered approach that prioritizes areas with true, long-term underutilization would better support the district's financial and strategic goals. In this fast-growing corridor, decisions must be made carefully to ensure the district does not remove capacity precisely where future demand is most likely to increase.	2/23/2026 10:23 AM
2118	Scenario 1 proposes closing 27 elementary schools, far exceeding the earlier stated range of 4–16. Oak Grove should not be included in that list. The school already surpasses the district's utilization goal, operating at 89% today and projected to reach 96% next year. It has experienced four straight years of enrollment growth, ranks among the strongest schools academically, and its closure would require substantial capacity adjustments at both Sagamore Hills and Briarlake. Closing schools that are already near or above the utilization target does not resolve the district's excess-capacity issue. Instead, it shifts students around without meaningfully reducing unused seats. If the goal is to close the utilization gap, the district should focus on schools operating below 70% utilization—locations where consolidation would genuinely improve efficiency without necessitating new capital spending. Before any decision is made in this cluster, several important questions need to be addressed: -Have the 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline been factored into updated enrollment projections? -Is the forecasting model still weighted toward pandemic-era regression data that	2/23/2026 10:14 AM

	no longer reflects current growth? -What does Oak Grove's projected utilization look like in 2028 and 2030? -How do the costs of maintaining Oak Grove compare to the costs of expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake to absorb its students? A careful, data-driven, phased approach—centered on the areas with the greatest underutilization—would better support long-term planning and fiscal responsibility. Decisions in this rapidly growing corridor must be sequenced thoughtfully to avoid eliminating capacity that will be needed as major regional development continues.	
2119	Clear comparisons between scenarios would be helpful, including academic, community, transportation, and facilities impacts. Providing both short-term and long-term projections would also help families evaluate sustainability.	2/23/2026 9:56 AM
2120	thanks for the hard work on this issue, the atlanta area is still growing, if we focus on quality at a number of Dekalb schools, families will repopulate more our area	2/23/2026 9:02 AM
2121	Just a comment on how this information was shared - before publicizing to the community the DCSD staff should have been notified. Not via email. Nothing too complicated. A Teams meeting for all staff to join and then Principals leading their staff in understanding the situation. The closing and retooling the district is a face-to-face conversation with those who serve and are dedicated to educating our students.	2/23/2026 9:02 AM
2122	Keep Vanderlyn off your list of closures!!!!!!!!	2/23/2026 8:54 AM
2123	How much money has gone into tech use and what are the metrics to show the benefits of utilizing technology in school? I would venture to say that is one of the most ineffective and expensive cost that should be reduced or eliminated. Revamp the current buildings and update to outdoor classrooms so students can be outside more. Also revamp playgrounds and invest in community officers and hold parents accountable as well as administrators when students and or staff/teachers are engaged in misconduct of any kind that is a threat to classroom . Use resources readily available to fund the needs of the classroom as opposed to teachers at times having to pay for supplies themselves particularly in lower grades.	2/23/2026 8:44 AM
2124	I believe by keeping the 6th graders in the elementary schools you not only help keeps the seats filled but you also don't overcrowd the middle schools.	2/23/2026 8:35 AM
2125	If the grade band scenario affects PreK-5 grade level transitions only, then I believe they can be different based on needs or preference. If the grade band scenario breaks from traditional for grades 6-8/9-12 then they all need to be the same.	2/23/2026 8:34 AM
2126	We love Kittredge but it is difficult to have a school that is only three grade levels. 4th-8th like Wadsworth would be more ideal.	2/23/2026 7:54 AM
2127	I think that the students who are already enrolled need to be able to complete their respective schools. I think that there shouldn't be new enrollments in schools that are closing	2/23/2026 12:19 AM
2128	The statement of their not being enough children to fill the classrooms is unwavering. DeKalb county is a growing community that will continuously have a rise and fall within population. Eliminating schools and potential grade band scenarios is not preparing for the future of influxes that will come due to gentrification pushing people out of the metro city and into these neighborhoods.	2/22/2026 11:10 PM
2129	Por favor hagan lo posible para que la escuela se limpie al 100 por ciento para que tenga mejor presentación y de igual manera tener personal de limpieza para que se encargue de limpiar los baños como tiene que ser, ya que siempre están sucios y descuidados. Gracias.	2/22/2026 10:34 PM
2130	Stop making changes based on knee-jerk reactions. Close a school for a year so it can be renovated, but make any closure temporary so it can be utilized for a variety of purposes. Having just two gifted schools for an entire county is insufficient.	2/22/2026 9:08 PM
2131	I'd like to provide additional feedback to inform the next round of scenarios by emphasizing just how exceptional Henderson Mill Elementary School is as an educational institution and community anchor. Henderson Mill isn't just another elementary school it has a distinguished history of innovation and academic excellence. In 2012, the school became the first Pre-K through 5th grade school in the State of Georgia to earn STEM certification from the Georgia Department of Education, reflecting a deep commitment to science, technology, engineering, and math education. Building on that foundation, Henderson Mill continued to expand its approach to learning; in 2017, it was formally recognized as the first STEAM-certified elementary school in Georgia, integrating the arts into its rigorous interdisciplinary STEAM	2/22/2026 8:53 PM

	curriculum. This status isn't just symbolic it signals a culture of project-based, experiential learning where students engage in real-world problem solving through hands-on STEAM activities, from engineering design challenges and environmental learning gardens to media production and collaborative investigations that prepare them for future careers. Moreover, Henderson Mill's program has drawn educators and visitors from across the state as a model for how to successfully integrate STEAM into daily instruction and build meaningful community/business partnerships that enrich students' learning experiences. Given its distinctive role as a statewide leader in innovative learning, I strongly believe that any next round of planning should fully consider the value Henderson Mill brings not just to its own students and families, but as a beacon of best practices in elementary STEAM education.	
2132	Based on maturity levels, it's best to keep the traditional separations of grades. My suggestion is to just close schools that either are under performing or don't have the headcount necessary to justify staying open for that community. Any other scenario would cause taxes to increase on homeowners who did not receive exemptions that older homeowners do.	2/22/2026 8:14 PM
2133	I know this is going to be a hard decision all around.	2/22/2026 7:28 PM
2134	We need to get a permanent Superintendent in office. We also need to stop hiring based on race and start hiring based on competence.	2/22/2026 5:53 PM
2135	Please look beyond facility age and cost and look more at which schools have received previous renovations and infrastructure. Has the county been fair to communities that are OTP, diverse communities, and up and coming communities? Many in the Brockett area have paid taxes for others to benefit. However, Brockett has a higher education score, more land, and easier traffic flow; no crossing a four lane road nor stop lights on the road. Children are able to use a sidewalk to school unlike other school not included on the closure list.	2/22/2026 5:49 PM
2136	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	2/22/2026 5:40 PM
2137	The parents in this community have put so much time and love into making oak grove the school it is today. There is so much research supporting student learning in small elementary schools. Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment	2/22/2026 5:40 PM
2138	I have a child on the spectrum with amazing resources at Austin. It would be highly concerning if the changes impacted the special needs sector. Peachtree Middle may improve with some	2/22/2026 4:02 PM

	much needed changes in leadership and possible facilities changes.	
2139	Austin Elementary has the capacity to be elementary through middle school with our children then going to Dunwoody High School. As long as the kids can still participate in middle school sports I think this is such a good idea!	2/22/2026 3:55 PM
2140	Quarterly updates would be nice.	2/22/2026 3:52 PM
2141	I think Midvale and Henderson Mill are perfectly situated to be school partners. Midvale Elementary School could be a PK-2 elementary school, while Henderson Mill Elementary School becomes a 3-5 grade ban elementary school.	2/22/2026 3:17 PM
2142	N/A	2/22/2026 2:43 PM
2143	Again, why are we looking to close facilities and create more overcrowding in classrooms before we look at the over inflated salaries of the board of education that are not earning them? Yet again, the people at the top are siphoning the majority of the funds and then telling those that actually need them to make do with less. It's irresponsible and greedy.	2/22/2026 1:54 PM
2144	More information is needed for the next round of scenarios: Provide more context on major drivers of projected enrollment declines. If driven by more students moving into charter or private schools, has the county completed or plan to conduct surveys on what drives that decision for those families? Provide more visibility on anticipated impacts of these changes -- e.g. current state with lower enrollment vs. future state results in what for the budget and expected educational outcomes for our students? Be clearer on pros/cons of educational student outcomes using data/studies for any suggested scenarios. Include audit of current and future 'robust program offerings' and how school closures/scenarios impact student access to these offerings. How do charter schools fit into this complex picture as they do not appear to be included in the current scenario? What, if any, impacts or changes are expected in terms of student-teacher ratios in proposed scenarios? Is major re-districting expected from these scenarios (even for middle/high schools that are not impacted by closures)? At what point in the process would specific school zone district/enrollment maps be drawn and shared to understand where students from impacted schools would be re-directed and what types of changes parents could expect from these changes?	2/22/2026 12:12 PM
2145	Kids with a strong start in elementary school go on to become community leaders in high school. We recognize the proximity of Vandelyn ES to Dunwoody HS and the high school's capacity issues. The parents of Vanderlyn support Dunwoody HS and regularly collaborate to support each other. The expansion of the high school campus to accommodate the number of students can be achieved thoughtfully and without removing access to a strong, high-performing elementary school in the cluster. The first point in DCSD H-PRIDE values is humanization; even considering closing such an academically strong school shows this decision is not aligned with this core value, which prioritizes human beings' worth over resources. These students are being viewed as nothing more than numbers on a spreadsheet. The community supporting Vanderlyn ES attracts lifelong learners to DCSD over other counties in Georgia; closure will only further the academic divide between DCSD and other counties.	2/22/2026 11:25 AM
2146	The focus needs to shift from destroying schools that are thriving to investigating why they are doing so well and taking that data and using it to put more resources into underperforming, over capacity campuses to bring them up.	2/22/2026 10:24 AM
2147	N/a	2/22/2026 9:34 AM
2148	Clear comparisons between scenarios would be helpful, including academic, community, transportation, and facilities impacts. Providing both short-term and long-term projections would also help families evaluate sustainability. We chose our elementary school it’s smaller size. The current uncertainty and potential for a larger school size has us considering private school for our children, as well as the lack of clear transparency and long term planning.	2/22/2026 8:31 AM
2149	No one should be listening to recommendations from a committee run by Sarita Smith until she and other employees put in place by Horton have been fully investigated and the community feels safe.	2/22/2026 7:30 AM
2150	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing	2/21/2026 7:03 PM

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2151	We like the existing small community feel of our elementary school and know others in different elementaries who feel the same. We have gotten to know parents and they are our neighbors which builds trust and a sense of shared purpose and community. If there are ways to maintain and continue that feeling of community and connection, where the administrators know all the students names and parents feel comfortable being involved I would be open to larger schools but that seems harder when people are more spread out/don't live in close proximity.	2/21/2026 6:09 PM
2152	We are informing the school is working hard and shaping the students in good manners and teaching so we wish this school to be middle school	2/21/2026 1:24 PM
2153	As long as it benefits the kids. Just thnk about the kids learning and how it could support them and their needs	2/21/2026 1:18 PM
2154	We need this school remain function and wishes to be middle school	2/21/2026 1:13 PM
2155	Keep elementary schools tbe size they are. Close less of them and redistribute the students to the ones with open seats. Large elementary schools will result in a worse education	2/21/2026 1:08 PM
2156	Prioritize children's education and communities! This is not the place to save money.	2/21/2026 11:19 AM
2157	I am in favor of closing Montessori program in my school. Because of how it separates the kids, their class sizes are much smaller than the overrun traditional side, causing staff to be frustrated with each other for things outside their control.	2/21/2026 5:29 AM
2158	A new Superintendent can impact this process so please be mindful when creating future scenarios.	2/21/2026 1:02 AM
2159	To add to what I say above, I think you need to re-think the process. Thinking about "building" first and district wide is absurb. Parents care about their school clusters, their programs and ressources, and if you change that, then you need to tell them specifically what this school cluster would be and what program it would offer. Instead, maybe do a vast survey about what people want in their school and their cluster, then start from that. Then, you can say, ok, if we shut down evansdale and move you to Pleasantdale, we could have 250K more for the french program and a full football team. But until you provide specific and measurable about what people care about, you are not really asking for our opinion. And, assuming you are competent and knowledgeable, then the most logical conclusion about this process is that you are pretending to do so to cover up a process meant to achieve an end that has already been determined.	2/20/2026 10:45 PM
2160	I will be closely following the process and will continue to advocate for our students and my experience as a concerned parent. But the bottom like is, better facilities do not make better schools in my opinion.	2/20/2026 10:27 PM
2161	I think things should stay the same.	2/20/2026 9:34 PM
2162	Please think harder about how to use the neighborhood facilities you have for elementary schools in ways that keep smaller facilities. That advantage for this age group, including smaller classes, is so critical for learning. I appreciate what you're trying to do and can only imagine what hard work it is. Thank you for thinking about it and hopefully, keeping our wonderful Evansdale as the resource it has been for DeKalb and for this community!!	2/20/2026 8:17 PM
2163	Kids are going through too much bodily and emotional change to throw in the change in school with middle school.	2/20/2026 5:41 PM
2164	My other concern is of course behavior with so many students in one building, abandoned	2/20/2026 2:30 PM

	buildings in neighborhoods and taxes. With the decrease of needed schools, taxpayers shouldn't need to pay so much for school taxes every year. Finally, teachers are already walking out, increased enrollments In classes without another body in the room presents another problem for the school and the profession.	
2165	A better approach to gifted and magnet are needed across the district	2/20/2026 2:26 PM
2166	This is very hard to answer when you don't know where the zone lines would be redrawn and what school you are looking at for the future. Need to ensure that apartments and lower income housing are taken into account or you may have many more parents going private when in a current zone for a school that has high rating and less socioeconomic needs.	2/20/2026 1:04 PM
2167	The Ashford Park community is strong and loves our schools. We can remain involved in the Chamblee cluster. I'm worried the community will break down and break down quickly if moved to a different cluster. High performing schools and communities do not pick up and move. There's an intangible quality to them that may not show up in your data.	2/20/2026 12:51 PM
2168	This model seems to apply the same approach of consolidation to the whole county. I don't think that every cluster in the county is facing the same issues and needs the same approach. I'd like to see scenarios tailored to each cluster or region in the next scenario with maps explaining the possible movements. This scenario marks a bunch of schools for closure and explains the methodology behind the closures, but it doesn't explain what that flow will look like for the schools and communities marked. The way this scenario has been released has left a lot of confusion and uncertainty in our communities.	2/20/2026 11:14 AM
2169	There has been a lot of talk about how closing the school buildings will save money that can be used towards enhancing classroom support. Will the count be eliminating positions at the central office? Assuming that all 27 schools close, there should also be a reduction in the amount of staff needed to oversee the remaining schools. Will class sizes be lower? With the strategic waiver, our kindergarten classrooms already have 26 students with no additional support. Very little has been done to decrease the burden of overcrowded classrooms and providing additional support (EIP) to those who need it. In the number of non-classroom teachers has increased over the years.	2/20/2026 11:05 AM
2170	Don't close Ashford Park. You'd be cutting off your nose to spite your face and just propelling a reputation of incompetency.	2/20/2026 9:10 AM
2171	Livsey is already in trailers. (which seems unsafe in terms of intruder alerts. The trailers are right out front). I don't see how any more kids could fit at Livsey. Traffic on Chamblee Tucker is already bad. Idlewood should be split between Brockett and Smokerise.	2/20/2026 8:49 AM
2172	We are happy with Vanderlyn school and I would strongly recommend to continue to run this school	2/19/2026 10:26 PM
2173	I am concerned about the magnet program. I think the SAP committee needs to look at the outcomes and grandfather in current magnet students.	2/19/2026 10:11 PM
2174	I want all schools to be handicapped disabled facilities and I like all schools to make sure the rules are not molded and that there is adequate supervision monitors and extra staff	2/19/2026 8:32 PM
2175	The entire reason I moved to Dunwoody 3 years ago was to get our children into Vanderlyn. The smaller school fits the local community perfectly.	2/19/2026 8:18 PM
2176	Please consider making elementary schools K-8. The overall success of these grade bands allow students to be more successful when it comes to academics and social skills. This transition would keep families in Dekalb County Schools longer which should be the goal. Helping families stay in the county for their child's should always be the goal and K-8 elementary schools would allow for this option. If this is not an option, please reconsider the district lines for Peachtree Middle School and Dunwoody High School.	2/19/2026 8:03 PM
2177	Just thinking of my 13 year old, he'd benefit much more from being kept with younger kids longer instead of being thrown in with HS sooner.	2/19/2026 7:59 PM
2178	No, I think I have covered my current thoughts.	2/19/2026 7:49 PM
2179	If school facilities are being unoccupied; I strongly recommend expanding early childhood education in pk3/4/k programs to help develop skills for school readiness. It would be great to use school facilities that can only accommodate smaller populations.	2/19/2026 7:30 PM

2180	I support transparent decision-making, community engagement, and use of data in shaping the future of our school system. In addition, I propose: 1. Complete, Public Release of Enrollment & Capacity Data To ensure community trust, we urge the district to provide raw data on: Current enrollment per grade level Building capacity/utilization rates Enrollment projections for the next 3–5 years This data is critical for family decisions, real estate planning, and evaluating alternatives to closures. 2. Explore Alternative School Models Before Closing Schools Rather than closure, the district should consider grade-span models that are effective in other communities: K–8 schools that enhance continuity and reduce transitions 4–8 middle schools to streamline grade placement 7–12 junior/senior high models that expand academic offerings These models can rebuild enrollment and better serve families while optimizing space. 3. Repurpose Under-Utilized Buildings Rather than shuttering community assets completely, some facilities could become: Early childhood education centers Magnet or specialized programs Adult learning, community hubs, or partnership spaces This approach keeps schools at the heart of neighborhoods. 4. Collaborate with Local Government & Community Partners to Grow Enrollment We encourage the district to work closely with: Local county planners and economic development offices City councils and municipalities Real estate and housing partners	2/19/2026 7:08 PM
2181	Leave the Cedar Grove Cluster as it is. It's a great neighborhood school that's been around for over 50years. The community as a whole is great and the kids that are in attendance excel and have been for years. Not just athletically but academically as well.	2/19/2026 6:45 PM
2182	We specifically chose our school for the smaller size.	2/19/2026 6:37 PM
2183	Alternative schools for those under grade 8.	2/19/2026 6:37 PM
2184	The district should prioritize closing schools operating significantly below utilization goals.	2/19/2026 5:24 PM
2185	Please consider the history and community ties of these schools. Having an old building or a building that is too small shouldn’t mean the school doesn’t exist anymore. Consider keeping the more senior school and closing the most recent school. The name can go to any building.	2/19/2026 4:19 PM
2186	Tema, niños con Autismo porfavor no se olviden de ellos al tomar decisiones	2/19/2026 4:09 PM
2187	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove’s projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	2/19/2026 3:57 PM
2188	None at this time	2/19/2026 2:46 PM
2189	More transparency around modeling assumptions would be helpful in the next round. Specifically, showing projected enrollment, building utilization, and student distribution across the full cluster for each scenario would help families understand tradeoffs and long-term impacts.	2/19/2026 2:44 PM
2190	The scenarios are concocted bull	2/19/2026 2:12 PM
2191	I think every school within a cluster should share the same banding so that all students move up to middle and high school together. And elementary and middle feeder schools should move on completely to the same next building. This is what creates good community. Clusters may have different scenarios and would benefit from something different than ours.	2/19/2026 12:56 PM
2192	Save BOB MATHIS ELEMENTARY	2/19/2026 11:33 AM
2193	Oak Grove is already operating above the 88% utilization goal and has had four consecutive	2/19/2026 11:23 AM

	years of enrollment growth. It ranks in the top tie academically and closing it would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake. Oak Grove should not considered for closing if the objectives are to close the utilization gap and reduce cost (tens of millions will be spent to bring Sagamore Hills and Briarlake able to house the new capacity). I would love to know what the cost comparison would be to maintain Oak Grove vs. expanding other schools.	
2194	Closing schools is a trade off. At the moment we know what we are losing but not what we are gaining. In my specific situation, I want to know how the Dunwoody High School situation is improved by closing Vanderlyn. I also want to see the proposals evaluated against high-medium-low enrollment forecasts. The plan needs to offer the best outcomes in a range of situations - for example, if we make a plan that eliminates a lot of capacity with no mechanism for adding that isn't as good as a plan that can be adjusted over the next five years to accommodate a wider range of enrollment scenarios effectively.	2/19/2026 7:13 AM
2195	South DeKalb schools (like McNair) often get brand-new, modern buildings, while North DeKalb schools (like Druid Hills) are left in crumbling 60-year-old structures. McNair Middle School. It was completely rebuilt and reopened in 2019 as a $35 million "Future Ready" facility with state-of-the-art labs and fields. Conversely, Druid Hills High School is nearly 100 years old. Despite being "bursting" with students, it was famously passed over for major repairs for years. Schools in high-demand neighborhoods (like Oak Grove or Vanderlyn) are often at 110% capacity. The "Lakeside Cluster" Reality: While the district has 20,000 empty seats overall, those seats are mostly in the South and Central parts of the county. In neighborhoods like Oak Grove, schools are frequently at 110% to 120% capacity. Neighborhoods like Oak Grove or those in the "Lakeside Cluster" have seen a massive influx of young families. Because these schools were built decades ago for a smaller population, they have "gone over" 100% capacity, resulting in the trailers. Politics and "equity" formulas have historically prioritized building in the South, while market demand and population growth have prioritized living in the North. For a long time, some board members argued that "richer" areas didn't need the money as much as "underserved" areas. Schools that need the space don't get the funding, while the schools that have the funding don't have the students. The "Student Assignment Project" isn't about efficiency, but about closing schools in certain neighborhoods to free up land or move money toward projects that benefit "connected" contractors. Many remember 2013, when the Governor had to intervene to remove school board members just to keep the district from losing accreditation due to "mismanagement and petty infighting.	2/19/2026 4:44 AM
2196	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth Ranks in the top tier academically Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	2/18/2026 9:33 PM
2197	It would be helpful to know how the zoning would change to better understand where my children would be going to school. That would help us to make informed decisions on how the closings would effect us. Thank you	2/18/2026 9:22 PM
2198	If you have people in a similar area, their child's educational path needs to be the same - banding across each district should be the same.	2/18/2026 5:06 PM
2199	Keep Vanderlyn Elementary School. It is invaluable to our community and our children!!!!!	2/18/2026 5:00 PM
2200	No me parece esforzarlos desde muy temprana edad y cada grado de acuerdo a su edad no me gustaría que mi hijo tenga convivencia con niños más grandes	2/18/2026 4:33 PM
2201	Please provide more transparency on the factors listed as rationale for closures/repurposing: low educational adequacy and underutilization. I don't see information on these and from what I	2/18/2026 4:24 PM

	can interpret, the decisions do not make sense to me.	
2202	If Evansdale is to shut down, Livesy needs to open up to school choice- I will literally move if my children have no choice but to attend Smoke Rise.	2/18/2026 3:36 PM
2203	The DLI program is strong at Evansdale and we've worked too hard just to see it end due to numbers. Stop rebuilding schools to make bigger buildings. That's the real problem. Don't punish our neighborhood schools because it was decided to rebuild some to make them bigger. That was completely unnecessary and now our close-knit community is being threatened. No thank you.	2/18/2026 3:23 PM
2204	The Pk-3 and 4-5 grade bands for elementary is harder on parents with transportation and having kids in more than 1 school. Also does not promote school community and stability since people are only there for a few years	2/18/2026 2:56 PM
2205	a "like kind" exchange should be considered. If a school closes its unfair to send students to a dramatically lesser school. That is disruptive to communities that take a long time to build and form	2/18/2026 2:22 PM
2206	Be careful about changing the district lines of schools, as people have purposely moved to where they wanted their child to go to school. The entire reason you are having this problem is people moved away from the underperforming schools or the more dangerous criminal areas within the county. My son has been in DeKalb County schools since Kindergarten. We started all the way down in the south of the county when they first opened Barack Obama Elem, moved up to Snapfinger Elem area, then into Freedom Middle and now Chamblee High. This was intentional for the safety and educational benefits to my child as he was moving between grade bands. My point being, if you change the school district lines, people will just move away from what they think is dangerous or under performing. I see the point of closing schools that are under enrolled, but the larger problem is changing the perception and performance of these schools. I believe Freedom Middle had a similar issue prior to my son attending. During the years my child was there I watched the principals of that school overhaul the culture of the school. If you focus more on retaining good principals and staff like you had at Freedom Middle, you will do better at keeping families in the school districts.	2/18/2026 1:53 PM
2207	The long term plan of land use - if you are going to close a stand alone ES, why not look at closing a ES that is next to another school to create more seats in that school (Ex. Chestnut ES and Peachtree MS). Better understanding on where kids would go if schools were closed.	2/18/2026 1:10 PM
2208	Must have consistency in the Cluster. Benefit to the students, parents/guardians, and community. Can plan for traffic, work schedules, etc.	2/18/2026 12:58 PM
2209	Please keep supporting Oak Grove Elementary and Kittredge Magnet School for high achievers	2/18/2026 12:29 PM
2210	If the recently suggested scenario were to be implemented I believe there would be a mass exodus of students from DCSD in favor of private schools or moving to other counties outside of Dekalb that have better schools. This would only exacerbate the problem of declining attendance particularly in areas like the Chamblee cluster where there are plenty of private school options and families with the means to send their kids to private school. My son currently attends Montgomery Elementary and we absolutely love the teachers, the staff, the leadership, and the community. However, with the potential to be redistricted to another lower performing elementary school, we have already decided that my second child will be going to private school to start kindergarten.	2/18/2026 11:31 AM
2211	I would recommend an increased chance for magnet/charter schools for the kids whose schools will be closed. I think this could be accomplished this way: a two lottery system where a) a first round lottery for a certain number of openings is restricted to kids from the closing schools; and b) a second round lottery just like the current one, where the kids from the closing schools names are reentered into the broader pool of all applicants. Similar to my answer for 4, here's additional info that would be helpful: 1) where will kids go once their current school closes, and will that affect where they are currently projected to go for any school that they would currently "feed" into (for example, if Ashford Park closes, where would they go, and would they be in a different middle/high school than currently projected to go to) 2) impacts on bus times and routes; 3) teacher/staff loss estimates under the scenarios under projections; 4) program loss under each scenario (for example, if an ES is currently STEM certified, but then the teachers are split up, will the district be able to maintain current program offerings). 5) evaluation method and data for each of the scenarios as we go through the process (for	2/18/2026 11:17 AM

	example, are you using some sort of transportation modeling to determine the "more efficient" transportation routes, and if yes, stakeholders should be provided with access to that modeling platform and the inputs).	
2212	In 2007 we moved our oldest child to private education. The reason was that it was a year DC capped Kitteidge seats at 2 per school. Our child was #3. There were empty desks at the magnet. Some decisions made by DC are made for political reasons even if there is a cost borne by a child. Don't let it occur. Try to help all children even if you have to do so with several localized options across the county.	2/18/2026 10:16 AM
2213	Are the missing 18000 students in private schools? Combining schools may make some families move to private schools especially with school vouchers providing off ramps.	2/18/2026 10:01 AM
2214	Schools are needed I think there needs to be a better solution than just closing schools.	2/18/2026 9:59 AM
2215	1. Protect Academic Pipelines (Especially Advanced Math & Magnet Pathways) One of the strengths of the Chamblee cluster is the clear progression of advanced coursework from elementary through high school. Any facility consolidation or grade band change should explicitly address: How advanced math placement will be preserved beginning in Grade 4–5. How Kittredge's 4–6 magnet structure will align with any new grade configuration. How students will continue seamless access to accelerated pathways leading into high school AP/IB tracks. Structural changes that unintentionally disrupt academic sequencing could have long-term consequences. 2. Avoid "Change for the Sake of Change" The Chamblee cluster is high-demand and relatively stable compared to other parts of the district. If enrollment and utilization are not significantly misaligned here, this cluster may not require structural intervention. It would be helpful for the district to clarify: Which clusters are experiencing severe under- or over-utilization. Whether high-performing, stable clusters are being adjusted primarily for district-wide symmetry rather than local need. 3. Transportation & Traffic Reality In our area, traffic patterns are already challenging. Any consolidation or grade band shift should include: Projected bus ride times. Impact on carpool lines and surrounding neighborhoods. Consideration for families with multiple children at different schools. Operational efficiency should not significantly increase daily family burden. 4. Long-Term Stability Commitment Families need confidence that whatever structure is adopted will remain in place long enough to justify the disruption. If changes occur, the district should commit to: A minimum stability window (e.g., no additional structural shifts for 5–10 years). Clear metrics that would trigger future reviews. Repeated reconfiguration erodes trust. 5. Define Success Metrics Upfront Before implementing consolidations or grade band changes, the district should define what success looks like: Improved academic outcomes? Balanced utilization percentages? Reduced operational costs? Increased program equity? Families should be able to look back in 3–5 years and objectively evaluate whether the change delivered its promised benefits. 6. Consider a "Do No Harm" Principle for Stable Clusters If the Chamblee feeder pattern (K–5 → 6–8 → 9–12 with the 4–6 magnet overlay) is functioning effectively, the burden of proof should be high before altering it. Improvements should strengthen what works, not destabilize it.	2/18/2026 9:26 AM
2216	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth Ranks in the top tier academically Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	2/18/2026 9:16 AM
2217	Dividing the elementary schools into two makes it more difficult for families with different age kids to school. Consolidating ES/MS or MS/HS makes more sense and would actually benefit families with kids of different ages due to fewer pick up/drop offs. However, maturity	2/18/2026 8:43 AM

	differences should be considered. I don't think having 8th graders in an elementary school is appropriate, but 6th graders would be. Consider PK-6 grade and 7-12 option.	
2218	As the next round of scenarios is developed, I encourage the district to prioritize student stability, minimize the number of school transitions, and limit transportation time increases for families. Clear data on enrollment projections, building capacity, and long-term financial impact should be shared to support transparency. It is also important to consider the impact on staffing, class sizes, and access to academic and support services to ensure equity across all schools and clusters. Continued community engagement will be critical before final decisions are made.	2/18/2026 8:42 AM
2219	Please be mindful of traffic, age of students, and location of schools who will have increased attendance lines.	2/18/2026 8:25 AM
2220	6-12 should not be on the table.	2/18/2026 5:52 AM
2221	Thank you for your work to look at optimizing resources for our children. As a mom of 4, one with special needs, and others who possibly qualify as gifted, I would love an opportunity for them to all attend the same school in the future with available resources at all levels of need. Thank you for your consideration!	2/18/2026 12:10 AM
2222	Quality analysis	2/17/2026 9:28 PM
2223	Please strongly reconsider this sledge hammer approach to our school system!	2/17/2026 9:14 PM
2224	I appreciate the district’s long-term planning efforts and recognize the need to address enrollment and facility utilization challenges. However, future scenario iterations should more clearly differentiate between schools facing structural under-enrollment challenges and those that remain educationally strong, stable, and valued by families. Oak Grove ES represents a high-functioning, trusted, and academically stable learning environment. Closure of such a school introduces significant and avoidable disruption for elementary-age students while risking unintended community and enrollment consequences. Planning frameworks that emphasize capacity efficiency should be balanced with educational continuity, student stability, transportation impacts, and the broader role schools play as community anchors. Schools that are performing well and sustaining strong family demand warrant additional scrutiny before consolidation or closure is considered. I strongly encourage the district to prioritize strategies that preserve effective elementary learning environments like Oak Grove ES and explore alternative solutions that align facility goals with student and community stability.	2/17/2026 9:07 PM
2225	For the next round of scenarios, it would be helpful if materials included more complete impact modeling so the community can evaluate tradeoffs clearly. Specifically, please consider publishing: • Receiving school enrollment projections after reassignment• Class size projections under each scenario• Transportation time and routing impact estimates• Feeder pattern projections showing long-term effects on middle and high schools• Cost comparisons between maintaining/renovating facilities versus consolidation plus transportation and expansion costs elsewhere Providing this information alongside future scenarios would help families give more precise, data-driven feedback and help build trust in the decision-making process. Thank you for continuing to gather community input and for considering the student experience alongside facility planning.	2/17/2026 8:55 PM
2226	Need to inform teachers sooner then later so that they can made a decision on which school they would like to work at.	2/17/2026 8:13 PM
2227	There is no question there is a need to collapse the elementary schools but there is only 1 theme middle school in dekalb. You're literally building on it and then you're going to change the school.	2/17/2026 8:02 PM
2228	I think we should consider combining some of the high schools with lower enrollment and just move the middle schools from the cluster into the vacant high school buildings, then there would be a bigger capacity for the middle school level.	2/17/2026 7:10 PM
2229	N/A	2/17/2026 6:21 PM
2230	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing	2/17/2026 5:22 PM

	excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	
2231	Closing schools near utilization goals doesn't help the situation. It makes Dekalb LESS appealing to prospective families moving into the Atlanta area. OGE has had 4 years of growth, ranks highly academically, the adjustments needed at Sagamore and Briarlake would be far more than makes sense to meet your goal. Instead of closing schools you should focus on doing better. The county just had a huge scandal of doing their job badly-HORTON. The new Globe school is silliness. That's not appealing to new families coming to the area at all. There's 0 accountability there. I wonder why people would choose private over public given the choice when this is the board. Reward schools that do well, focus on schools that are truly struggling. Do your jobs, hire people to work in the district instead of outsourcing contracts to psychologists and OT.	2/17/2026 5:04 PM
2232	Please see above. Closing Oak Grove Elementary School does not make sense. It is not under-staffed or under-enrolled. It is likely that more students will attend the school in the near future. Teachers are good and the kids generally perform well on tests and extracurricular activities.	2/17/2026 4:50 PM
2233	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? 3. What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? 4. What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	2/17/2026 4:16 PM
2234	Where do the schools that are presented to be closed move to. For example oak grove and McLendon?	2/17/2026 3:54 PM
2235	What is happening with the overcrowded Dunwoody High School??	2/17/2026 2:03 PM
2236	As a DeKalb County Alumni, middle schools were just beginning to be built. I wonder if it would be more impactful will to add grades to the elementary schools (6th and 7th) and add 8th grade to high schools again.	2/17/2026 1:36 PM
2237	too many schools closing in lithonia and scottdale	2/17/2026 1:16 PM
2238	Are we working closely with the county to look at housing and how housing impacts student attendance and enrollment? We are overwhelmed with youth group homes in South DeKalb, which greatly impacts enrollment and suspensions. We also have a high level of short-term rentals in South Dekalb. We have many families that move at least 1-2 times a year to various schools in Dekalb county. How is the data accurate with this in mind? We also need dedicated office and training space for the school district. Would closed schools fill this need?	2/17/2026 12:26 PM
2239	Poner atención al la limpieza de la escuela Huntley Hills ya que necesita mucho apoyo porque está muy sucia.	2/17/2026 11:53 AM
2240	shutting these schools is ridiculous. Fix the problem with how terrible these schools are and	2/17/2026 11:38 AM

	kids would come back. I personally feel like I've had to send my schools to private because of how bad all Dekalb country schools have performed.	
2241	Please address the whole issue. The enrollment numbers are due to poor instruction and accountability of the students. If you pass students without the skills they need to matriculate to the next grade level, there is no hope.	2/17/2026 8:54 AM
2242	I personally attend es k-7, hs 8-12. I feel like I missed out on the whole middle school experience.	2/17/2026 8:09 AM
2243	I drive on Dekalb roads everyday, see the value that teachers, students, & staff bring to the community. Closing schools means closing opportunities for the future of our students, requiring more scheduling for bus operations (which are already underpaid), less incentives to attract families to the Dekalb county, INSANE. This idea or “roll out” is counterproductive to the 6-8 year implementation. 6-8 years fully investing into the future instead of LIMITING it. Shame on you all	2/17/2026 12:57 AM
2244	I fear Brookhaven Fields / Drew Valley / Ashford Park property values could take a massive hit if redistricted from Chamblee cluster to Cross Keys cluster. The sooner you can provide guidance on which neighborhoods are at risk of redistricting the happier most folks will be.	2/16/2026 11:35 PM
2245	Don't destroy the northern DeKalb communities by closing all 3 of our high performing elementary schools.	2/16/2026 10:04 PM
2246	If we currently exist in the high operating costs, small schools area, it is important to help folks understand quite specifically what is missing from programming and where. Our school asks of families to supplement programming and most families who can give do - my sense is that families are quite happy but I realize our school does not represent all those in the district. It’s hard to be ready to give up such huge benefits of small schools without a real understanding and commitment of accountability to outcomes that result. Including the likely outcome that more families consider private school across the county.	2/16/2026 9:59 PM
2247	Neighborhood schools make for strong communities. McLendon Elementary is a special little school with a nurturing staff and faculty. I worked there for a couple of years. I hate to see it go.	2/16/2026 9:20 PM
2248	Consider also projected traffic growth and current traffic density. Safety for pedestrians needs to also be a consideration as speeding motorists routinely blow through school zones.	2/16/2026 9:09 PM
2249	We need to spend money on additional busing. Students are dependent on school buses vs. using public transportation. We have to provide a way home so that students can stay for tutorials and after school programs and still have a way to get home. Another scenario could be split schedule where there is an A and B schedule for high school. This was done in NY and worked well for overcrowding, having the 11th/12th graders take the earlier shift so they can leave earlier to work. Focusing on getting rid of the trailers is a key step in the right direction. Modernizing classrooms for 21st century learning and specificity of programs is also key for the community to get behind change.	2/16/2026 8:43 PM
2250	I do not like grade band 6-12	2/16/2026 8:39 PM
2251	Dekalb County need to stop playing politics and remember the students. Where is the SPLOST monies. Stoneview Elementary will leave a filthy school and enter another Filthy SChool unlike Peachtree Middle which looks like a college.	2/16/2026 8:36 PM
2252	Above all, stability should be a guiding priority. Reassigning students to new schools can be highly disruptive—academically, socially, and emotionally. It requires students to rebuild peer groups, adjust to new staff and systems, and adapt to different learning environments. For these reasons, reassignment should only occur when absolutely necessary and every effort should be made to minimize the number of families impacted.	2/16/2026 8:00 PM
2253	Please reconsider Oak Grove elementary. It is a top performing school with a great history.	2/16/2026 6:26 PM
2254	Buildings and grade bands should have been considered alongside programs. Transitional years students — students who will be affected during the shift from the current structure to the future one — should be treated as a separate priority. For example, a student who begins World Language A could be rezoned to a school that does not offer that course, disrupting their academic pathway. How are you going to support such students? Programs in split campuses with large distances between them (such as Kittredge and CMS/CHS magnet) make specialized programs convenient only for families who live between the two campuses.	2/16/2026 5:11 PM

	Students from other parts of the district would face long daily commutes for a portion of their academic journey. Lastly, please consider better support for gifted and twice-exceptional students. In mixed-ability classrooms, they are often the lowest priority, expected to work independently or help peers while teachers understandably focus on struggling students. Simply having gifted-certified teachers does not automatically make gifted students a priority.	
2255	I truly appreciate the significant level of effort being invested in bringing meaningful transformation to the DeKalb County School District. I remain hopeful and encouraged that the intentions behind these efforts are sincere and centered on what is best for students, families, and the community as a whole.	2/16/2026 4:19 PM
2256	Again, I will personally work to vote every single one of you out if you proceed with this plan.	2/16/2026 4:06 PM
2257	Make decisions based on demographics and data.	2/16/2026 3:53 PM
2258	Closures should be based on which schools are failing not which schools have fewer students. Close the failing schools with terrible test scores and send those teachers to the job market and let the teachers with good performance keep their jobs and send the students from failing schools into the schools that are doing well. Why would you send students from successful schools into failing schools? Whether you want to believe it or not and it is not politically correct but some of the schools in Dekalb are poorly run and are failing. Keeping those schools open is not doing any of those students any favors. It is disadvantaging those students. Focus on performance, not bodies in a building.	2/16/2026 3:30 PM
2259	While adding on is good many building have issues with plumbing and pipes being over 50 years old so some might be better completely torn down because adding on might make their issues wirse	2/16/2026 3:27 PM
2260	Minimize school reassignment as much as possible. It is tremendously disruptive and harmful to students and families to be reassigned to different schools. Shuffling learning plans, and social/educational networks is extremely detrimental. For this reassignment should be avoided and be considered an absolute last resort.	2/16/2026 3:25 PM
2261	Please rethink school closures.	2/16/2026 2:52 PM
2262	Each cluster needs to have the same grade band for consistency. Students may have to relocate/move from one cluster to another.	2/16/2026 2:50 PM
2263	noooo	2/16/2026 2:46 PM
2264	N/A	2/16/2026 2:34 PM
2265	They are pretty much little kids until they're about 9 or 10. When their bodies start to change, and hormones start to kick in, they need some extra attention (which in my experience with middle schools they do NOT receive!) and when they are a teenager they should be able to perform like young adults.	2/16/2026 2:34 PM
2266	Please keep Oak Grove open!! The school is projected to be at 96% enrollment in a year!!!	2/16/2026 2:29 PM
2267	Oak grove elementary school attendance has been increasing. It is a wrong choice to take it away when growth is happening and it has been a successful school	2/16/2026 2:22 PM
2268	As a community member in Sagamore Hills, I also want the district to review and discuss impact to traffic of expanding schools like Sagamore. Currently, Alderbrook is already very congested at drop off and pickup. Adding more students will exacerbate this problem and I think the district should be proactive in trying to alleviate further issues, by exploring how traffic can be directed, where entrances and exits to the school make the most sense, bus entrances, etc.	2/16/2026 2:08 PM
2269	I am not interested in all this survey about band scenarios. Interested in DeKalb County Schools protecting students from ICE	2/16/2026 1:33 PM
2270	I think you are doing a disservice to the children by moving towards a larger school/lack of neighborhood schools model. I think you may have to close a few schools BUT rather than close 27! you could re group the schools you already have to best serve your students. ALSO if you would do more for the students to make the schools more desirable, perhaps more students would enroll in the district. Behaviors are AWFUL. Communication with parents and schools are AWFUL. Teachers that care often leave because they have no support and the ones that remain could care less about the students and it shows. Before you start thinking of	2/16/2026 1:16 PM

	rearranging and closing schools, you should look at how the schools are run, how the staff handles situations, administration, student behaviors, etc. And I don't just mean on "announced" visits when the school puts its best foot forward. Talk to parents, talk to students, find out what you really need as a district. This isn't it.	
2271	Don't close the schools.	2/16/2026 12:32 PM
2272	I am extremely disappointed in the way that this has been rolled out. While I understand that this is "just a conversation starter" and no decisions are final, this format all but begs communities to turn on each other. This feels more like "survival of the fittest" or "the squeaky wheel gets the grease" causing division in a time when we need communities to come together! Not only that, it has unnecessarily caused stress among teachers, students, parents, and community members. Perhaps all stakeholders would not be as upset, I know this one wouldn't be, if the $6.5 million dollar property that was purchased in 2024 was part of the plan or if the plan included eliminating the excessive amount of employees who ARE NOT necessary school based personnel and hold a district level job. These changes could begin to alleviate the financial stress the district is facing immediately as opposed to waiting 6-8 years. I know that buildings would still have to close and hard decisions made about those closures, but it is WRONG to ask communities to make the entire sacrifice, especially when the county can make adjustments to current practices and assets. It is time Dekalb started leading by example!	2/16/2026 12:30 PM
2273	Engage community more think about long term impacts of these decisions. Example if you close good schools parents might opt for sending kids to private schools and or move to other counties offering better education offerings for children. Long term impact is decreased population of middle to upper class and lost tax income.	2/16/2026 12:23 PM
2274	You need to provide reasons and supporting data for all your scenarios and you need to retro-actively provide reasons and supporting data for the first roll out of scenarios pertaining with school closures. I cannot provide any meaningful insights on the initial scenarios for closures/consolidation until I know the reasoning and supporting data. Transparency has been a problem since the beginning of this process. You think you've been transparent but you have not because there has been information withheld from SAP committee meetings and community engagement meetings.	2/16/2026 11:41 AM
2275	Rezoning could possibly help save some smaller schools.	2/16/2026 11:36 AM
2276	Keep class sizes small. Do not overwhelm educators.	2/16/2026 11:24 AM
2277	Enrollment is cyclical and is believed to consolidating is a dangerous idea.	2/16/2026 11:14 AM
2278	Please consider expanding or building a new Lithonia High School. We serve a large population of DCSD students.	2/16/2026 10:51 AM
2279	I encourage the district to prioritize student learning, support services, and community engagement in the next round of scenarios to ensure continuity and success for our students.	2/16/2026 10:34 AM
2280	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. 3. 4. Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment	2/16/2026 10:04 AM
2281	Consider everything holistically, and serve students better.	2/16/2026 9:40 AM
2282	Keep Kingsley Open	2/16/2026 9:39 AM

2283	* Oak Grove already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89%, projected 96% in 2026). * Oak Grove has experienced four consecutive years of enrollment growth. * Closing Oak Grove would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake. * Oak Grove ranks academically in the top tier of reviewed schools. For these reasons, the district should prioritize consolidation efforts at schools operating well below utilization targets, where efficiency can be improved without triggering new capital expansion or destabilizing high-performing, growing school communities. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this feedback.	2/16/2026 9:34 AM
2284	This a disruptive idea, and I really think that we have a great thing going with our current school system and it should not be changed in any way.	2/16/2026 9:30 AM
2285	We would like to see the proposals for where the zones might be and which schools the kids of the closed schools would then go to. Im also concerned about how the schools absorbing those kids will manage with their facilities - lunch, specials, parking, recess. Austin has some extra classrooms, but time it would be interesting to see how we fit more kids in to the lunchroom, divide them for specials, manage the inclusion classes, etc. I would love to see more specific idea on how this might work. Overall, I think its a great plan.	2/16/2026 9:28 AM
2286	Mold in the building, leaks, a lot of empty classrooms and teachers call out of work a lot. There are always substitutes there that don’t teach so children are not learning. The state test scores are very low for it to be a “Theme” school	2/16/2026 9:27 AM
2287	Do not close Oak Grove Elementary and instead invest in the facilities and increase the zoning area.	2/16/2026 9:22 AM
2288	n/a	2/16/2026 9:16 AM
2289	Oak Grove has been a high-performing school for decades. It is the core of a stable community. It meets the utilization targets right now and is projected to continue to grow in the next few years. It simply doesn't make sense to close it.	2/16/2026 9:07 AM
2290	Although Sagamore Hills is a Community School it truly is not living to the potential and high standards that DeKalb should have for its school buildings. Sagamore Hills should be closed.	2/16/2026 9:06 AM
2291	I do not believe that expanding or closing schools is the answer to enrollment is closing/expanding schools. It would not benefit the students in any way to go to a bigger school, especially if they're use to a small school. Behavior problems and bullying could escalate with more students. I think the most beneficial thing is to critically about what would happen to students and families if they were suddenly forced into a bigger environment than they're used to, and to understand that there should be much more thought into how to work to increase enrollment, not taking the easy way and closing schools and expanding others. Not to mention some families/students, even teachers, may struggle to get to a new school location and decide to take their child/children elsewhere, leading to further enrollment decline. Students with accommodations, IEPs, and 504(s) will not receive the help they need. Students who are close to advancing to the next benchmark likely would receive the time and attention needed to help push them over that benchmark because, with larger classes and larger schools, teachers likely won't have the time to help them even if they want to. "Lower" students might be left behind because, with the emphasis on data, teachers will feel obligated to spend time with the higher achieving students to boost the data. This could lead to increased dropouts. Please rethink this and truly think about why families have not been enrolling their students. Again, closing schools and expanding others is not the answer; it's the easy way and I do not think it will help enrollment in the long run.	2/16/2026 8:57 AM
2292	Closing small community elementary schools I to larger facilities will not solve Dekalbs problems and will disadvantage the most vulnerable students....get rid of the bloat and high salaries in the administration distraction that have done nothing to ensure our children can read, do math, be prepared for the next level...not be passed on unprepared until they are no longer your problem...and most the facilities need to be demolished and rebuilt...our kids deserve better.	2/16/2026 8:55 AM
2293	I was surprised that school demand and quality were not considered in this round, and feel strongly that they should be. Please reconsider closing this beloved neighborhood school.	2/16/2026 8:47 AM
2294	Increase seats in theme schools please.	2/16/2026 8:46 AM
2295	Please don't close Oak Grove Elementary	2/16/2026 8:40 AM

2296	We appreciate the time and efforts you are putting into this project. We are all hoping for the very best outcome for all of DCSD students, communities, and staff.	2/16/2026 8:39 AM
2297	Each Area (1-7) can have different scenarios based on needs and preferences. One size does not fit all in Dekalb county.	2/16/2026 8:36 AM
2298	Having location relocation as a primary relocation priority.	2/16/2026 8:33 AM
2299	N/A	2/16/2026 8:17 AM
2300	If you are going to put out a list of possible school closures I would give a more definitive timeline listing when they would close. Teachers are starting to worry they won't have a job	2/16/2026 8:16 AM
2301	Make good decisions based on a well developed long term plan. Avoid the corruption, nepotism and incompetence of the past.	2/16/2026 8:08 AM
2302	The salaries brought into this district, along with the CO jobs assigned to principals dealing with stakeholder grievances, and the millions spent on the abandoned admin building, could have funded pay raises for our frontline workers, such as teachers, bus drivers, and cafeteria staff. This was initiated by Horton. Everyone he brought in, along with a few accomplices, needs to be evaluated. The Board of Education should resign, and all activities should be paused. If the right measures were being taken, a forensic audit would be conducted to ensure proper oversight and prevent adding more issues to the existing problems. SRES just experienced this situation. Ask Mrs. Latalia Robbins about the car rider line since the merger, especially since she wants to comment on families relocating to Midvale. Perhaps she can address her decision to leave bus rider duty every morning to help the former superintendent get his kids out of the car he parked in front of the buses, while other stakeholders struggled to drop off their children and get to work on time. Who will handle the logistics of the increased strain on the car rider process (pick up and drop off), along with the extra stops and delays in the morning and evening? Kids already wake up too early to reach the bus stops for school and face significant delays in the evening due to more routes with fewer drivers. A 5-minute ride for kids in the community can take an hour or more to get home in the evenings. Let's talk about how these larger classrooms result in more transition time, longer lines, and less time for meals. And what about the additional resources? Those funds are consumed by the growing number of students. There is nothing extra. Don't forget about the specials teachers, who receive no support and must interact with every single child. What about events and programs that can barely accommodate attendance? We also need to consider the amphitheater, which is seldom used, and the extra time needed to organize field trips. If property taxes are removed, I hope those pushing for this change are based on data. If you want to discuss this in real time, speak to a parent from SRES.	2/16/2026 8:02 AM
2303	I beleieve the schools with 300 or less should be the ones closed. North or south,	2/16/2026 7:57 AM
2304	To ease the size of high schools and have more siblings together that aren’t of driving age 6-9 works	2/16/2026 7:55 AM
2305	As the district considers the next round of scenarios, I strongly encourage the inclusion or expansion of specialized learning models such as Montessori programs, dual-language immersion schools, or other theme-based academies. These models can attract and retain families, increase enrollment, and provide distinctive, high-quality educational options within existing facilities. Rather than focusing primarily on consolidation, the district could strategically invest in specialized programming at targeted schools or clusters to strengthen community interest and long-term sustainability while preserving neighborhood school access.	2/16/2026 7:28 AM
2306	N/A	2/16/2026 1:35 AM
2307	Leave Cedar Grove students in their Cluster. Make the HS grades 7-12 and Pre-K-6 at the Middle School. Or put all Pre -K students from Cedar Grove ES and Oakview at Oakview, then 1-6 at the MS	2/15/2026 10:49 PM
2308	What funds that needs to be addressed allow the parents and teachers to pull together to gather the funds that needs to be met. This is OUR FUTURE AS A HUMAN RACE THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED PROPERLY AND RIGHTFULLY!	2/15/2026 10:26 PM
2309	This does not make me want to send my kids to Dekalb County public schools. This will accelerate the decline in enrollment, our family included. It seems like an obvious point, but no one wants to send their elementary or middle school aged children to a bigger school. I see how this may help the utility bill, but I don’t see how this will help my kids. This is a minor	2/15/2026 10:23 PM

	point but I read all of the above talking points, and there were multiple grammatical errors! That's embarrassing.	
2310	What is happening to the magnet schools?	2/15/2026 10:13 PM
2311	More information needs to be given out to these communities, current enrollment for each campus. Budgets for each location, predicted cost for the proposals-to be assumed that all this will be tax payer funded. Timeline for closures, what happens to all the buildings and land slated to be closed? Voters and parents need more specific and detailed information.	2/15/2026 10:10 PM
2312	Closing these schools would cause a major impact to the children in this community and the teachers and staff.	2/15/2026 9:53 PM
2313	With respect to the work behind the scenes on this project, releasing a list of potential closures as the first public facing step of the discussion is very damaging. More focus should be placed on student outcomes, safety, and well-being However, an appropriate next step would be to slow down and consider a small sample size - particularly at the elementary level. Redistricting plans should be clear - it's difficult for parents to provide feedback when they don't know where there child will be going if their school is closed. Consolidating in the North Druid Hills/Druid Hills area is particularly puzzling since this area is expanding and will likely need the three elementary schools in the Lakeside cluster to absorb incoming students as family move to the area for CHOA/Emory employment.	2/15/2026 9:39 PM
2314	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth Ranks in the top tier academically Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? Were pandemic-era regression inputs weighted in a way that distorts post-2023 growth trends? What are Oak Grove's projected utilization rates in 2028 and 2030? What are the comparative capital costs of maintaining Oak Grove versus expanding Sagamore Hills and Briarlake? A phased, data-driven approach focused on the largest drivers of underutilization would better align with fiscal responsibility and long-term capacity planning. Decisions in this growth corridor should be sequenced carefully to avoid eliminating capacity needed to support major community investment.	2/15/2026 9:17 PM
2315	Consolidation is good to bring efficiency and have more resources to benefit the kids. Different kids have different varying needs like gifted students, students requiring extra help. School district should have plan to cater to such needs.	2/15/2026 9:02 PM
2316	These schools that are due to close are very important schools and they are difference makers in the community	2/15/2026 8:27 PM
2317	Keeping children close to home is essential.	2/15/2026 8:13 PM
2318	providing some of the financial gains, class size changes, and other information would have been helpful in allowing us to form a more educated opinion before asking us to complete a survey would have made our opinions more relevant.	2/15/2026 8:11 PM
2319	Oak Grove enrollment is expected to be 96% next year and it has 4 consecutive years of enrollment growth.	2/15/2026 5:38 PM
2320	DO NOT CLOSE ANY SCHOOLS, DO NOT COMBINE SCHOOLS!!!	2/15/2026 4:27 PM
2321	Scenario 1 proposes 27 elementary closures, exceeding the previously referenced range of 4–16. Oak Grove: • Already exceeds the 88% utilization target (89% current; 96% projected) • Has four consecutive years of enrollment growth • Ranks in the top tier academically • Would require significant capacity adjustments at Sagamore Hills and Briarlake Closing schools already near or above utilization targets redistributes students without materially reducing excess capacity. If the objective is to close the utilization gap, the district should prioritize schools operating well below 70% utilization, where consolidation meaningfully improves efficiency without triggering new capital expansion. Before proceeding in this corridor, clarification would be helpful: 1. Were 2024–2026 employment expansions and residential pipeline data incorporated into enrollment projections? 2. Were pandemic-era regression inputs	2/15/2026 4:23 PM

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2323	I'm curious how Evansdale was selected for closure. It makes me wonder if the DLI program was considered at all among the people that were thinking through the scenario alternatives.	2/15/2026 4:18 PM
2324	We are a part of the DeKalb Overlay Improvement Program. Our community is growing. Don't cut out a piece of our heart before we truly have a chance to live.	2/15/2026 3:34 PM
2325	Reconsider Oak Grove Elementary School as being closed and consolidated. Ultimately, I think many families may move out of the school district.	2/15/2026 3:13 PM
2326	The district should investigate that does the county really has 110,000 students, but about 18,000 students are not attending public schools and the if the answer is yes why, and what can we do to change that instead of going straight to closing schools.	2/15/2026 2:56 PM
2327	Closing schools in the north section of the county seems short-sighted.	2/15/2026 2:16 PM
2328	Please consider community and parent involvement at schools. Oak Grove has a robust foundation and STEM support from the community.	2/15/2026 1:36 PM
2329	Satisfactory	2/15/2026 12:08 PM
2330	Do what is best and most cost efficient.	2/15/2026 11:55 AM
2331	None	2/15/2026 11:45 AM
2332	6 graders should not be with 12 graders. Thats a big transition and what about sports and other social development. Find another way to retain better teachers than to punish students with a lesser learning experience.	2/15/2026 11:42 AM
2333	I believe a change of this magnitude will cause residents to move out of the Oak Grove area or choose to send children to private options.	2/15/2026 11:31 AM
2334	Please listen to the leadership from Oak Grove Elementary who have looked at the numbers. This will cause a greater decrease in enrollment to make changes to communities based around some of these schools.	2/15/2026 11:15 AM
2335	Actually read and take into account the stakeholders - the students, families, teachers, that go into these schools every day, who live in these neighborhoods, who drive these roads everyday to and from school/work/games/etc., who's taxes to toward funding, and who are then asked to donate and volunteer on top of all of that. Do not just pay attention to whatever research firm is being hired to do a study or a survey. Do not pay attention to whatever school has the best football team. Pay attention to staff. Pay attention to staff placements - not just dropping teachers off in schools because "they have strong leadership and keep an eye out on her." (Direct quote from district, by the way).	2/15/2026 11:10 AM
2336	Why does the DLI program end at grade 8? Students should be able to stay woth their cohort	2/15/2026 11:09 AM

	through graduation.	
2337	Fix the buildings. Get rid of roaches. Color the stadiums make it mean something. Folks will come back. Dekalb looks old. We need some life	2/15/2026 10:56 AM
2338	I recommend a smarter fiscal approach. Start smaller with closures that precisely hit 88% utilization, phasing in changes to monitor effects and avoid unnecessary costs. For clarification - were 2024-2026 area investments factored into enrollment projections? Provide costs: remodel Oak Grove vs. expand Sagamore/Briarlake. Why include Oak Grove over lower-utilization schools?	2/15/2026 10:25 AM
2339	Unfortunately we have a huge rental population which causes students to move around often. Changing grade bands would have a further negative impact on our students.	2/15/2026 10:21 AM
2340	I think it’s a slap in the face to the school house to update and expand county facilities and personnel while leaving schools falling apart and taking needed staff. If anything schools need more staff and the county office should be streamlined.	2/15/2026 10:16 AM
2341	Oak Grove Elementary is a fabulous school and a cornerstone of the community. If this school closed, it would be devastating to the community. Many students would end up at private school, not another public school.	2/15/2026 10:08 AM
2342	Scenarios 1 overreaches with the closure of 27 elementary schools, including Oak Grove despite its 6-year enrollment growth to 96% projected for 2026-27 and top academics. The Druid Hills/North Druid Hills areas is continue to grow creating new jobs and attracting families to move here. Due to all of this, Oak Grove Elementary should not be considered to close when other schools have lower-utilization and are preforming lower than Oak Grove.	2/15/2026 10:03 AM
2343	Please continue to enhance clarity where feasible. While I value the inclusion of a 'worst-case' scenario, it is important to note that most stakeholders may not analyze the data in depth or infer changes based on factors such as facility age, attendance trends, and other economic indicators.	2/15/2026 9:56 AM
2344	Overall, I recommend: • Prioritizing redistribution before closure • Strengthening feeder pattern alignment within clusters • Using grade band adjustments to enhance academic programming rather than solely as a cost-saving measure • Protecting LRE and access to special education services when reconfiguring grades	2/15/2026 9:52 AM
2345	Kids on lower grades should feel like they’re in a separate school if combined with higher grades	2/15/2026 9:34 AM
2346	I think there should be some K-8 configurations.	2/15/2026 9:21 AM
2347	N/a	2/15/2026 9:15 AM
2348	Evansdale Elementary is a STEM school with French immersion program. It's a special school. Please reconsider your proposal	2/15/2026 8:46 AM
2349	Update Ashford park building but don’t close it	2/15/2026 8:21 AM
2350	Rock Chapel should stay open.	2/15/2026 8:01 AM
2351	I would like to see more data about what the potential savings are from this plan.	2/15/2026 7:03 AM
2352	Questions 6 and 7 are being used to encourage and validate a need for change. Instead of spending money to revamp facilities and transportation, money can go to other beneficial services within the district and county.	2/15/2026 6:21 AM
2353	Really hoping Canby Lane is taken off the list for potential closure/repurpose.	2/14/2026 11:33 PM
2354	Allow closed schools to be donated to nonprofits doing educational work.	2/14/2026 10:42 PM
2355	N/A	2/14/2026 9:42 PM
2356	Young children are developing socially at a different rate than older kids and perhaps that shouldn’t be in the same building. The educators handle the ages groups differently therefore they should be separated.	2/14/2026 8:46 PM
2357	It may be beneficial to combine McNair Middle and Champion Middle due to the similarity in programs	2/14/2026 8:32 PM

2358	Please let continue as it is	2/14/2026 8:12 PM
2359	The Littles should be a focus to set standards of SEL, academic focus and behavioral norms before moving on to elementary.	2/14/2026 8:10 PM
2360	What about DLI schools? Evansdale could be a entire school dedicated to the program, potentially boosting enrollment in the building but also in the county overall	2/14/2026 8:00 PM
2361	CLOSE TOWERS	2/14/2026 7:46 PM
2362	Vanderlyn is way too close to Dunwoody ES to remain opened. The Vanderlyn building should be repurposed for Dunwoody HS.	2/14/2026 7:43 PM
2363	It is crucial that the board includes a diverse representation of stakeholders, particularly those from the parent community. Parents of students from schools that are not directly affected by the proposed changes should also have a voice in these discussions. Their insights can provide valuable feedback and foster a more comprehensive understanding of the implications these decisions have on all students within the district, not just those who will experience immediate alterations. When the board encompasses parents from various schools and backgrounds, it promotes a more inclusive dialogue that considers a wider range of perspectives. This diversity can lead to more thoughtful decision-making and help ensure that the impacts on all families are taken into account. Parents can offer unique insights based on their experiences and knowledge about their children's educational needs, which is invaluable when planning changes that aim to enhance overall student achievement. I encourage the district to actively seek input from all parent stakeholders, not just those immediately affected, to create a more transparent and holistic approach to decision-making. This engagement will not only strengthen trust within the community but also improve the outcomes for all students in DeKalb County.	2/14/2026 6:59 PM
2364	South Dekalb needs to attract homebuyers. Any close facilities should be sold to the via the free market to be redeveloped. We don't need to keep these vacant schools off the tax rolls. Hopefully, enough schools can be combined and the after a period of adjustment a t-splost could be issued to start a rebuilding program to rebuild EVERY School in Dekalb. State of the art facilities will attract homebuyers back to South Dekalb. My neighborhood is a large one and I see approximately 6 children catching the bus in the morning. That is very telling. The average age in my neighborhood is probably 65, well beyond children bearing years. We need strong schools and new facilities in South Dekalb to compete!	2/14/2026 6:57 PM
2365	I'll have to research the article to provide my opinions on the above questions. But before I do- I've lived through 2 very specific times of transition -one was bussing kids over to another school district -and another where an influx of immigrants completely changed the face of the city. And I was an elementary teacher with strong beliefs about classes. I strongly believe that if a school is. I to silly performing at an exceptional level-LEAVE IT BE! Figure out a plan to make the other schools rise up to higher standards but don't mess with the ones that are working successfully.	2/14/2026 6:34 PM
2366	Are there options to survey the community of each school? What if fundraising or becoming a charter school is preferred over closure. Also what happens to school choice like French immersion as those schools are eliminated	2/14/2026 6:15 PM
2367	Please correct the grammatical mistakes: fewer than not less than 92,000 students and a high school not a high schools	2/14/2026 5:47 PM
2368	On a statewide scale, HB1193 includes provisions for mandatory kindergarten and retention of 1st graders who haven't hit certain benchmarks in literacy - both of which will increase enrollment in elementary schools. Research is overwhelmingly in favor of smaller schools, especially at the elementary level. Most of the commonly cited benefits of a larger school only apply at middle or high school levels. The benefits of a smaller school include increased safety and academic performance - which are top of mind for state legislators. In addition to legislative impact, I believe DCSD should consider the recent investments in the Druid Hills/North Druid Hills corridor (Arthur M. Blank's CHOA and Emory expansions, for example). My own family recently moved to the area for this reason, and we chose the Oak Grove area due to the wonderful things we heard about the staff and parents at the school. These projects are still actively attracting families, and the full enrollment impact has likely not been realized. Recent housing permit data within the attendance zone at Briarlake indicates that the elementary schoool may organically move to the 85-95% utilization range without consolidation. Consolidation discussion in this high-growth corridor including Sagamore Hills,	2/14/2026 5:42 PM

	Briarlake, and Oak Grove should be paused until projections more accurately reflect future growth. Enrollment patterns from 2020–2022 do not reflect current conditions. Lastly, while academic performance does appear to have been meaningfully considered, it should be. Oak Grove is one of the highest-performing schools in our peer group (CCRPI Content Mastery 94.2; Readiness 95.3). One SAP representative posited that by merging high-performing schools with nearby schools, the community effect from schools like Oak Grove would translate to other schools. The only time “success transfers” is when: students move into dramatically higher-performing schools; this does not match what DCSD is proposing - in Oak Grove or other high-performing schools listed for closure. The more likely outcomes (supported by large bodies of research on school closures in Chicago, NYC, Philadelphia) are: worse academic outcomes, top families leaving the district, receiving schools' failure to improve materially, and acceleration of enrollment declines. Please consider a more comprehensive review of the schools listed for closure.	
2369	Please don't favor North Dekalb in these discussions. The families there are wealthier and better resourced, so it always seems like their voices matter more. South DeKalb already bears the burden of disinvestment. This will only accelerate that if there is not a conscious effort to use this as an opportunity to improve education in South DeKalb	2/14/2026 4:27 PM
2370	Take parents' input into consideration, I suggest that the board have interviews with parents to know more about what students have had to endure in the last several years in schools in the areas incorporated.	2/14/2026 3:44 PM
2371	I am not pleased about how Dekalb has started this conversation. Dekalb should have started the conversation by sharing DATA with Dekalb residents rather than sewing confusion and panic. Do better!	2/14/2026 3:06 PM
2372	Please consider keeping this school. We recently relocated to the area to specifically have our kids in the school. Would be devastated and co sided moving if it closed	2/14/2026 2:46 PM
2373	Protect teachers jobs during this process.	2/14/2026 2:31 PM
2374	All these changes are horrible for the district, combining neighborhood schools into a few big schools. This will make it harder to get kids to school and eliminate the small classrooms that make learning easier for kids. My family bought a house in Dekalb county because we wanted our kids to go to a small neighborhood school that has a language immersive program. We will move to another district if these changes are made and Evansdales shut down.	2/14/2026 2:22 PM
2375	Very concerned about the DLI community at Evansdale and what these changes might mean for them. Also, we paid a premium on our home when we bought it a couple of years ago to ensure my child would eventually attend Lakeside. If this changes, not only would that be upsetting as we want our child to attend Lakeside, but it would negate the premium we paid for our home as well as decrease home values in our neighborhood.	2/14/2026 2:12 PM
2376	Keep Kitteidge, but end the magnet Chamblee middle and high. They aren’t necessary and could easily be filled with kids from closed schools.	2/14/2026 1:58 PM
2377	Focusing on new grade band programming will not have the same potential negative real estate impact that redrawing boundary lines here and there could cause. The grade bands could be developed within each area for organization and use of resources such as transportation, community support, etc. Additionally, the entire district has recently adjusted to alignment within fluid areas.	2/14/2026 1:15 PM
2378	Innovative learning spaces with flexible classrooms that cater to multi-grade learning experience, active learning spaces, and "Technology labs for all grades."	2/14/2026 1:15 PM
2379	Leadership is essential. Corrupt leaders are primarily to blame. DeKalb has a history of allowing North end parents to be the decision makers while ignoring the needs of the south end. South end schools are failing because of overcrowding, the student body has taken over the schools, leaders don't support teachers, and cheating is at an all-time high at several of the high schools. The district has supported and encouraged leaders to cheat and present false data.	2/14/2026 1:13 PM
2380	While I understand	2/14/2026 12:29 PM
2381	None	2/14/2026 12:28 PM
2382	Unclear in how impact to actual student experience will be impacted - IEP, special Ed, gifted, duel immersion. No details have been given on how student teacher ratios will be impacted or	2/14/2026 12:23 PM

	school choice, transportation etc	
2383	I have spoken	2/14/2026 12:11 PM
2384	More details for families. Better executed timeline.	2/14/2026 11:49 AM
2385	Take class sizes into consideration. Take special education and ESOL services into consideration as well.	2/14/2026 11:35 AM
2386	No where in the scenarios is the student mentioned other than capacity, just building conditions and potential cost(implied). Why not hit the breaks, look at your data on what is actually working in terms of academic performance, attendance, behavior. Then use that data to inform what the future should hold in terms of new and consolidated schools. Studies have shown that in some districts, especially minority and economically disadvantaged putting kids in a smaller high schools can result in a 9% increase in graduation rates. The old superintendent would called that increase a miracle and that could be potentially be achieved just by building size. Look at your data, see what is working and what is not. Let that inform the next steps after closing schools. Actually think about the students.	2/14/2026 10:54 AM
2387	Look at all of Dekalb Schools just not the South Dekalb area. McNair DLA also has the only school based clinic Medcura in the South Dekalb area which helps students stay in school.	2/14/2026 10:53 AM
2388	Please reach out to economic leaders/professionals and ask for their opinion on impact to house values for each school determined to close and to gut check closures. The community must be considered. Happy to discuss more and provide more feedback as an economic and cre professional myself — Jordan Goolsby / Jordan.agoolsby@gmail.com	2/14/2026 9:59 AM
2389	One of the best things about DeKalb county schools is the small schools. I could never imagine sending my child to a Gwinnett-sized school (3000 in a high school)!!!	2/14/2026 8:55 AM
2390	No	2/14/2026 8:51 AM
2391	In the event the clustering takes place, it’s extremely important to me that things like mental and physical maturity (being sexually active or having thought there of), violence (and this can be as little as a food fight and as big as someone pulling out a knife), etc. are taken into HUGE consideration. I’m a former DeKalb student and I encountered those situations very seldomly while in elementary and middle. Grade 9-12 is whole different ball game and should be treated as such. You learn in so many areas outside of just academics and you have to have the mental capacity to handle it all and keep showing up daily. My child is currently in Pre-K and I have a 2yo that will be trailing behind him. I personally don’t want them roaming the same halls as kids 13 and up. On another note, I’m not against this need for refining resource allocation. Maybe it’ll also encourage faculty/staff to step their games up so that they’re not on the chopping block.	2/14/2026 8:29 AM
2392	Thank you for your hard work and attention to this concern.	2/14/2026 8:24 AM
2393	There is a desperate need for investment in our public school system. The declining quality of education and disruptive changes like this continue to drive families into private. You’re building a system that no one wants to be in and the only families in it will be those that have no other choice financially rather than any interest in or love for their community. Facilities don’t needs to be great, but the quality of educators and the standards they are held to must be. That’s where the primary investment should be.	2/14/2026 8:18 AM
2394	N/A at this time	2/14/2026 8:17 AM
2395	Show us proof of low enrollment. Leave the schools open.	2/14/2026 8:07 AM
2396	Thank you for gathering community input early in this process. As future scenarios are developed, it will be important to clearly connect any proposed changes to improvements in student outcomes and school quality. Families understand that declining enrollment creates real challenges, but community support will depend on clearly demonstrating how changes will strengthen academic programs, expand opportunities, and improve the overall student experience. Transparency around how decisions will impact teacher staffing, course availability, extracurricular programs, transportation, and school community stability will be especially important. Continued communication, clear data, and ongoing opportunities for community engagement will help build trust as this process moves forward.	2/14/2026 7:46 AM
2397	I just want to say as a parent the low test scores, corruption and lack of accountability in DeKalb Schools have led our family to educate our kids elsewhere. I would focus on why	2/14/2026 6:22 AM

	families are moving to neighboring districts and choosing not to educate their kids in DeKalb and how that relates to low enrollment. We love our neighborhood but in the next few years we will have to move or send our kids to private school because of the disappointing academic records ands opportunities at Tucker Middle and Tucker High.	
2398	Lithonia Cluster Considerations 1️⃣ Enrollment Stability Must Drive the Model • Lithonia maintains 1,500+ students. • Historical capacity exceeded 1,800. • No evidence of sustained enrollment decline. Future scenarios should: • Use 5–10 year enrollment projections. • Model growth potential — not just current numbers. • Avoid designing structures around temporary dips. ——— 2️⃣ Facilities Capacity & Land Availability Should Be Evaluated If the Randall Avenue site is considered, the district should model: • Square footage capacity • Expansion potential • Athletic complex development • Parking & traffic redesign • Long-term scalability Scenarios should compare: • Renovation cost at current site vs. • Reinvestment and expansion at Randall Avenue A side-by-side capital comparison is critical. ——— 3️⃣ Academic Outcome Modeling Should Be Included Before altering grade bands, the district should model: • 9th grade failure rates • Attendance data • Discipline trends • Graduation trajectory impact If a 9th Grade Academy is modeled, include projected outcome improvements based on similar districts. Structural change should be tied to measurable academic gains. ——— 4️⃣ Cluster Equity Analysis If clusters are not uniform in grade bands, the district should clearly define: • Funding equity • Program access (AP, CTAE, athletics) • Student-teacher ratios • Safety standards Equity must be measured by opportunity, not just structure. ——— 5️⃣ Transportation & Community Impact Modeling Scenarios should include: • Bus route changes • Commute time increases • Traffic flow analysis • Impact on feeder patterns • Community engagement response Community stability is a measurable factor. ——— 6️⃣ Long-Term Strategic Planning (25-Year View) Next-round scenarios should ask: • Does this model support growth? • Does it increase or limit future expansion? • Does it strengthen community identity? • Does it optimize district assets? Short-term fixes often create long-term costs. ——— 🎯 Strategic Recommendation for the Next Round The next round should include: 1. Status quo (9–12) 2. 9th Grade Academy within cluster 3. Lithonia HS reinvestment model (with phased construction) 4. Capital cost comparison of all models 5. 5–10 year enrollment projection analysis	2/14/2026 6:03 AM
2399	More than More survey should be sent	2/14/2026 6:01 AM
2400	Huge major capital investments is not the solution here. Attracting new students and giving the resources our teachers need to do their job more effectively is the real issue. Figuring out the solution to under enrollment all goes back to why are less families coming to the area? If the answer is due to any of the reasons you are considering on moving to, then you are only going to make the matter worse, not better!	2/14/2026 5:32 AM
2401	Please reconsider this decision because it will impact local home values and increase parent’s commuting costs. This is not a prudent decision when you consider long term impacts.	2/14/2026 1:00 AM
2402	Please do not close our local elementary.	2/14/2026 12:08 AM
2403	Robert shaw elementary theme if they add more clas for middle school every body will stay	2/14/2026 12:02 AM
2404	There needs to be more clarity in how schools were chosen. There are schools being closed which exceeded almost every metric of schools who are being expanded or not closed. Also, high performing schools need to be in the criteria as education should be the number one priority and community engagement should be a positive in the analysis.	2/13/2026 10:07 PM
2405	Have not read up on it or followed it	2/13/2026 10:04 PM
2406	Listen to your veteran teachers.	2/13/2026 9:34 PM
2407	Champion Theme should remain how it is. My oldest went to that school and currently graduating from Arabia. I loved the structure and the environment. I have one more child that Im trying to get placed into that school because of that reason alone. The student teacher ration wasn't overwhelming which allowed for the teachers to be to more attentive to students needs.	2/13/2026 9:14 PM
2408	The closures are disproportionately impacting South DeKalb communities!!	2/13/2026 9:00 PM
2409	We need Rowland elementary school to stay open the best school and staff and education for students and parents where we all have a part to be part. This is the school every student has a freedom of speech and liberty of expression	2/13/2026 8:48 PM

2410	I vehemently oppose the closing of Vanderlyn Elementary. The quality of educators is outstanding and they have built amazing programs and culture for the students.	2/13/2026 8:40 PM
2411	District Representatives should speak to schools on closure list to provide more detailed and transparent detailed answers to the community and support to the schools who are now losing focus close to testing worrying about the possibility of their school closing.	2/13/2026 8:36 PM
2412	Please think of the communities this will directly affect and the jobs lost. This is already a lower income predominantly black community. Most families are barely able to eat. So many do not have cars. So many are living in cars, hotels, etc. Please consider the huge influx in new housing that has been recently built or in the beginning stages of Being built. Huge complexes have been built and where will this influx of families go? Will the schools then be over crowded? My first grader is in a class of 28 and possibly could close due to low numbers. Look at these programs they actually have that are creating engagement in the community. The safety they create for the neighbors. Being able to walk if they miss the bus because their family has no car.	2/13/2026 8:30 PM
2413	Support local education efforts.	2/13/2026 8:26 PM
2414	the k-8 model has proved successful at our facility in part due to a split administrative team serving traditional elementary and middle school populations separately	2/13/2026 8:26 PM
2415	Please take the time to consider more than just the numbers. Raising property taxes or other revenue means should be considered to preserve small classes and more community oriented schools before any cuts are made.	2/13/2026 8:22 PM
2416	Additional studies and community forums are recommended. While I understand the financial impact 27 schools will primarily impact African American demographic.	2/13/2026 8:03 PM
2417	The changes are not necessary and everything needs to stay the same	2/13/2026 7:59 PM
2418	I just believe a lot of money was spent in places that they should not have been. We have neighborhood schools. Unfortunately, a lot of our parents are not happy with the kids being tested all the time and over all education, so they are home schooling. We have also lost a lot due to deportations. Hold the parents responsible and make them bring the kids to school. Bring the joy back to these schools. We use to have fun learning. Now with all the standards , data talks and walks it has become stressful.	2/13/2026 7:56 PM
2419	Biggest concern is the children getting quality education and the neighborhoods being safe	2/13/2026 7:54 PM
2420	Tucker has 5 elementary schools. Tucker High -10-12, Tucker Middle -7-9, Smokerise Elementary - 4-6, Midvale Elementary 1-3, Idlewood Elementary - Pre-K - K. Close Lisvey and Brockett Elementary schools.	2/13/2026 7:44 PM
2421	This would definitely be trial and error.	2/13/2026 7:39 PM
2422	Kids are maturing earlier and faster. It’s better to recognize age and stage changes that have further emphasized the need for the traditional system. Protecting the naive PreK-5 and formative 6-8 as much as possible, while supporting the adolescent and career development needs of 9-12.	2/13/2026 7:19 PM
2423	Yes please do the same thing you do for North Dekalb in South Dekalb. South Dekalb students deserve a quality education.	2/13/2026 7:05 PM
2424	Peachtree Middle School is overcrowded. There are far too many elementary feeder schools going into the building. And, then afterwards going to Dunwoody High School. There should be at least an additional middle and high school in the north Dekalb region. It makes for a challenging learning environment for students, educators and parents.	2/13/2026 7:04 PM
2425	These announcements are going to throw grant funding for capital improvements into turmoil. I feel like now that this has been announced we need clear information asap.	2/13/2026 7:04 PM
2426	The other thing I would be ok with if you tell us of your plans with the elementary school. As you know DeKalb has a high crime rate / homeless population so leaving that school abandoned is going to make that worse . I would want there to be an opportunity for redevelopment into a community center , a mixed use facility with affordable living and some small businesses .	2/13/2026 6:51 PM
2427	I encourage you to truly engage with the community — because the community is what creates your success. When you have the support and backing of the people you serve,	2/13/2026 6:50 PM

	progress becomes possible and sustainable. Listen to the parents. Listen to the students. Listen to the alumni. Listen to the educators who are on the ground every day. If you have the community behind you, you will win. Thank you for taking the time to listen to the people and for considering the voices that care deeply about our schools and our future.	
2428	none	2/13/2026 6:30 PM
2429	Think critically about the age of the learners. Do we really want middle school students housed with high school students? How will this impact school discipline? People will pull their kids and send them to private schools.	2/13/2026 6:13 PM
2430	I strongly oppose the closure of Evansdale Elementary. The next round of scenarios (or at least the contextual information provided along with them) should speak to how the proposals may impact employees of DCSD. It is also extremely difficult to weigh in effectively about buildings alone without taking programs into consideration. The racial equity impacts of scenarios should also be part of the contextual information provided to parents. Finally, as a parent anxiously awaiting to hear the outcome of the DCSD lottery for GA pre-k seats, it strikes me that the district should commit to expanding pre-k offerings as part of this effort.	2/13/2026 6:02 PM
2431	On one hand, I would like DUNWOODY HIGH SCHOOL to use the Vanderlyn campus to expand the school, maybe for a 9th grade campus. On the other hand, Vanderlyn (and Ashford park) are good schools, and I don't know if it's wise to disrupt them. We want to keep good students in our school system. It helps out middle schools and High schools too to attract families looking for well regarded schools. I think Vanderlyn families will happily move to Austin. They will probably complain to shift to Dunwoody elementary, but hopefully stay in the school system. If you try to push some of them into Kingsley ES, they will go private or move — which I think won't help DCSD in the long run. If you push a large enough group from Vanderlyn to Kingsley it might be ok.	2/13/2026 5:49 PM
2432	An end result should have each school employing equal amounts of qualified teachers, administration and support staff.	2/13/2026 5:43 PM
2433	Please consider consolidation of some elementary schools to allow space for more students and assist with a curve in local population. Please put money into the facilities in South dekalb	2/13/2026 5:33 PM
2434	I fail to comprehend how this will benefit the children. Given the current scenario, it appears that more jobs will be eliminated, and children will be adversely affected. Consequently, more parents will opt to relocate their children from school to homeschooling, leading to a further decline in enrollment rates.	2/13/2026 5:28 PM
2435	Our families live our school FIERCELY. Please do not pick this battle. Their property taxes are high and they want their school to stay in their neighborhood. They will likely pull voucher money for private school if you do this.	2/13/2026 5:22 PM
2436	Please take into consideration the burden of parents having to travel further to get their children to school. Can we take a deeper look to save more schools?	2/13/2026 5:20 PM
2437	How can you get this survey out to more people?	2/13/2026 5:13 PM
2438	Dr. Sauce and Team, Thank you for the significant work that has gone into the recent Keheley/Henry redistricting discussions. I know this process is complex, data-driven, and iterative by design, and I appreciate the thoughtfulness that has gone into the recommendations. I wanted to share some of the limited but consistent feedback I have received so far. The first reaction I heard — including the night of the meeting — was that several parents could understand why certain recommendations were made. In particular, parents at Ashford Park expressed that they recognize the condition and limitations of the building. Many were clear that their commitment is to the school community, not necessarily to the facility itself. However, what was consistently unclear to them was: What happens next? If Ashford Park were to close, families did not have clarity about: • Where students would go, • How the attendance zones would be configured, • Whether the school community would remain intact, • What the transition timeline would look like. I had a similar conversation with Mayor Lynn Deutsch, who expressed that while she understands the rationale behind the recommendations, the community is struggling with the lack of clarity around the downstream implications. I believe part of this may be that the iterative nature of the process is not fully understood. From a planning perspective, it makes sense to present concepts, gather feedback, refine, and adjust. But from a parent's perspective, the absence of a defined end-state can feel destabilizing. One idea that emerged from several discussions is whether we should communicate this as a phased implementation strategy, even if those phases are still	2/13/2026 5:09 PM

	conceptual. For example: • Phase 1: Changes involving attendance zone adjustments only (no construction). • Phase 2: Changes requiring light construction combined with boundary adjustments. • Phase 3+: More complex and capital-intensive projects, including major renovations or new builds. Framing the work this way may help the community understand: • What can realistically happen first, • What requires funding and longer timelines, • That some higher-cost options may ultimately prove infeasible, • And that we may achieve a substantial percentage of the intended value before reaching the most expensive components. In other words, if we ultimately complete 60–70% of the structural improvements through lower-cost, boundary-based adjustments, and the final 30% requires a new school that proves cost-prohibitive, the community would better understand that tradeoff in advance rather than feeling surprised later. My suggestion is simply that in the next round of community engagement, we consider adding clearer articulation of: 1. What a likely end-state could look like, 2. How the work could be phased over 1-, 3-, and 5-year horizons, 3. And what decisions are conceptual versus financially contingent. I believe this added clarity could significantly reduce anxiety while maintaining the integrity of the iterative planning process. I will also add this feedback to the SAP survey engine. I look forward to continuing the conversation. Best, ---- Andrew Ziffer Board Member, District 1 DeKalb County School District 1701 Mountain Industrial Boulevard | Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083 678.676.0722 | Direct Office andrew_b_ziffer@dekalbschoolsga.org	
2439	The students in our schools are not awarded the same education that the Northside of county is presented. It has always been unequal for 40 yrs.	2/13/2026 5:05 PM
2440	It is important that students are able to flourish in an environment that feels safe, supportive, and familiar to them while also challenging them to grow academically. When students feel comfortable in their surroundings, they are more confident to participate, ask questions, and take academic risks. A stable and nurturing environment strengthens focus, builds healthy relationships with teachers and peers, and supports emotional well being. That sense of belonging directly impacts performance. At the same time, comfort should not mean complacency. The environment must also provide structure, high expectations, and access to strong academic programming. When students are both supported and challenged, they are positioned to grow, achieve, and reach their full potential.	2/13/2026 5:04 PM
2441	Please consider schools that are less focused on standardized tests and more focused on critical thinking, project based learning, and solving real problems.	2/13/2026 4:52 PM
2442	How about don’t worry about filling every seat but utilize smaller classroom size to pour more into those kids.	2/13/2026 4:49 PM
2443	Adding more low income students, with IEP'S, 504 plans, and behavioral problems to already struggling classrooms doesn't seem like the best use of resources.	2/13/2026 4:33 PM
2444	Focus on the students, not the money.	2/13/2026 4:32 PM
2445	You must provide more specific details about the complete scenario/plan. Listing school closures/repurposing only does not allow for necessary conversations because too much is still unknown.	2/13/2026 4:18 PM
2446	I am also concerned about my position as a staff member of one of the schools on the list. Is there going to be any support for the teachers who are displaced because of this decision?	2/13/2026 4:11 PM
2447	KEEP EVERYTHING THE WAY IT IS NOW!! NO NEED FOR CHANGE!!	2/13/2026 4:03 PM
2448	Repurposing a centralized school that ultimately closes to be a dyslexia remediation school would fit a need to serve our learners and solidify a civil right within DCSD- the right to read. This was recently done in NYC: https://bkliteracyacademy.org/	2/13/2026 3:54 PM
2449	Be truthful about the real reasons why you are proposing these changes. Would be interesting to see the before/ after school free meal figures. In the past redistrictings, they've always gone up almost exponentially. How this was done was by shipping kids into districts that previously were mainly single family residential.	2/13/2026 3:46 PM
2450	I hope the stakeholder meetings will be organized so they don't become "shouting matches" and that we explain to our communities the benefits of consolidation--which means the focus should be on all the positive (i.e., new facilities, programming, competitive athletic teams, etc.).	2/13/2026 3:23 PM
2451	I'm just worried about I.e.p students. What will that look like and how they are teated	2/13/2026 3:14 PM

2452	provide a video of someone explaining the plan and providing the rationale. Include visuals so it is easier to understand.	2/13/2026 3:13 PM
2453	Por favor tomen encue el cierre de la escuela nos afectaría a todos más .	2/13/2026 2:51 PM
2454	Please consider not closing Evansdale elementary as part of the scenario. Evansdale has shown a lot of growth the past year as seen through improvement in MAP scores. Don't throw this all away by sending these kids to a larger school where they would get less attention. Don't throw away the sense of community and the neighborhood. Thank you.	2/13/2026 2:32 PM
2455	Important to prepare students with identifiable knowledge and skills that will be useful as adults. In each course, students are or will be informed with examples: forms of matter are solid, liquid, gas or math usage applicable to daily life. Tech/Vocational training available to all students starting in 8th grade will teach everyday household issues: driving ed, auto maintenance, intro to electrician, repairing lawn/ garden equipment, cooking, construction (dog house, chair, etc), journalism, flight simulation, truck driver/forklift drivers, certifications by Georgia Dept Labor, mock court (law, evidence)…	2/13/2026 2:32 PM
2456	I think Bouie elementary is a good school to stay the and have the numbers.	2/13/2026 2:31 PM
2457	The largest siphon from home schools is the specialty, thematic schools. Investing in immersing these programs at home schools would negate the need for these magnet or specialty programs and provide a greater, more equitable education experience for all DCSD students.	2/13/2026 2:17 PM
2458	Let’s be 1000% serious about this process and not just what the numbers or budget say! Public school determines our county’s future!	2/13/2026 2:16 PM
2459	This would really hurt the learning experience for DeKalb County students.	2/13/2026 2:15 PM
2460	There are people in this county that are not opposed to paying more in taxes for the county to provide schooling to the young people that live in the county. Education is one of the four principal reasons for government (along with the provision of security, provision of infrastructure and preservation of finite resources). Many of us understand that providing those things costs money. If more people were educated and perhaps took a civics class, they may understand that and we all may be in a better place than we are right now. Reducing access to education is not the answer.	2/13/2026 2:01 PM
2461	I understand that due to today's administration this is what we have come to. My biggest fear is that the school to prison pipeline is going to become something scary. Kids that are able to get more attention now are going to lose that. We already have teachers that are overworked and this will not make that any better. We are losing community resources provided by some of these schools. The ENTIRE Cedar Grove cluster is on this list. That means the next closest school would be Columbia or SWD which is not very close. I have no transportation so how would I get to them in case of emergencies? What happens when the population does start to pick up again? This area is highly gentrified at this point soooooooo what happens when families start buying and fixing these houses again? Currently my children are middle schoolers. Over the next 5 years they will be moving into their most pivotal informative years. I dont want them to lose out on the high school experience being even more confused about where they fit in a NEW SCHOOL. As someone who graduated from the Inaugural class from Miller Grove High School I know first hand the type of division that can ensue. Its going to take years to get rid of. There should be something that can and will make this alot more seamless.	2/13/2026 1:17 PM
2462	None	2/13/2026 1:16 PM
2463	That's all for now. I think Chesnut Elementary and Peachtree Middle School should continue to be utilized and not repurposed.	2/13/2026 1:07 PM
2464	I am exhausted by the DCSD putting out major announcements and requesting feedback just prior to a school break. I mean it's better this time - typically it's just before winter break, end of school year or during summer break. At least this time it's winter break which many don't travel for. It almost feels as if you try to catch the parents off guard. I do feel you get less feedback based on timing these announcements prior to a school break and I feel DCSD knows that works in their favor... less noise, less engagement. I also feel as if I'm being asked to give feedback on closing schools, potentially our beloved Ashford Park, with no further data on what that does to our community. Does the school population get split across other elementary schools, does the current population get reassigned as a group to another school.	2/13/2026 12:55 PM

	It's difficult to say what I support with such a small segment of data on what the end result would be.	
2465	I'm a DHHS student heading to DSA next year, and moving DSA closer to my house (my house is right down the street from DHHS) would be really great for me and my siblings. I understand if that can't be done though, but I think a big priority should be getting school buses going to DSA. A lot of people don't have transportation right now and that's going to be a nightmare for my parents next year. I don't think Marta goes there. Transportation shouldn't be a barrier to better opportunities.	2/13/2026 12:40 PM
2466	Please explain why Princeton Elementary is the ONLY primary school in the county that feeds two different clusters for MS and HS via the imaginary line drawn down the middle of the school (feeds Lithonia and Stephenson clusters). Yet you lie on your website and tell the public Princeton only feeds the Stephenson cluster😡.	2/13/2026 12:13 PM
2467	With our current political climate, I think disrupting the lives of Dekalb County Student and parents is thoughtless and telling of who is important and who's not.	2/13/2026 12:09 PM
2468	This is a difficult conversation and needs to happen. But what also needs to happen is streamlining of the DCSD infrastructure, audits and oversight of the administration under the former and current superintendent, and further transparency of how results of audits and oversight are used to improve accountability and drive results.	2/13/2026 11:59 AM
2469	When building new schools, ensure proper office space for support and itinerant staff so that we are not doubled up. This impacts our ability to work with students, maintain student/family confidentiality, and maintain ethical standards required for our jobs.	2/13/2026 11:50 AM
2470	I have no additional feedback. But I feel as though as a member of this community, I would like to see and hear more initiatives to interact with the people. Furthermore, young adults who are thinking about children need to be a part of this conversation as well.	2/13/2026 11:45 AM
2471	I really value and love our small neighborhood Sagamore Hills Elementary school. Principal Freeman has done an amazing job even in 1 year reigniting our community and parent support at the school. My kindergarten son loves the school. It is just the right size for starting school, not too big to be overwhelming, and very welcoming. It certainly needs building and facilities upgrades and could use more funding for more specials teachers (special Ed, gifted, stem), but we are very happy with the education so far. I would prefer to keep schools on the smaller side for elementary, but am also supportive of balancing that with cost savings of closing under utilized buildings if to provide more funding direct to student education/support.	2/13/2026 11:42 AM
2472	Thank you all for soliciting feedback. News like this can bring out a lot of emotions but I am excited to hear more	2/13/2026 11:31 AM
2473	We should prioritize smaller schools (especially at the elementary school level) and programming, even if it means the trade-off is higher costs. There is no better investment than one going to our communities' schools.	2/13/2026 11:20 AM
2474	Why is it that Dekalb cannot figure out which schools are highest performing. Why not list that on the next round of scenarios and list all the highest performing to the lowest performing. Let's make it easy to compare. List only map scores across the board, since those scores are national not local to a school.	2/13/2026 11:15 AM
2475	Alot of the schools considered for closure or consolidation are in predominantly Black and Brown communities. It looks like those communities once again will be taking the brunt of what will finally be decided. This issue needs to be handled with great care and consideration.	2/13/2026 11:14 AM
2476	I understand that the drop in enrollment is the reason that this scenario is being considered, but it seems like Dekalb has been wasteful with taxpayer dollars. For example, a new building was purchased last year for central office staff, even though the county was aware of the drop in enrollment beforehand. It seems especially wasteful to get rid of schools that have been renovated or the newer buildings that are not yet decrepit. Millions of dollars have been spent with no regard for the drop in enrollment. My school is being renovated now for several millions of dollars, and our enrollment is drops every week. Who do they expect will be attending the new, renovated building?	2/13/2026 11:11 AM
2477	It becomes too difficult with multiple children in one family	2/13/2026 10:58 AM
2478	While I understand that changes are necessary, please do your utmost to ensure as little disruption to DCPS families as possible.	2/13/2026 10:54 AM

2479	We are quite pleased with our specific school community at Montgomery Elementary School since PK - 5th.	2/13/2026 10:51 AM
2480	Why middle schools? The extra transition during puberty. The loss of a year of high school. The late days for those kids and earlier days for elementary. I remember a Dekalb with driver's ed (we have so many bad drivers- bring it back), where our high school teams all played each other because they were in the same region, where we had tennis courts and not trailer courts. Don't reinvent the wheel. Just tell us why the old wheel doesn't work and maybe we will be on board with this one.	2/13/2026 10:40 AM
2481	please renovate and do not close Oak Grove Elementary. It is a great school a db many people move into the neighborhood precisely to have access to it. That being said, it is shamefully in need of major renovations. The state of decay of the physical plant is Inexcusable- We pay high property taxes- why is our elementary school so delapidated? This is shameful and wrong.	2/13/2026 10:29 AM
2482	RENOVATE KINGSLEY AS PROMISED AND AS THE SPLOST FUNDING HAS ALREADY BEEN ALLOCATED!!! These families, students and staff deserve some stability and a healthy, safe school.	2/13/2026 10:23 AM
2483	No	2/13/2026 10:19 AM
2484	The populations fluctuate from year to year. To permanently close a school would cause overcrowding in the other schools, then when populations increase again there would be no re-opening shuddered schools. This plan is not in the best interest of students or the residents of Dekalb. I'm not sure what the motivation for this plan was, but it is not for the communities of Dekalb. If it is being dictated by the school board, I would caution anyone from taking any more failed recommendations from them.	2/13/2026 10:13 AM
2485	Look at the AIC for options to budget cuts, not the schools. Their seems to a lot a services and perks offered to all of DCSD employees but are only realistic for AIC staff to benefit from (mammogram services, food trucks). These services either need to be better planned to serve all DCSD staff from Dunwoody to Redan, or only pull from a budget used to AIC staff benefits/services.	2/13/2026 10:09 AM
2486	There have been studies suggesting moving 6 and 7th graders to high school grades risks exposing younger adolescents, who are less mature to cope, to degraded social and emotional environments. I'm strongly opposed to the consolidation of these grade bands.	2/13/2026 10:08 AM
2487	Just don’t do it…	2/13/2026 9:58 AM
2488	We cannot continue to have discussions/make decisions on shutting down schools without having the full information/full picture of what the resultant impact is (e.g. under a given scenario, like the one currently proposed, what will the new school boundaries be, what will the proposed capacities be of the expanded schools, what does the proposed utilization of the remaining schools look like over time). You are asking to provide feedback/ make decisions in a vacuum right now which is an extremely poor way to run this process as well as build credibility in the community. Additionally, if you share certain principals as to what is guiding your decisions, then we expect you to follow those principals -- and at a bare minimum, provide rationale as to why you deviate from them if/when you do. Given the recent scandals at the highest levels of the administration and the distrust in the school board given their judgement in the situation, community trust is at an all-time low. The school district should be doing everything in its power to rebuild trust in the community. Exercises such as this with 'partial transparency' and work to have the opposite effect on our community and continue to elevate distrust.	2/13/2026 9:47 AM
2489	I would like to see how the current plan would impact school choice program locations and offerings. Some of the school locations listed also house school choice programs along with their residential populations.	2/13/2026 9:40 AM
2490	Having a jr high model vs middle school model keeps pressure off overcrowding a high school. By having upper and lower elementary schools, there can be a better management of population swings in desirable school districts. Not every area in Dekalb needs it though. So make logical decisions for each cluster. Stop treating the district like there can be a 1 size fits all approach. Do not close Ashford Park Elementary and keep Ashford Park in the Chamblee Cluster!	2/13/2026 9:33 AM
2491	Please add teachers and paras to all discussions as we are still in the classrooms and see	2/13/2026 9:27 AM

	daily what needs to be done to create an environment to help all students learn.	
2492	During this time of change, verifying residency of students for each school attendance zone with more diligence would be ideal.	2/13/2026 9:21 AM
2493	DeKalb has a strong and growing school tax base, and that should be used to stabilize—not dismantle—neighborhood schools. DCSD's published tax digest history shows the district is levying an estimated ~$975M in total school taxes (2024) on a net M&O digest of ~$42.4B at 22.98 mills. With district enrollment around 92,066 students, that's roughly ~$10.6K per student in property-tax levy capacity as a simple districtwide scale reference. Rather than closing schools and forcing longer commutes, DCSD should invest these resources in right-sizing through program expansion, targeted boundary adjustments, and facility improvements —while keeping traditional grade bands (K–5 / 6–8 / 9–12). Disruption from closures and grade-band reshuffling is avoidable when the district has the fiscal capacity to pursue solutions that preserve stability for students and communities.	2/13/2026 9:21 AM
2494	Given the organizational tumult for DCSD, the parents and community have lost significant trust in your decision making— especially for such a sensitive, challenging topic like school closures. I would encourage more transparency for recommendations in the next phase to help rebuild trust.	2/13/2026 9:15 AM
2495	If there is an option to do somewhat of a hybrid of the options. If there is a way to keep more small schools at the elementary level where enrichment is less important and then consolidate to larger schools where the activities really matter would be my preference.	2/13/2026 9:11 AM
2496	Please do not do this it is very unconventional and will have many flaws. It will also inconvenience many students around Dekalb who may have to move districts or even counties just to be enrolled in school.	2/13/2026 9:06 AM
2497	RIDICULOUS! My biggest concern is the impact this would have on class sizes. Smaller schools allow for smaller class sizes, which allows for better engagement and personalized interactions between students and teachers. There is tons of research that supports this. Closing manageable neighborhood schools would be catastrophic for stakeholders. Students, parents, and teachers would suffer heavily due to massive changes. I can only imagine the amount of teachers that would be fired because there wouldn't be a need for all of them after consolidating. Furthermore, the bus situation would be a NIGHTMARE! There aren't even enough buses or bus drivers to support the schools as they function now.	2/13/2026 9:05 AM
2498	Part of what makes DCSD special IS the neighborhood feel of the schools. I love that Chamblee Middle is tucked into a neighborhood. It feels safe and community-oriented. These giant school systems in the exurbs that have a massive elementary school (on a huge main road) right next to a middle school and then the high school....feel impersonal, huge and generic. I understand they draw from a larger population radius and can absorb, adapt to changes in populations better than these little neighborhood schools. For instance, my parents live in Smoke Rise. That was my elementary school and now it's repurposed as something else because only grandparents live in that neighborhood now. I understand the generational ebbs and flows. But if a school is thriving, please do not make huge changes. You'll send everyone to private schools and then DeKalb will have even more "declining enrollment" on their hands. Also: Please renovate the Kittredge Magnet building (it was decrepit when I was a DCSD student 30 years ago!) but keep it where it is. It is SUCCESSFUL. Moving it will make it less so. Have more magnet schools throughout the county and people can choose which one they want to attend, based on proximity or preference. It is one of DeKalb's most successful programs....do not screw it up!	2/13/2026 8:55 AM
2499	Ashford Park Elementary has a lot of community support and I believe it could be utilized effectively. It has had classes outside the building in trailers for quite some time so it seems like capacity should not be an issue. It's really cost effective to have some children from the neighborhood walk to school rather than needing buses. I also wonder if buses could be downsized to help with costs as I have observed that they run half empty most of the time. Perhaps smaller, more efficient vehicles could help the school system reduce costs rather than aggregating schools. Elementary school children, especially, benefit from being in a more intimate school setting.	2/13/2026 8:53 AM
2500	If any of the Dunwoody cluster schools were to close, attention needs to be paid to the size of remaining schools. Focus needs to be on SAFE, CLEAN environments and keeping students in the traditional school building, NOT trailers. Attention also needs to be paid to keeping	2/13/2026 8:52 AM

	students with their neighborhood versus splitting neighborhoods and sending kids to schools that are further away and lower performing for the sake of closing schools.	
2501	The current drop in enrollment is often misattributed. Two major contributing factors are: Ongoing leadership instability at the district level, which has disrupted trust and consistency. Teachers being assigned to teach content areas outside of their expertise, leading to disengaging instruction. When educators are not confident or well-versed in the content they are assigned to teach, instruction often becomes limited to distributing assignments and grading rather than engaging students in meaningful learning. This results in student boredom, lack of connection to school, and eventual disengagement. For example, my degree is in fashion design. While this county does not offer the course at the school I am at (Cross Keys High), I sponsor a fashion club. Despite being only a club, my students advanced to the state-level competition and outperformed schools that actually offer the class. This demonstrates both instructional capability and strong student engagement when content aligns with teacher expertise. One student shared that the fashion club was the primary reason she continued coming to school. Due to personal circumstances involving ICE and family instability, she had begun missing school and has fewer than 60 days remaining before graduation. As her teacher, I emphasized the importance of consistent attendance so she can graduate, but her situation highlights how meaningful, relevant programs can be the deciding factor in whether students remain engaged at all. To truly address enrollment and retention, future scenarios must prioritize: Proper alignment of teacher expertise to content Expansion of engaging, career-connected programs Stability in leadership and instructional vision Without addressing these core issues, changes to facilities or grade bands alone will not resolve the underlying challenges.	2/13/2026 8:43 AM
2502	Oak Grove Elementary is a cornerstone to the community and where my family plans to send our children. The reputation of the school was a huge reason we decided to purchase a home in the area, and consolidating/closing the school would impact the longstanding reputation and community engagement. We would consider moving out of the Dekalb district entirely if OGE closes.	2/13/2026 8:40 AM
2503	We suggest to consider traffic and safety for our students. The Globe Academy (however not short term impacted) and Lakeside HS create a massive impact to nearby neighborhoods in regards to traffic. Please work along with DeKalb Publix work department to improve roads, sidewalks and crosswalks systems in order for students and neighbors to be safe at al times.	2/13/2026 8:40 AM
2504	I would like to see new schools built in the South Dekalb area as well as North Dekalb	2/13/2026 8:28 AM
2505	Reducing the number of elementary schools in an effort of consolidation decreases the connectivity of students to teachers to parents to communities and lessens the neighborhoods affected.	2/13/2026 8:25 AM
2506	Don’t close Ashford Park. Simple. It does not fall under the criteria you provided for school closures.	2/13/2026 8:21 AM
2507	I don't think 6-8 needs to ever be with 9-12 grade students, and any change should maintain the 9-12 grade band.	2/13/2026 8:21 AM
2508	I'd love more detail on the number of students that would be shifted to each school and the rough estimate of how that would impact classroom size and dollars per student.	2/13/2026 8:17 AM
2509	Cut from central office.	2/13/2026 8:12 AM
2510	For boundaries, please keep in mind neighborhoods should stay together. Also, please spread out high density living (apartments) kids throughout all the different schools instead of putting them all in one school. Make sure that kids that are less than 2 miles from a school get to go to that school because they often walk/ride bikes which saves space/money on buses. No split feeder middle or high schools please since that separates kids right at the prime age they need their close peers from elementary with them as they go to middle or high school.	2/13/2026 8:07 AM
2511	This behavior is how you will turn thousands of families in East Atlanta to requests to annex into city of Atlanta. Are you seriously willing to let go hundreds of thousands of dollars in property taxes just to close one tiny school? The impact will be felt way beyond your school system and it will have serious repercussions on the financials of all initiatives the county wishes to pursue and maintain. You have a lot to lose.	2/13/2026 8:02 AM
2512	I feel that classified and certified staff at the schools in jeopardy of closing or being combined should be emailed or be a part of listening to virtual meetings in advanced so that they are	2/13/2026 7:42 AM

	made fully aware of any agreed changes in advance.	
2513	Put the Champion Theme program at McNair Middle School. This way, you can rival Drew Charter, which is taking the area's high-achieving students, and attract students who live in the area, but whose parents do not send them to the school. It is already a STEM-certified school with technological facilities that can advance and challenge the 6-8 students in the area.	2/13/2026 7:35 AM
2514	I would love to see opportunities for gifted students expanded to cover the full range from 4th through 12th grade.	2/13/2026 7:35 AM
2515	Please consider that many VES families sought out this high performing neighborhood school when making big investments into their long-term financial decisions - housing.	2/13/2026 7:34 AM
2516	Please keep access to schools and commute time low. Redistrict to maintain ITP and OTP.	2/13/2026 7:29 AM
2517	none	2/13/2026 7:16 AM
2518	NA	2/13/2026 7:05 AM
2519	It feels like a lot of assumptions are going into this that we haven't seen and a lot of information is being withheld to get us to a pre-conceived plan. It would be really really helpful if this were presented with multiple scenarios, showing the cost/benefit analysis of each.	2/13/2026 7:02 AM
2520	considering how poor the academic status of redan is i think this repurposing could be a great idea. it will give redan another shot at a higher academic status.	2/13/2026 7:01 AM
2521	Keep Ashford Park, consider expansion or re-districting but do not close the school	2/13/2026 6:51 AM
2522	In our neighborhoods	2/13/2026 6:32 AM
2523	Closing 27 schools will create 27 vacant buildings in neighborhoods and decreases property value. What will the district do with these vacant buildings? Will they be sold, or still owned by the district? The overhead cost of these buildings will still exist and be listed as a capital asset. This is a decision that will have negative long term effects.	2/13/2026 6:28 AM
2524	I strongly oppose the proposal to close 30 schools on the south end. This decision disproportionately impacts predominantly Black communities and raises serious equity concerns. This is not an issue of low enrollment or families leaving the community. This is the result of years of mismanagement of funding and failure to address the real issues within DeKalb County Schools. Our children should not suffer because of administrative failures. I do not agree with consolidation, as larger class sizes negatively impact student learning. Closing neighborhood schools, overcrowding others, and busing students across the county is not a solution. I urge the board to reconsider and prioritize equitable, accountable leadership.	2/13/2026 6:26 AM
2525	Toney Elementary has been such a blessing to our family. We moved from charter to public and our kids have developed at a rate that exceeds average. There are more resources available and the smaller community supports holistic child development. Teachers and students are engaged. Lifelong value will be evident due to this strong foundational base.	2/13/2026 6:07 AM
2526	Before decisions are finalized, I would like to see significantly more information demonstrating how students will be supported and how outcomes will improve, not just how buildings will be utilized. Specifically, I would like the district to provide: Mental health data, including current counselor ratios, behavioral referral trends, suspension patterns, and how those numbers are projected to change under consolidation. Extracurricular and enrichment access, including which opportunities may expand or shrink, current participation rates, and how transportation changes may affect students' ability to remain involved. A plan to strengthen and invest in existing schools, such as enhancing academic programs, specialty pathways, magnet offerings, arts, athletics, or community partnerships that could increase enrollment before closures or mergers occur. Evidence from comparable districts where similar changes were implemented. What outcomes improved, what challenges emerged, and how were unintended consequences addressed? Funding commitments for additional counselors, social workers, and behavioral support personnel in larger or newly merged environments. Clear safety and supervision models for situations where wider age ranges may share campuses. Structured transition and integration programs to support belonging, peer connection, and family adjustment. Transportation impact information and how longer travel times may influence attendance, sleep, and extracurricular participation. Plans for supporting educators, who will be expected to meet broader academic and emotional needs. Consolidation should not move forward without transparent evidence that student well-being, safety, and opportunity will improve or, at minimum, will not decline.	2/13/2026 6:06 AM

2527	Your problem is we are shook time and again we can't trust dekalb with our decisions and money. So a big thing like this and you are blaming SAP on these decisions yet don't give them all the information needed is another example. I don't think you care what feedback we have because you're going to do whatever you want anyways but I pray I'm wrong and that's why I'm filling this out.	2/13/2026 5:57 AM
2528	Knowing where each collapsing school would be going would help	2/13/2026 5:49 AM
2529	I think the immaturity of the Middle School kids mixed the high schoolers is a bad decision. Middle schoolers are at a time where they are trying to figure out their hormones & emotions. It's truly a rebellious stage.	2/13/2026 5:49 AM
2530	I feel like it should be an section where we pick which schools because i have a lot to say about what's been going on in lithonia high school.	2/13/2026 5:43 AM
2531	Closing Ashford Park elementary would be detrimental to the community. Many individuals have moved to the area to be closer to the school and closing it would not be viewed favorably.	2/13/2026 5:04 AM
2532	The current Ashford Park Elementary families want to remain in the Chamblee High cluster.	2/13/2026 4:48 AM
2533	Rowland elementary has the best teachers and staff members	2/13/2026 4:42 AM
2534	Traffic patterns and parking should be addressed as part of the conversation.	2/13/2026 4:20 AM
2535	Parents and Teachers involvement	2/13/2026 3:02 AM
2536	We love Briarlake! Please consider keeping the schools as small as possible.	2/13/2026 1:29 AM
2537	No additional feedback.	2/12/2026 11:58 PM
2538	The closures of these schools with be extremely harmful for the black youth in my community.	2/12/2026 11:50 PM
2539	This is not a complete plan if it does not consider educational quality and only considers the capacity vs. attendance of individual schools.	2/12/2026 11:43 PM
2540	Ashford Park Elementary School should not be closed.	2/12/2026 11:19 PM
2541	Evansdale is a treasured neighborhood school, and it would devastate our community to close it.	2/12/2026 11:17 PM
2542	Just re-zone and spread population so some buildings are not vacant. Maximize space with what we have. Move in schools.	2/12/2026 11:01 PM
2543	Show how administration costs in the central office will go down.	2/12/2026 10:59 PM
2544	Combine 2-4 schools with the lowest enrollment into one new school to be housed in the biggest, newest or newly renovated school located geographically in the middle of the radius of those schools.	2/12/2026 10:50 PM
2545	I strongly recommend to continue to have a vanderlyn elementary school which is great STEM school. Thanks	2/12/2026 10:48 PM
2546	Do not close Oak Grove elementary. Were one of the only semi decent public elementary schools in GA.	2/12/2026 10:43 PM
2547	-How are low COVID-era enrollment numbers—particularly for students who began school in 2020—being factored into projections? -I'm also concerned about scenarios where minor boundary adjustments result in only a small number of students being reassigned, which can be disruptive for those kids. For example, we are right on the boundary between Montgomery and Huntley Hills - if we have to change schools, I would hope that a significant portion of kids would be changing to the same new school vs just a few. -What supports will be in place for students with IEPs to ensure smooth transitions and uninterrupted services? We moved houses to be in our current cluster, and I'm concerned how adding in another big school transition might impact my kid with an IEP, especially if there was a scenario where only a few kids get transferred. -What provisions will be made for high school seniors or students already enrolled in magnet or other specialized programs? -Will access to aftercare programs be more widely available with fewer schools (including transportation to third-party options)? I hope to see more capacity in general as well as programs available across communities.	2/12/2026 10:41 PM
2548	If you feel that the schools are starting to feel disproportionate, the reintroduction of magnet	2/12/2026 10:38 PM

	school systems should be considered	
2549	Please consider the impact of specialized programs such as DLI. We drive out of our zoned area to attend this program because we see the value in it. Making larger schools would make commutes longer or harder for families. Larger school zones mean kids would have to wake up earlier to catch the bus. Parents with rigid work schedules or shifts that overlap with the pick up and drop off times wouldn't be able to get children to schools that are further away. I read the information provided, but I think the reality of what students and families live is that larger school zones mean longer commutes and children won't be able to walk to school. Parents don't have extra time in the morning to get them to school if they miss the bus. More kids taking the bus means earlier bus pick ups. I do not like anything about this proposed plan the reasons do not match the reality that many families are living .	2/12/2026 10:25 PM
2550	In the proposed 6–12 grade band scenario for the Cedar Grove cluster, I have concerns about relocating 6th–8th grade students from a newer middle school facility into an older high school building without clear justification tied to facility condition data and long-term capital planning. Additionally, the academic vision for a 6–12 model has not been clearly articulated. If this shift is primarily financial rather than instructional, it risks disrupting students without delivering measurable academic benefit. Finally, consolidation decisions must demonstrate equitable investment across clusters to ensure that the Cedar Grove community is being strengthened rather than diminished.	2/12/2026 10:24 PM
2551	Reconsider this is going to have a domino effect on a lot of people, seriously.	2/12/2026 10:17 PM
2552	I think that McLendon could thrive as a PK-3 school. If the school is vacant, I would like to see some sort of facility-sharing agreement with the County to provide a rec center/community space for the neighborhood. Our closest community center is across the RR tracks at Tobie Grant. Have a community meeting place would be a game changer.	2/12/2026 10:09 PM
2553	Stop hiring criminals and wasting money.	2/12/2026 10:01 PM
2554	The more information you can give in these presentations the better. Everything that's left unsaid just allows space for fears to grow. Give us all of the information and allow for more robust feedback that actually allows space to consider the possibilities of what this could look like instead of the fear of what it could mean for their kid or their property. Also, not including magnet programs in the discussion is a major omission. For example, the Chamblee cluster would look very different without the magnet. To me this is evidence that allowing more choice, more programming and more flexibility is better. After witnessing all of the parents applying for different high schools this year, I think this type of high school applying could be beneficial to everyone in the district. Local k-8s or k-5 and middle schools with specialty high school programs thrroughout the district would be great	2/12/2026 9:54 PM
2555	Consider traffic patterns as well as utilization.	2/12/2026 9:49 PM
2556	Focus on improving community rather than maximizing facility usage.	2/12/2026 9:44 PM
2557	The next round MUST include the 3300 seats and 2100 projected enrollment of the "special schools" that weren't included in this analysis (DSA, DAA, KMS, WMS, DECA, EAHS). ALSO, I do not see how this proposed set of buildings would accommodate the various Program Placement options that the SAP spent so much time on. The public is told that transportation costs will decrease with this scenario - BUT there's no proof! Fewer schools means that fewer kids can walk or ride bike or have a reasonable parent drive-time to school. As a minimum, the # of students within the 1.0/1.5 mile location of the remaining schools should be calculated and shown to the public. ** I believe that schools must close. But the district hasn't presented a strong case to the public about how these schools were chosen. So what's the point of proposing a different scenario, since we have no means of knowing how that different scenario gives an overall improvement to the district?	2/12/2026 9:42 PM
2558	N/a	2/12/2026 9:36 PM
2559	If you need advise. And based on recent experience/hires/fires/indictments within this school system feel free to reach out. I do it for Congress and could most definitely help this dysfunctional school system which makes HUGE decisions based on……what exactly???	2/12/2026 9:34 PM
2560	N/A	2/12/2026 9:30 PM
2561	Consolidation creates a negative feedback loop. By removing neighborhood schools, the district increases the "logistical friction" of raising a family here. This friction, combined with	2/12/2026 9:25 PM

	the new state vouchers, will accelerate middle-class flight and the "ICE chilling effect," ultimately worsening the enrollment decline you are trying to solve. Invest in the "walker" schools to keep families in the system.	
2562	Good luck! This is a hard job, but has to be done.	2/12/2026 9:20 PM
2563	With traffic issues, bands should exist within geographical proximity a few ES to MS to HS.	2/12/2026 9:17 PM
2564	As the district considers future scenarios, I encourage leaders to prioritize academic stability, equitable resources across clusters, and minimizing disruption to students. Decisions should be data-driven and focused on long-term student achievement rather than short-term logistical solutions.	2/12/2026 9:16 PM
2565	Please do not consolidate Oak Grove Elementary School	2/12/2026 9:01 PM
2566	Austin Elementary is described as a “6-section school” in your supporting documents but current operations demonstrate that the building does not function as a true 6-section model. Under Georgia law (O.C.G.A. §20-2-710), every student must receive a minimum of 60 minutes of Physical Education per week. With two PE teachers and 1 gym, there are a finite number of instructional periods available each week. When the total number of homerooms exceeds what the PE schedule can accommodate, the school is forced to compress sections during specials. For example, 2nd grade currently has 6 homerooms but must operate as 5 groups due to the PE requirement. The same occurs in 4th grade. Compressing 6 sections into 5 groups results in instructional group sizes of approximately 31–32 students, even in grades where smaller class sizes are developmentally appropriate. This is not a staffing preference — it is a scheduling necessity driven by minute requirements and available PE slots. If over 7 sections (like in 1st grade), the minimum PE requirement is not met some weeks. This highlights a key issue.. Planning capacity assumes consistent sections at maximum class size (27). Functional capacity must account for program rooms, self-contained classrooms, PK sections, service rooms, and legally mandated instructional minutes, speech, esol, resource. Austin was built with a single lunch line knowing it would be made a 6 section school. How can you feed almost 1000 students with one small lunch line? How can you build a new school with no place for the entire school to gather? How can you build a new school without enough parking for staff and a grade level for informational sessions let alone a whole school event. When those realities are applied, the building cannot sustainably operate as a clean 6-section school without instructional compression or oversized groups. In practice, Austin is already being forced to combine sections to meet state requirements. That is a clear indicator that the functional capacity of the building is lower than the published planning capacity. We respectfully request that future capacity discussions incorporate: Actual homeroom counts by grade (with lower numbers for k-2 like the state recommends), Special program room usage, State-mandated instructional minute requirements, And the scheduling limitations created by staffing allocations. Functional capacity should drive decisions.. NOT some arbitrary numbers without the data to back it up. How do we even know these numbers are correct.	2/12/2026 9:01 PM
2567	I went to a k-8 school. But the school was very small, all students were held accountable.	2/12/2026 9:00 PM
2568	No mega-schools- keep the schools small neighborhood schools	2/12/2026 8:54 PM
2569	As the district develops the next round of scenarios, I strongly encourage decision-makers to prioritize student stability, family accessibility, and community impact. Proposed closures or major reconfigurations should be evaluated not only for efficiency, but also for how they affect transportation time, parent involvement, and neighborhood cohesion. Schools serve as vital community anchors, and removing them can have lasting social and economic effects on surrounding areas. I also recommend that any future scenarios include clear data on projected enrollment, capacity, travel distance changes, and student outcome impacts so families can better understand the reasoning behind proposals. Thoughtful planning, transparency, and meaningful community input will be essential to ensuring that any final decisions truly serve students’ best interests.	2/12/2026 8:48 PM
2570	Consolidating multiple schools could have unintended negative effects on students’ educational outcomes. Larger, combined student populations may make it more difficult to provide individualized attention and support, increasing the risk that some students’ academic or social needs go unnoticed. This concern is especially important given that many students are still recovering from learning disruptions and challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.	2/12/2026 8:42 PM
2571	Do not close this school	2/12/2026 8:39 PM

2572	I would like to understand how these changes will impact our school district. Is this an exercise to save money or to reinvest the money saved into our children.	2/12/2026 8:33 PM
2573	Positions should be eliminated from Central Office as we have fewer students!!!	2/12/2026 8:24 PM
2574	There needs to be more focus on classroom sizes and density.	2/12/2026 8:23 PM
2575	If you abandon Ashford Park Elementary or redistrict us out of Chamblee Middle/High, understand that you will likely see an even larger exodus away from the public school option in the Ashford Park Community. This will only increase the problem you already have with lack of utilization/efficient-use of resources at these schools.	2/12/2026 8:22 PM
2576	FIRE THE BOARD! Mrs Pierce is a matriarch of DCSD family, I guess they get special treatment because our children suffering from terrible leadership and appointees, not the teachers.	2/12/2026 8:21 PM
2577	I'd like the understand if these scenarios also envision changing which schools are part of which of the existing clusters.	2/12/2026 8:20 PM
2578	Seeing all of these schools is truly heartbreaking! It has to be other options. Think about the students and teachers! Do better Dekalb!	2/12/2026 8:17 PM
2579	Look at the progress of each school	2/12/2026 8:11 PM
2580	I write as a parent, a licensed K-12 teacher (MA, Second Language Acquisition), a Licensed Master Social Worker, and a DCSD substitute teacher. My additional feedback centers on three points: First, school choice program continuity must be addressed in this round of scenarios, not deferred. Families entered lotteries with the understanding of a multi-year commitment. If Evansdale and additional schools close for sustainability reasons, the district must identify, in the next round of scenarios, exactly where DLI/IB/Arts etc will be housed at the elementary, middle, and high school levels—and guarantee that every currently enrolled student, regardless of zone, has access to arts, AP, IB, language, etc. Second, I urge the district to look at Arlington Public Schools (Virginia) as a model. APS guarantees automatic continuation from DLI elementary (Escuela Key, Claremont) through Gunston Middle School to Wakefield High School, with no lottery required for pathway continuation. Students who complete the elementary program have guaranteed seats at the next level. This is the kind of structural commitment DCSD needs to formalize. Third, regarding equity: Rockbridge Elementary DLI families (95% FRL) face the steepest barriers to pathway continuation. Any consolidation that preserves DLI access for northern cluster families but not for Rockbridge families would deepen the structural inequity I outlined in my November 2025 letter to the Board. I ask that the next round of scenarios explicitly address how DLI continuation will be equitable across all super-regions. Finally, I want to note that the Benchmark testing concerns raised by DCSD parents (regarding instructional time lost, poor question quality, and lack of vendor transparency) are amplified in a consolidation context. If schools are being closed to "concentrate resources," then every instructional hour matters more, not less. The district should reconsider whether Benchmark testing serves the goal of academic excellence that consolidation is supposed to enable.	2/12/2026 8:06 PM
2581	We need even more Community based feedback sessions AND a transparent view into the actual data the DCSD utilized when making these recommendations	2/12/2026 7:55 PM
2582	This is incredibly disappointing and destroys our plans to send our children to public school in this cluster. You will lose a lot of good families in this area.	2/12/2026 7:50 PM
2583	Consider the new construction and the new and young families that will move to the area	2/12/2026 7:48 PM
2584	I would love if Elementary was a true Elementary housing preK-7. High School could be 8-12	2/12/2026 7:46 PM
2585	Filling schools too close to capacity to save an overhead expenses of multiple schools should not outweigh classroom size. Currently our classrooms are way too large in the Elementary and Middle School. Students of all levels of learning do not currently get the attention they need in our elementary in middle school is because the classes are too large.	2/12/2026 7:44 PM
2586	First, Vanderlyn should remain open as it is one of Dekalb's top performing schools. Second, what will happen to the teachers?	2/12/2026 7:44 PM
2587	Please consider those that want the best for their child, not everyone will be happy, but closing a successful public school only incentivizes parents to sign up for private schools. This would compound the problem and push those students and parents out.	2/12/2026 7:40 PM

2588	Through all of these scenarios, please make sure EQUALITY and EQUITY are considered. The South End schools should be treated fairly compared to the North End.	2/12/2026 7:30 PM
2589	Please reconsider closure of Ashford Park Elementary School and look into alternative solutions - like districting families so there is less overcrowding (Drew Valley to John C Lewis as an example) and then looking at a cost efficient life cycle maintenance program to update end of life systems within the school.	2/12/2026 7:26 PM
2590	Honestly, I believe closing schools is a waste of taxpayer's money. If these 27 schools are going to be closed; it should be demolished there should not be anymore eyesores in our communities. As a result, the amount we pay for the school tax should be lowered because of this!	2/12/2026 7:25 PM
2591	Fix over crowding! Too many trailers at Dunwoody High	2/12/2026 7:23 PM
2592	We live south of Dresden, and my main concern is that Dresden is used as a dividing line for school redistricting. I want my kids to continue going to school with Ashford Park cluster. Maybe use Peachtree as a dividing line between Montgomery and John Lewis?	2/12/2026 7:21 PM
2593	Please do not close Ashford Park!	2/12/2026 7:20 PM
2594	Keeping magnet schools/programs on edge by not releasing our scenarios is not fair to those students/parents/staff.	2/12/2026 7:07 PM
2595	N/A	2/12/2026 7:04 PM
2596	Dunwoody Cultural art center and Dunwoody Library Dunwoody Botanical center use those facilities to relocate the kids. Make Austin Elementary uncomfortable why they are not part of the discussion. They have a very easy breezy area why we can use that side of Dunwoody....explain why?????	2/12/2026 7:01 PM
2597	I agree something needs to be done but it is hard to trust DeKalb County schools when information has been skewed or wrong before and there is no transparency. Has anyone in SAP walked through the schools during a school day to see how they are currently run / fit students? Seen how carpool is working with the current allotment. PARENTS have PAID THEIR OWN MONEY to hire an additional DeKalb County police officer to assist with traffic at Austin. That is without adding another 150-200 students to the school. It also looks so bad to say you are closing schools to save money on building costs yet in the same page say you might turn those buildings into office space for the administration... more money spent not on the students. I also wonder if the capacity numbers take into account class sizes for kindergarten, cotaught, esol, etc. Is it based off of a 27 seat classroom? Kindergarten should be 18. Also to note dekalb does not provide paraprofessionals in kindergarten like most other metro Atlanta districts do. Kindergarten at Austin is 25-26 without para support.	2/12/2026 6:59 PM
2598	I understand that the data must be paramount, in the decision-making process. The district must be solvent. However, my former regional superintendent used to say to me, "We always have to make decisions that are in best interest of children. Always." Please ask yourselves, "Is this in the best interest of children?" as you consider the data.	2/12/2026 6:57 PM
2599	Ashford Park Elementary should be renovated and upgraded. It is worth it due to the close neighborhood. The school remains a top performer for the county and many parents could afford private school but choose not to go because of the neighborhood school. If the school is not in the neighborhood, these parents will most likely go to private school, and the county will lose those families whose students are high performers, many of whom do not rely on the bus system or free lunch?	2/12/2026 6:44 PM
2600	Dekalb County is short of students because you fail at your stated objective. The South End of the county is a disaster.	2/12/2026 6:40 PM
2601	Please look more closely.	2/12/2026 6:38 PM
2602	If you keep middle schoolers with Pk-5 in a Pk-8 scenario, teach them how to tutor, mentor, etc	2/12/2026 6:36 PM
2603	Please remove the 2 schools I checked. They do not exist	2/12/2026 6:35 PM
2604	Show scenarios for the North End schools please, let's see what that looks like	2/12/2026 6:29 PM
2605	I think if you just go look at the school and ask yourself...."Would I want or be happy with	2/12/2026 6:26 PM

	Stone Mountain Elementary if my kids had to attend this school?" I'm sure you will find your answer.	
2606	This would be devastating to our community.	2/12/2026 6:16 PM
2607	Just be aware that too much cutting can cause more money issues in the future.	2/12/2026 6:04 PM
2608	I think someone with IB knowledge, like the district coordinator should be consulted before you like at taking out the Tucker IB continuum.	2/12/2026 6:01 PM
2609	Offer (more) public at home schooling.	2/12/2026 5:57 PM
2610	We love our school and want to be able to continue to grow together. Like stated before the only thing that needs to be updated is our building other than that out staff and students perform well. Also, our community involvement is amazing.	2/12/2026 5:46 PM
2611	Thanks for soliciting community input.	2/12/2026 5:45 PM
2612	I understand the rationale behind this decision, but breaking up community schools, like Ashford Park, will devastate the community, parents will move depending on how their child(ren) are re-zoned and school staff members will most likely leave the district.	2/12/2026 5:26 PM
2613	I think that closing and combining so many schools would create overcrowding and more behavior issues.	2/12/2026 5:20 PM
2614	Or stick with the traditional grade bands.	2/12/2026 5:17 PM
2615	This is a horrible idea and a disgusting excuse for a money grab by the city	2/12/2026 5:14 PM
2616	The grade configuration itself matters less than how well the school is run. But there are some important research findings. Studies show that sixth and seventh graders do better academically when they stay in elementary schools longer rather than moving to middle school. However, eighth graders perform better in actual middle schools. K-8 schools can work, but research shows they only work well if they're long-established schools with strong middle school practices, not newly converted ones. And when K-8 schools get too big, elementary students suffer because they lose those close relationships with teachers. Before we approve any grade band changes, I need to know: Will DeKalb commit to implementing strong middle school practices like teacher teaming and specialized instruction? Will elementary students still get meaningful relationships with their teachers? And do we have evidence that newly converted K-8 schools will actually work? We need answers to these questions before we can give informed feedback.	2/12/2026 4:51 PM
2617	I believe putting 6th graders with 14 15 16 17 and 18 year olds will not benefit them at all I believe putting 14 15 16 17 and 18 year olds together and then pre-k through 7th grade would be best as it used to be traditionally when I moved to Georgia in 1984	2/12/2026 4:45 PM
2618	Please preserve the history of the schools that have the most history in DCSD.	2/12/2026 4:40 PM
2619	Closing AP would be a mistake. Redrawing boundary lines would be much more effective for the area since it is over-enrolled as is. If enrollment could be lowered, maybe some work on the building and trailers could be done alternating to bring the school back to its glory.	2/12/2026 4:35 PM
2620	If schools close (i.e ours in our area, Ashford Park ES), where would we be re-zoned to? We bought our house in Brookhaven Fields SPECIFICALLY to be in that zone district for school. Will we be re-zoned to an elementary school of the same caliber? We need more answers and example re-zoning maps	2/12/2026 4:30 PM
2621	I recommend that before making structural changes such as consolidation or reconfiguration, the district formally investigate the root causes of declining enrollment and implement a strategic process improvement plan. Declining enrollment is often the result of multiple contributing factors, including demographic shifts, housing trends, school choice options, charter or private school competition, homeschooling growth, program perception, academic performance data, and community trust. Without clearly identifying the underlying drivers, any structural solution may only address the symptoms rather than the cause.	2/12/2026 4:30 PM
2622	In order to get buy in from the community, there needs to be more detail about redistricting lines, where will students go during the expansion phase, and plans to support the facilities marked for closure during the transition. Kingsley is in desperate need of HVAC renovation to make the building a comfortable place for staff and students. What will be done to facilitate that over the 6-8 year transition? Additionally, putting schools on a potential closure list should	2/12/2026 4:29 PM

	be done with very careful consideration. The mere suggestion that Kingsley might close is enough to prompt employees to leave, prospective families to look elsewhere, and already limited fundraising ability to be decimated. An already struggling school can be significantly affected by these scenarios.	
2623	Please stop using national companies to make decisions. Obviously, they have failed us in Superintendent searches. Please fire half of the county level positions and keep our schools open. Please stop making us the laughing stock of the city. Don't you dare close our schools and open new county offices.	2/12/2026 4:28 PM
2624	The district has squandered away tens of million of dollars and this process won't stop that. Y'all idiotically let a criminal take over the administration and bring his team here from Evanston where the same people tried this already. A massive expense for them to ultimately conclude that neighborhood based schools are the best option. If the district can't afford to run schools, then the district needs to figure out how to cut bloat. Sell the useless Kroger office complex. Cut out all of Horton's cronies with made up titles. Close the charters like Globe and reintroduce the duel language programs at the existing schools. Globe pulls two entire classrooms from Oak Grove alone. Return Charles McDaniel Park to Parks and Rec and turn over the deed to the building to the neighborhood for a community center.	2/12/2026 4:26 PM
2625	I would focus on developing a truly long term strategy that is based need and avoids social engineering. If it makes most sense build larger schools like Gwinnett and close neighborhood style schools this should be a comprehensive plan, not a piecemeal approach.	2/12/2026 4:24 PM
2626	Please explain why only the north end schools received expansions	2/12/2026 4:14 PM
2627	Not enough information is provided with this plan regarding where students will be relocated to if their school is closed. I agree some closures are likely necessary to improve finances and efficiency, but redistricting information proving remaining schools will not be overcrowded as a result of the closures is needed. School closures should be based on current DCSD student numbers (not arbitrary predictions tainted with COVID trends). Remaining schools should have capacity for current students + students to be redistricted there + 10% to allow for new students to attend should decreasing enrollment trends subside.	2/12/2026 4:09 PM
2628	Can we get a map with the school locations? I like the consolidation infographic, and it would be helpful to understand the schools by geographic location.	2/12/2026 4:08 PM
2629	Come on you guys! You're literally making stuff up to see if it sticks. Seriously!	2/12/2026 4:02 PM
2630	Please keep parents and the community informed on dates and when we can learn more. This is a BIG deal do not leave us in the dark.	2/12/2026 4:01 PM
2631	Please share data that larger/smaller schools produce better academic outcomes, or research of concerns that will be tracked for at-risk populations in the larger facilities. Also, please provide data of lot size for each/every facility.	2/12/2026 4:00 PM
2632	Please rethink this. Schools will get crowded again. Expanding Chesnut makes no sense. I'm in favor of Vanderlyn staying open.	2/12/2026 3:58 PM
2633	Do NOT close neighborhood and consolidate to mega schools - no program is worth what we lose	2/12/2026 3:55 PM
2634	Please consider placing preschools in close proximity to the high schools. It is unfortunate but a fact that we have both teen parents and teens who are forced to parent their siblings.	2/12/2026 3:50 PM
2635	Break this into smaller pieces. Fine to have a long term plan at county level but communicating hypothetically with limited data about scenarios 8 years from now is causing more harm than good.	2/12/2026 3:48 PM
2636	This option provided cannot be implemented. Housing has always been more affordable in South DeKalb, and that's not changing. That means more young families — and more children — will continue to live here. So why are we closing schools in South DeKalb while adding capacity in North and Central DeKalb? What data supports that decision? You can't use a blanket enrollment number to justify closing schools in the South with no expansion strategy here. If consolidation is necessary, why not combine schools in South DeKalb and then expand those campuses to prepare for future growth?	2/12/2026 3:47 PM
2637	For the closure of specific schools, lowest educational adequacy was listed as a factor for closure. How will the proposed changes address low educational adequacy? What changes will	2/12/2026 3:31 PM

	be made to ensure low educational adequacy is not a trend that continues with a change in address?	
2638	We ate not going back. Trump	2/12/2026 3:30 PM
2639	Rather then Consolidation : why not offer Online for Older Students. This would help when enroll goes backup. Focus more Quality Employability Skills and less on testing. Which will attract more people! Yes the goal in 100% complete 4 years of College! Get High paying jobs in Dekalb. Job their will have to create!	2/12/2026 3:27 PM
2640	Why don't you stop making it harder for yourself and get communicate with the parents and teachers before you publish this information. It creates swirl and distrust and out right anger and stress for parents and the community. You really don't have a clue what you are doing Dekalb Schools. I mean every which way we turn it is something new. Recess, superintendent indicted, and now this. What are you doing? Creating videos pretending things are good?	2/12/2026 3:27 PM
2641	It would be super helpful to explain what, if any, changes the consolidations of elementary schools will have on feeding. For example, I'm not as concerned about two elementary schools consolidating (though I hate it for personal/emotional reasons) if I knew my children would still process up to their same middle and high schools that we bought in the area for. I would have a much bigger problem if you tell me that they're not remaining on that pathway. So PLEASE send out or include this information if you have it.	2/12/2026 3:22 PM
2642	For starters we are the only county with SO many schools! We somehow ALWAYS have funds that are needed for resources misappropriated into other areas/people unknown. Get rid of the newer low performing, understaffed schools and maybe we'll have more quality teachers teaching effective curriculums	2/12/2026 3:18 PM
2643	More concrete information is needed on how closed schools would be utilized. Information on projected class sizes and staffing needs should be shared. Will teachers from closed facilities automatically be placed at a consolidated school? If not, what will be offered to those teachers, faculty, and staff? If school consolidations and/or closures take place, what will happen if the population increases? What makes the determination of which schools of the potential closures are on the chopping block?	2/12/2026 3:10 PM
2644	Many in our community strive to remain part of the Chamblee cluster for all of the advantages it offers such as the honors program, the German-track and magnet program.	2/12/2026 2:58 PM
2645	Many of us have chosen our communities based at least partially on the schools our children will attend. Changing these attendance zones will create additional movement throughout the county and potentially unintended consequences relative to over-enrollment elsewhere.	2/12/2026 2:55 PM
2646	While consolidation is needed, some facilities do require expansion that redistricting may not be able to address.	2/12/2026 2:54 PM
2647	If we consolidate, please narrow what is considered "high achieving" a 75 on the cogat is not high achieving. An 85 or 90 should be the cut off. I will be leaving dekalb for middle and high school if more options for brilliant children are not offered in this reditricting plan.	2/12/2026 2:53 PM
2648	It would be nice for the schools up for expansion to have an idea of how many students would be added and what that would look like in terms of additional facilities.	2/12/2026 2:44 PM
2649	I hope that teachers will not be impacted by this consolidation. Because of large classroom sizes, this may help teachers and students have another instructor in the classroom to meet the academic needs of students who have gaps in their learning.	2/12/2026 2:43 PM
2650	NA	2/12/2026 2:39 PM
2651	Why are the changes primarily on the south side of the district?	2/12/2026 2:34 PM
2652	Include how transportation would work. Give consideration to residential areas in the county that are already congested.	2/12/2026 2:30 PM
2653	I am embarrassed of our school board and the options they are proposing! Shame on Dekalb County Schools. The culture of Dekalbs County is to work to the lowest level not build up to the highest potential!	2/12/2026 2:20 PM
2654	A k-12 chatter band would be great also. A multi building campus.	2/12/2026 2:16 PM
2655	Keep busing of students to a minimum.	2/12/2026 2:16 PM

2656	Parents and taxpayers in the county deserve to know why the situation has become like this. Were resources mismanaged? It cannot possibly be due to lower enrollment rates alone. For example, Ashford Park is growing rapidly with many new families with young kids who would attend Ashford Elementary, so it is unclear why this school would be closing. Parents also deserve to know exactly how restricting the schools would affect where their kids go well in advance of any closures. Many may choose to leave if forced into schools they do not want to attend. People move to neighborhoods because of the school so the county needs to have plans that keep the same neighborhoods and cohorts together.	2/12/2026 2:11 PM
2657	Closing Ashford Park would be a mistake. Dekalb county revenue would be in question because property values and taxes would drop to reflect the closure of the best elementary school in the area. The premium people pay to be in the school district would disappear.	2/12/2026 2:07 PM
2658	none	2/12/2026 2:06 PM
2659	Leave the schools how they are.	2/12/2026 2:00 PM
2660	I think the fewer transitions, the better, especially for families with multiple children and managing schedules.	2/12/2026 1:54 PM
2661	You must listen to schools that have high parent involvement and not ruin amazingly run and well supported places of education, for the sake of saving a few dollars.	2/12/2026 1:52 PM
2662	SAVE ASHFORD PARK ELEMENTARY!!!	2/12/2026 1:43 PM
2663	We need more details, ASAP. I've been keeping up closely with this project since the beginning, and I feel that only releasing closure scenarios is a bit of a slap in the face. How much longer will we have to wait to find out even the rough sketches of where our children will attend school?	2/12/2026 1:43 PM
2664	It should all depends on the students' back grounds as well, their families. Those severe family's needs, NEED to be in certain clusters, to better help and assist. Putting students all in 1 center to work miracles, is a deep challenge and sometimes impossible, its 2026, raising children is becoming difficult, it seems and by that, you want to keep staffs' mental health guarded to continue, especially for low pay. To keep things afloat, bc WE NEED FUTURE TEACHERS to keep the cycle ALIVE and WELL.	2/12/2026 1:40 PM
2665	Can the Superintendent visit Cedar Grove Cluster, I see we didnt get a visit compared to the other schools	2/12/2026 1:37 PM
2666	I was a teacher before being a stay at home mom. It is very important to have high ranking public schools. It would be sad for this community to lose this school.	2/12/2026 1:33 PM
2667	I think it makes sense about potentially reusing different schools for different scenarios but all you are sharing is what those potential schools may be. You do not show any information about where all the kids in the district will go. My kids are currently set to move up through Druid Hills. This scenario shows that those schools will not be closed but it does not show how they will be impacted. And with the recent decision to renovate Druid Hills High School, which is a big mistake in my opinion, how will my family be impacted by possible redistricting.	2/12/2026 1:33 PM
2668	I wish class size would be discussed when promoting the idea of these gigantic, likely impersonal mega schools. Children benefit from smaller class sizes.	2/12/2026 1:33 PM
2669	If it is structured like I said before I am in favor.. if the groups are not separated by space and time, keep the regular grade groups prek-5, 6-8, 9-12	2/12/2026 1:24 PM
2670	It should also be considered why the population has declined. I think that is something worthy of research. Whether it’s due to declining population, immigration policies and tactics, families switching to private schools or homeschools because of school choice vouchers, or under enrollment due to schools with poor facilities and funding.	2/12/2026 1:24 PM
2671	Parents should be given an opportunity to do the survey by being notified by the schools their kids attend. Not many parents will know to look for this resource.	2/12/2026 1:23 PM
2672	I have sent four children through Vanderlyn and now have my fifth there. It is a strong, supportive school that has served my family well. Please do not close it. Vanderlyn is working, and closing it would hurt families like mine and push people out of DCSD.	2/12/2026 1:21 PM
2673	It's hard to differentiate building from programs. Those two need to be looked at together since	2/12/2026 1:18 PM

	the programs (special education, charter, gifted/magnet, French immersion, etc) really drive the building. The building is merely physical - we need to look at who and what is happening in each building as well.	
2674	Link to the data sets.	2/12/2026 1:15 PM
2675	McNair DLA is a fairly new school that could accommodate more students and will be closing but that means we wasted millions of dollars on something that wasn't worth the investment. Furthermore, let's talk about these school that are main roads with easy access to harm way, or that creates traffic daily during dismissal because of the car rider's lane.	2/12/2026 1:12 PM
2676	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. As the district prepares the next round of scenarios, I encourage continued focus on the student experience—especially for early-grade learners. Minimizing unnecessary transitions, maintaining developmentally appropriate grade spans, and protecting access to high-quality instructional environments should remain central considerations. I also encourage the district to ensure that scenario development includes a clear analysis of: • The impact of additional school transitions, especially for PK–5 students, given the research showing that frequent transitions can disrupt academic continuity and social-emotional development. • The instructional implications of consolidations, including how schools will maintain strong support services, intervention programs, and manageable class sizes when cohorts are merged. • Community-based accessibility, particularly ensuring that younger students are not required to travel significantly farther or experience more complex transportation routes. • Facility readiness, including whether buildings proposed for new configurations (such as PK–8) are appropriately equipped for multiple developmental stages. • Long-term sustainability of each model, not only from a cost perspective but also from an educational quality and equity standpoint. While I understand the need to address declining enrollment and operational efficiency, I hope that future scenarios will incorporate options that preserve well-functioning elementary schools—such as Midvale—while still addressing system-wide capacity challenges through targeted, thoughtful adjustments. Thank you for continuing to include the community throughout this process. I look forward to reviewing the next round of scenarios.	2/12/2026 1:11 PM
2677	Oak grove and Briarlake have very similar capacities and sq footage (OGE slightly more it seems) however the area where Briarlake is situated is very high traffic. There are people regularly speeding though, traffic jams that take >20 mins to move through 1 mile sometimes. Trying to then add construction there would absolutely be a disturbance to students and residents. Oak grove has the space to expand, not adding much additional traffic jams as it is not located on a main road like Lavista where many people use Lavista to “Cut through”	2/12/2026 1:04 PM
2678	Oak Grove Elementary isn't going anywhere. My wife showed me a projection of enrollment that the SAP produced that showed Oak Grove trending up the last several years, and then an inexplicable projection showing it dropping in the future, which is flatly ridiculous. They are adding classes next year in both fifth and third grade that I know of, and possibly more that I don't. Please be honest in your data. Also, please don't make the mistake of thinking that a school district needs to be maxed out across all resources in order to be funded properly. We should not set a standard that a school or district is considered oversupplied unless it's undersupplied. It's OK for everyone to have a little room to grow into. Being maxed out is not an ideal state of being - for an individual, for a business, for a school, or any organization of any kind.	2/12/2026 1:03 PM
2679	Please provide some explanation of why Ashford Park was named as potential closure. It does not make any sense.	2/12/2026 12:54 PM
2680	Do not close Ashford Park Elementary. Expand the facility. Do not rezone children out of Ashford Park Elementary. To my family, the ability to attend Ashford Park is the determining factor between sending my child to a DCSD school or sending them to private school. My child will not attend a school with low test scores.	2/12/2026 12:51 PM
2681	The Evansdale community is very vocal and opposed to these changes. I will be attending all meetings on this to ensure that my voice along with my communities is heard.	2/12/2026 12:51 PM
2682	As a teacher I do not think it is wise to put 11-19 year olds on the same building. Middle school and high school students are very different! If anything I’d put 6th with elementary, 7-9, 10-12 together.	2/12/2026 12:50 PM
2683	Dhs and pcms are still overcrowded and trailers and not addressed. Been 15 years not solved.	2/12/2026 12:50 PM
2684	I want more clarity on how neighborhoods that are losing a school (based on the latest	2/12/2026 12:49 PM

	scenarios) would be rezoned. Where will my son go to elementary school if not Vanderlyn? Will he receive as good of an education there? How close to home will it be? I want to know this ASAP.	
2685	I am concerned that the area surrounding Flat Shoals, Candler Road and Wesley Chapel is being forced into closures. Why is Rainbow ES is more valid than Bob Mathis ES? Bob Mathis ES has the preschool diagnostic center and it also has facilitated a great place to meet students' needs.	2/12/2026 12:44 PM
2686	Evansdale is very special because of it's French immersion and STEM program. There is no other school like it and if you were to close it down you will lose alot of DCSD familes and staff members who are tired of things like this happening in DeKalb.	2/12/2026 12:41 PM
2687	All of our children deserve to have access to up to date technology in the best teachers and staffs available , just like the north side	2/12/2026 12:39 PM
2688	Please provide visibility into where students impacted with school closures are likely being accommodated to	2/12/2026 12:39 PM
2689	closing 27 schools is a lot	2/12/2026 12:38 PM
2690	Release a mission statement for the SAP. Is the mission simply to save money on facilities or is it to create more equitable outcomes through the consolidation process? More transparency overall is also needed, not just with the data, but also, who are the community stakeholders consulted in this and how are they chosen.	2/12/2026 12:35 PM
2691	Dekalb has been a mess for years, mishandling funds, and a overall theory to that to make underperforming schools look better, you have to bring down the high performing schools, so it's even. that's insane! Fix the infrastructure, work with the communities in the under performing schools. Stop hiring people we know are under federal investigation, make good choices that benefit the communities and children, not you! The mismanagement is horrendous.	2/12/2026 12:33 PM
2692	I appreciate your recommendations and know this is not an easy job.	2/12/2026 12:31 PM
2693	Does DCSD plan to communicate administrative hiring cost increases in relation to failed upkeep or re-zonings for under-utilized schools? Does DCSD plan to operate with a basic level of competence in finding non-crooks to be superintendent? Is it that hard to find someone who isn't a crook, and who won't then cost us in legal issues & lost leadership, capacity, and care for our students? Does DCSD realize we have already parented through COVID-19, are already sharing neighborhood watches against terrorism by ICE/CBP against our neighbors and school families - and now we have to open a new front against our own public school district? If your first communication is an incoherent and illogical closure & consolidation move, how are we not to feel like our kids are behind the siege walls here, and that you are our antagonists and not partners in ensuring successful educational outcomes and experiences?	2/12/2026 12:31 PM
2694	Grades 6-12 on the same campus does not seem best for social and emotional well being.	2/12/2026 12:19 PM
2695	Closing our highest performing schools such as oak grove elementary will cause additional losses of Dekalb residents to the suburbs and loss of revenue for the county. This is NOT the right direction for Oak Grove specifically.	2/12/2026 12:15 PM
2696	The DCSD staff is concerned about job security with the closing of schools. Will an explanation or discussion take place to address this?	2/12/2026 12:13 PM
2697	The schools my kids are in would not be affected in this scenario, and I am not familiar with the facilities proposed for closure or repurposing. Because of this, I am inclined to trust the explanations provided for the closures suggested in this scenario.	2/12/2026 12:06 PM
2698	I believe Children benefit more from smaller schools not larger ones. I also believe there should be a limit to the disruption for existing students and those that start in the next two years.	2/12/2026 11:57 AM
2699	Leave vanderlyn alone please	2/12/2026 11:55 AM
2700	Close Vanderlyn soon so the Dunwoody cluster can finally have a stadium for their teams to play, that can be parking since there is literally none for the high school and also practice fields for the marching band etc.	2/12/2026 11:51 AM
2701	Don't close Ashford Park! Do the right and obvious thing and invest in expanding the school to	2/12/2026 11:50 AM

	meet the need and passion of the community. Otherwise you will have another 1000 kids leaving the school district (unless that is your goal) and lose one of the brightest stars in the district and ensure that every school in DeKalb is barley adequate in educational quality and community support. Additionally, the lack of clarity around the actual recommendation is impossible to understand. How can anyone react to a building closure without understanding the impact of that closure on the actual student population. You wouldn't simply take a pill from the doctor without knowing why you need it so or what result/impact/side effects taking the medicine may have... Why this peice meal approach?	
2702	I appreciate the openness the committee clearly has to discuss novel ideas and approaches. Nothing will make everyone happy, but I feel this process will help all be involved and understand where the district is trying to take educational facility use.	2/12/2026 11:48 AM
2703	Lean heavily on this will improve quality. Quality improves home values. Home values improve taxes. Taxes improve quality, and then you’re in a happy cycle	2/12/2026 11:46 AM
2704	APES has been an excellent school for our kids. We would hate to see it go. The parent foundation has poured a lot of money and time into the school. APES connects Drew Valley, Brookhaven Fields, Brookhaven Heights, and Ashford Park But it needs expansion. I'm also concerned about the current project to expand the cafeteria. While needed, will we be wasting taxpayer dollars if DCSD decides to close APES?	2/12/2026 11:46 AM
2705	See above.	2/12/2026 11:45 AM
2706	what DeKalb county is doing is disgusting to it students. You guys have proven time and time again you do not know how to run a school administration. From the constant turnover of district superintendent, the misappropriation of funds, the low funds for school, no money to pay your teachers or hire enough teachers for the students now the audacity to say that you guys are closing schools you should be all ashamed of yourselves	2/12/2026 11:39 AM
2707	DeKalb is a big district with lots of older facilities. This is well known. Redistricting is very difficult, but operational efficiency is not the only factor to consider. Schools that are thriving as they are should be allowed to continue to do so. We want to keep students in the district and not lose them to private/charter options. It's better for all of us when our district schools thrive. Schools that are supporting their own curriculum enhancements should be factors to consider as well as number of kids in the facility. An involved parent community is much better for the district. We need decisions that allow DCSD to maintain students AND the community support that public schools so desperately need.	2/12/2026 11:38 AM
2708	Provide more detail around the impact of these changes - where the kids at closed schools would go to and what bands are being considered for the changes and do they have impact on schools that are not closing or being repurposed.	2/12/2026 11:36 AM
2709	If Vanderlyn specifically is closed, I would love for that facility to be transferred to dunwoody high school- we could really use the space	2/12/2026 11:34 AM
2710	NA	2/12/2026 11:28 AM
2711	I think families would benefit from having siblings in the same building for longer. But I think the developmental needs of students may require more separation.	2/12/2026 11:28 AM
2712	When will plans for clustering be announced? That is, will any school clusters change based on these reorganizations?	2/12/2026 11:23 AM
2713	Please also consider traffic implications. For schools in south Dekalb, it’s not beneficial to students attending schools in the area to have no where to turn for a good education locally. Take Ellenwood and Stone Mountain area schools for instance. Even Tucker. If you close all the local schools in a certain zone (cedar grove, for instance), where do those kids have to go? Consider the impact on those parents as well. What about schools that provide certain specialties or assistance programs for kids with IEPs etc? Please reconsider	2/12/2026 11:20 AM
2714	Druid Hills middle school is too far away from my zip code. Kids in my neighborhood spend 1.5 hrs on the bus in each direction. 3hrs a day traveling back and forth to school is too much. Driving my kids to school would be 25min drive each direction in the AM and 40min each direction in the afternoon. I am right on the edge of the district which does not serve my neighborhood in the least. I am surrounded on 3 sides by APS but I cannot annex in to the City of Atlanta and attend their public schools because DCSD struck a deal with city of atlanta when Emory annexed. My neighborhood was shutout of viable schooling options for middle	2/12/2026 11:14 AM

	school. Considerations: 1. Turn Kittredege Magnet into K-8 and give zipcodes like mine priority as long as MAP score minimums are met. This way the magnet identification can remain intact. 2. Make Briarvista a middle school to serve the west side of the central district. This would of course change which elementary schools would close. Thank you for honest considerations.	
2715	I want to see the zoning lines for my area of Dekalb. Unfortunately I have heard rumors regarding rezoning that would negatively impact my daughters specifically. I would not care if they were sent to Chamblee MS/HS but do have a huge problem if they were sent to the new school off Buford Hwy that will combine MS/HS. I do not think that we would stay in the county if they were sent there and would likely relocate to Forsyth or further. I have on good authority that multiple families would leave Dunwoody if they are sent to the wrong MS/HS choice or that school choice applications would significantly increase.	2/12/2026 11:14 AM
2716	I was extremely surprised that Midvale Elementary was on this list based upon our experience at this elementary school since 2018. I suggest that the district takes into consideration the involvements of parents, PTO/PTA involvement and fundraising, and overall parent feedback on this matter. Thank you	2/12/2026 11:13 AM
2717	Is anyone at the county level of this project aware of how things were handled when we closed 8 schools in 2011? I feel like we have had so many admin changes that some people don't even know that happened. Also, I hope Dr. Sauce considers trimming the $10M worth of admin staff that Horton hired. That's a lot of admin for a school system that is downsizing so much. This is going to be a struggle, as I remember the past. I do wonder what it is like to work in a brand new school, so hopefully we're not closing schools to put them into some other junkie building.	2/12/2026 11:08 AM
2718	I think middle schools should only be used in areas that need it for overcrowding. Have underutilized elementary schools PK-7, with high schools being 8-12	2/12/2026 11:01 AM
2719	I think it's important to consider the social aspects of combining age groups as well as the academic ones. There is a huge difference it maturity at the start of middle school versus the last couple of years of high school and we need children to have the space to grow and mature in socially appropriate ways in school.	2/12/2026 11:01 AM
2720	I don't think you can or should make any decisions till the parents get a chance to speak in person.	2/12/2026 11:00 AM
2721	I would like to make sure the South isn't an afterthought. I'd like to make sure programming is dispersed amongst each region (language immersion, Montessori, etc). If we will be consolidating into mega schools, then those schools should have everything those children need, including onsite aftercare.	2/12/2026 10:57 AM
2722	This seem to be very much throw the spaghetti against tbe wall and see what sticks. Where are the rest of the ingredients? Making kids feel like they’re not a priority and more of a number versus the bottom line. Empty schools that taxes and house values. So the kids, the families and the communities come as an afterthought. Whether that was the intent or not, I don’t know, but that’s how it comes across.	2/12/2026 10:56 AM
2723	Placement of special programs needs to be consistent with the arrangement for equitable access for students.	2/12/2026 10:52 AM
2724	I think if you're going to have larger schools with a higher student population, the kids need to be closer in age. If the schools are smaller, it's okay to have a wider range of grade levels.	2/12/2026 10:47 AM
2725	DeKalb has messed up in so many big ways lately. It would be wonderful if DeKalb focused on preserving high performing schools, looked at how to do that in a cost effective way and tried to save the little that is good about this school district.	2/12/2026 10:35 AM
2726	Brockett is a diamond in a rough. I fear that our large population of immigrant families will be inadvertently left out of these discussions. We are already seeing families not sending their children to school out of fear for the current political climate. Please make every effort for increased engagement with these families beyond sending emails, texts, etc.	2/12/2026 10:35 AM
2727	Has the county explored WHY enrollment is declining and attempted to address possible issues there? Perhaps changes to DCSD could work to maintain, if not increase, enrollment.	2/12/2026 10:31 AM
2728	That makes no sense. Who wrote this? Poorly done.	2/12/2026 10:26 AM

2729	I beg you to reconsider the closing of APES. While we understand it is overcrowded, is there a way to re-draw the lines to free up space? For example, limiting APES to just students who live in Ashford Park, or including students who live in Historic Brookhaven in the expanded Montgomery Elementary boundary.	2/12/2026 10:25 AM
2730	Elaborate on what grade bands are - will these students be housed together in the same building? What does grade band mean and entail? What is a cluster? Is that a grouping of neighborhood schools? It would be helpful for those of us not familiar with the language to have definitions within the survey so we can make the most informed decision.	2/12/2026 10:25 AM
2731	Please don't shut Oak Grove! Please!	2/12/2026 10:23 AM
2732	Please seriously reconsider some of the schools that will potentially close.	2/12/2026 10:21 AM
2733	N/A	2/12/2026 10:15 AM
2734	Please do not close Ashford park elementary - it is beloved, safe, and the heart of the neighborhood	2/12/2026 10:13 AM
2735	It is understood that AP has an overcrowding problem, however closing it completely would be very detrimental to the community. Dekalb benefits from people moving from other places into the district to enjoy the benefits of that school, its programs, and neighborhood setting which creates a tight-night community of students and parents that contribute to the school environment. I also understand that in the long term each school will evolve over time as the demographics and boundaries are shifted (thinking of schools that traditionally do not rank high in terms of test scores, satisfaction, etc), but in the short term I think the closure of Ashford Park would drastically change the AP, Drew Valley, and surrounding neighborhoods. Many families would feel they have no other choice than to move to be in a more desirable school district or make a switch to a private school as the reason so many families have moved into and invested in the district is specifically for this school. Property values would certainly be affected if families are switched into a neighboring district. While that can't be a deciding factor in what is best for the students, it's worth noting that it would most certainly have an impact on property taxes for Brookhaven and Dekalb County as property values decrease.	2/12/2026 10:13 AM
2736	I would like the district to consider keeping Ashford Park open while reevaluating the placement of the German Immersion program at this school. In my experience as a Dekalb County employee, this program has had unintended impacts on the school community and culture. The lottery process has resulted in classrooms that are not reflective of the broader student population, limiting opportunities for diverse peer interaction and raising equity concerns. The program has also contributed to significant division within the parent community, with a small but very vocal group often dominating school discourse. I believe reevaluating where this program is housed, or how it is structured, could help restore a more inclusive, balanced school environment while allowing Ashford Park to continue serving its neighborhood effectively.	2/12/2026 10:11 AM
2737	The neighborhood elementary schools in Dekalb are a gem and shouldn't be ignored as they are a prime attraction to home buyers and help drive home values. Stripping this will impact those values and will in the end have an effect of the tax revenue you rely upon. I understand that change is needed and ask that the county be thoughtful and not reactionary in implementing scenarios. Expand and make new seats available before closing existing buildings or you'll be doing a major disservice to the students and families that you serve.	2/12/2026 10:10 AM
2738	More information on how over crowding at the middle school and high school levels for the northern schools would be appreciated.	2/12/2026 10:07 AM
2739	Proper age limits need to be in place.	2/12/2026 10:06 AM
2740	Close the 19 doors that are constantly open as it is unsafe. There are no cameras on the outside to keep all safe. Please bus all Clarkston High School students to the new Cross Keys.	2/12/2026 10:05 AM
2741	I need to understand the thought process and plan for where the AP students will be placed. I dont see where they are going to place all of these students. Keeping Ashford Park neighborhood together should be a very strong priority. There are other neighborhoods flowing into AP that could be moved out to help with capacity issues.	2/12/2026 10:03 AM
2742	Any building that is repurposed should intentionally include Special Education programming. Students with special needs are too often left out of facility planning, which forces families to	2/12/2026 10:02 AM

	move their children repeatedly throughout preschool and elementary years, Sometimes they are forces outside of their feeder patterns just to access the services they need. As the district redesigns clusters, grade bands, and building use, it is important that Special Education programs are included in every region plan from the start, not added as an afterthought. All students deserve consistent, inclusive programming close to home.	
2743	Need proper age gaps in schools.	2/12/2026 10:00 AM
2744	Placing younger children with older ones can be very risky, as it can lead to them mimicking behaviors that are inappropriate for their age, which is why it is good for them to be in an environment with peers who are in their age group, making sure they are not exposed to things that could negatively impact their mental development.	2/12/2026 9:55 AM
2745	Often if feels like parents and staff are kept in the dark until the last possible minute so any transparency is appreciated as next steps are discussed. These are Dekalb families that have been good to their schools, staff, county and deserve to be given that back. We should be informed so that we can all make the best decision for our children, each so unique and they are at the heart of what this is all about.	2/12/2026 9:54 AM
2746	Our school performs well and our community is one that lends itself to academic excellence, students thriving in a relatively small (compared to other schools) but strong environment. Combining our school with another would be highly disruptive for that small community and the children..larger schools doesnt mean better education. Please do not disband Vanderlyn	2/12/2026 9:52 AM
2747	Clusters such as Brookhaven, where neighborhood schools are strong, walkable, and well-supported, should not be subject to the same restructuring as clusters facing overcrowding or declining enrollment. If grade banding is being considered at all, it must be evaluated on a cluster-by-cluster basis, with clear justification, data transparency, and meaningful community input. Applying a uniform model where no problem exists creates unnecessary disruption and undermines trust in the district’s planning process.	2/12/2026 9:51 AM
2748	I believe the school cluster grade bands should stay the same as it is now. Prek-5, 6-8, 9-12. Also, all schools should put ESOL kids in one class and all non ESOL kids in a separate class. It’s not fair to either class to be integrated when they don’t share the same language and the the students are the ones who suffer. For example when my oldest son was in kindergarten at Kingsley he was in a class full of ESOL kids and he spoke fluent English. He was put in the back of the room at a table by himself because the teachers were solely focused on teaching English to the ESOL kids. That’s not ok, fair or right to do this to any child. I’ve heard the same scenarios at Peachtree Middle and Dunwoody high as well.	2/12/2026 9:50 AM
2749	I think a better understanding of how the schools considered for closure would funnel into other schools would be beneficial for stakeholders to see.	2/12/2026 9:50 AM
2750	Ashford Park is an amazing school with involved parents and community. Please do not dismantle this school	2/12/2026 9:49 AM
2751	I would like to see redistricting lines. What the student attendance projections are. The rationale behind each school closing as they do not all match the " failing school" qualification or that the buildings are insufficient. Midvale just had major renovations done over the past 3 years. It also has enough land to accommodate an expansion, unlike Livsey. I'm confused. I want to see a plan for how the savings will be reinvested into the school system. How will this be sustainable? How are we encouraging families to stay? How are we building trust?	2/12/2026 9:47 AM
2752	Please don't cave to the demands or parents in wealthy areas. I feel as if they will give you the most trouble.	2/12/2026 9:42 AM
2753	I like the 4/5 model; it gives students a chance to get to know each other before they go to middle school. I also think that upper elementary students have different needs from K-3.	2/12/2026 9:42 AM
2754	Please consider the students and parents within the communities and what would best benefit them in ways that can ensure student success.	2/12/2026 9:40 AM
2755	A better explanation of the specific grade band changes proposed at schools would be helpful for more informed decisions. Also, I'd like to know what happens to kids where schools are closing altogether and how you plan to maintain the community that has been built in those schools.	2/12/2026 9:39 AM
2756	What will the impact be on magnet schools for high achievers? Will these be geographically available for all students?	2/12/2026 9:38 AM

2757	Give knowledge of how the schools closings will impact district lines and where students of closing schools would go for parents to make an accurate informed opinion.	2/12/2026 9:36 AM
2758	I don’t like the idea of high school going below 9th grade. There needs to be a transition.	2/12/2026 9:36 AM
2759	You need to consider quality of education as well. These will be enormous elementary schools and that will change school climate. Larger schools are more impersonal.	2/12/2026 9:36 AM
2760	Another thing to be considered, especially when evaluating grade band changes, is the changing environment around literacy in the early grades. Should GA explore adopting a model similar to Mississippi's and potentially opening the door for more elementary age students to be held back based on their reading proficiency, we should be exploring a grade band set up that makes that sort of thing easier. I think something like PK-3 / 4-5 / 6-8 / 9-12, for example, would make more targeted literacy instruction and an increased focus on students reading on grade level easier as there would be natural transitions at important inflection points in the model (4th grade, 8th grade).	2/12/2026 9:33 AM
2761	Again, my biggest concern is how the closure of this school will affect my child's education and the community at large. We moved into this neighborhood specifically for this school and to have a good sense of community. I'm completely opposed to a scenario in which it breaks up the community and some students are sent to schools that have much worse ratings when it comes to testing. This could affect not only friendships, education and overall childhood development but also property values and tax funding for this area. If enough people in the Ashford Park community dislike the new scenarios, they'll send their kids to private school, which would very much affect funding for the city and county. Essentially, it could completely destroy the community we've worked so hard to build here.	2/12/2026 9:31 AM
2762	I am very concerned with this administration making these types of decisions based on data of poor quality. If you intend to use enrollment data I think you need to consider modeling around the COVID era a bit better and also considering what enhancements of schools in certain areas can and will do for enrollment. Many are itching to attend public school in Ashford Park but the corruption of the prior Dekalb admin + this project is fearful enough for parents that they are opting out all together for private schools. That narrative can shift if you make better decisions across the board. Just my 2 cents, the data is not reflective of reality of our area in Ashford Park. That school is bursting at the seams as the centerpiece of the neighborhood with large appetite in the community to migrate there from private if given the opportunity with renewed confidence in the admins of Dekalb.	2/12/2026 9:29 AM
2763	Keep Ashford Park open. Provide more details on the plans for those students. This will absolutely be pushed back against in the community and I'm honestly dumbfounded that you even recommended this scenario.	2/12/2026 9:28 AM
2764	If there's schools that are over capacity and some that are under capacity, can't we just bus students to the schools that have seats? That seems like the most effective option. Charters- look at all the charter schools that have been created in Dekalb and why some of these Charters were started. Where I grew up (Fairfax, VA), the schools provided all the resources so parents did not need to start charter schools. Why can't Dekalb look at the needs of their student population and create/ensure schools have all the resources (from special education to gifted, etc.). So many students are leaving for charter, if they're lucky enough to get a spot!	2/12/2026 9:28 AM
2765	Provide more information on what you will do with the students in the schools that are proposed to close. Where do they go? Do they remain int he same cluster (very important). STOP SAYING THAT YOU ARE ONLY LOOKING AT FACILITIES!!! ACADEMICS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING - YOU CAN'T PROPOSED CHANGES WITHOUT TAKING THAT INTO ACCOUNT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	2/12/2026 9:27 AM
2766	I was hoping to see more information on what expansion means.	2/12/2026 9:26 AM
2767	Please do not close Ashford park. It needs to be upgraded and added onto, but closing it is unwise.	2/12/2026 9:22 AM
2768	What contingencies do you have in place should your projections not materialize? How agile will the district be if this should happen? What sort of sensitivity testing have you done around the uncertainty of the projection?	2/12/2026 9:22 AM
2769	Ashford Park ES will not go down without a fight. We have a tight knit community with lots of powerful people and deep pockets. Our school is so great because of our parent involvement, we will not allow that to go away. We deeply ask that you reconsider closing our special	2/12/2026 9:22 AM

	elementary school. Logistically it just does not make any sense. Obviously, Dekalb County school District needs to re-allocate resources in other communities where their schools are underpopulated and under capacity, but that is not a problem at Ashford Park Elementary School.	
2770	None	2/12/2026 9:21 AM
2771	This scenario will destroy neighborhood schools that are able to remain socioeconomically diverse because of the neighborhood vibe. Parents who are able to will pull their kids and use the state voucher system, go even more heavily to charter schools or go to private schools. Why wouldn't they when DCSD is just trying to jam in as many kids as possible into a building to maximize budgets without considering impacts on the quality of education.	2/12/2026 9:20 AM
2772	RESIGN	2/12/2026 9:17 AM
2773	Please provide monetary or logistical reasons why so many schools need to close and actual plans for what you are going to do with the properties that would be shut down. Additionally what would the new student to teacher ratios be? What happens to specialized programs like the French immersion?	2/12/2026 9:14 AM
2774	Flow chart is confusing due to not providing specific plans/details for what would happen to the elementary schools. Ashford Park has a massive enrollment. What happens to those kids? Is the building being renovated? If so, 6-8 years out is laughably preposterous considering it's been bursting at the seams for years.	2/12/2026 9:14 AM
2775	I like the PK-3/4-5/6-8/9-12 band because maybe we can still utilize the buildings we have while spreading out the grades so younger students are not exposed to upper grades as much. Plus it would be a way to keep employees.	2/12/2026 9:13 AM
2776	I will be very personally frustrated and vocal if Oak Grove ES is closed	2/12/2026 9:12 AM
2777	I would like to see students from Lithonia Middle & High moved to Miller Grove cluster. This would eliminate the over crowding at Lithonia cluster while helping the low enrollment in the Miller Grove cluster	2/12/2026 9:12 AM
2778	I don't think you should rely heavily on community input. People who shout the loudest are only advocating for their own, and generally selfishly. Do what makes the best fiscal sense for ALL students. If we truly have community schools this will be best for all students involved. Let's get the facilities and boundaries taken care of so we can focus on TEACHING THE STUDENTS.	2/12/2026 9:11 AM
2779	Middle school students and high school students should not be in the same buildings.	2/12/2026 9:10 AM
2780	Good luck!	2/12/2026 9:10 AM
2781	Midvale is raising its scores in all areas - enrollment is up, test scores are up, school ratings are up. To close a school that is out performing its Title 1 status and out performing other DeKalb peers would be a tradegy.	2/12/2026 9:09 AM
2782	School Choice families	2/12/2026 9:07 AM
2783	Do not close any of the Dunwoody Elementary schools. Community preservation is important. Dunwoody High school needs a parking deck, and an external permanent expansion where the tennis courts are.	2/12/2026 9:07 AM
2784	The larger schools in the system are some of the lowest performing schools. You should evaluate why you expect creating larger schools to solve any of the problems you seek to limit.	2/12/2026 9:07 AM
2785	I am shocked that this is the best solution you all could come up with. I do respect this is a difficult situation. However, the real reason the enrollment is down, is because the actually education is down. If you all spent time finding better ways to educate and compete with the rest of the nation, the enrollment would go up. Putting the energy where it needs to be would solve the problem, put the kids first and provide a better educational system	2/12/2026 9:07 AM
2786	Please consider reducing the cost of central office workers and their work space before hurting the education and development of children.	2/12/2026 9:06 AM
2787	Leave Ashford Park ES and neighborhood as is. People buy homes here for the school district.	2/12/2026 9:05 AM

2788	While I totally get the limited resources, if Dekalb really says they care about students consolidating grade bands and creating bigger classrooms and schools isn't the answer	2/12/2026 9:05 AM
2789	From a resource side this makes most sense to me. PK3-K: Require similar resources. ie: smaller furnishings, playgrounds, class structure, reinforced support with teachers and helpers 1-5: First grade is generally the start of more structure for students. Mid size furnishings, playgrounds and open fields for play, etc. 6-8: preteen, hormonal shifts and teachers and faculties structured and trained in handle that. 9-12: prepping for adult life. All students in similar stage of life past preteen hormonal shifts. I highly suggest speaking/consulting with Child Psychologists. They know far better about dynamics of social interactions within student populations and performance outcomes.	2/12/2026 9:05 AM
2790	Potential school boundary lines will help people understand the impact from closures and redistricting. There also needs to be identification of impacts to school choice programs, as well as current capital improvement projects underway.	2/12/2026 9:04 AM
2791	Grade banding should absolutely be off the table! This is a terrible choice and not what is best for the children.	2/12/2026 9:03 AM
2792	The closure of small neighborhood schools would be a huge loss in my opinion. Dekalb would lose students with access to private schools and other educational opportunities. The county itself is not seen as trustworthy, but the small neighborhood schools are communities with invested parents and neighbors. Losing that would be a huge loss.	2/12/2026 9:03 AM
2793	If I understand this first proposed set of ideas right, this plan gives the district the needed ability to close schools while using flexible banding and existing larger spaces to (largely) keep kids and families in their cluster. To me, that is an ideal situation! I realize there will be complaints and no one wants their school closed, but it might help to provide some reasons for why (such as, we can move you and this other ES to a MS building, or this ES has a huge piece of land, so we're rebuilding a larger building here and moving your ES and that ES population into a new, larger and nicer building). It sounds like even at the HS level it is as much merger as split/redistricting. I realize that you said this will come at a later time, but I am also curious what the plan is for the specialty programs (theme, IB, magnet, etc). These specialty programs are unique to DCSD and one of the major factors that make people choose DCSD and stay put. I have lots of friends who were planning to move or send their kids to private school who changed their mind when they got into ICS/DSA/Kittredge/etc. I know some of these may need to be re-envisioned, but I think that keeping these (or expanding them!) will offer more people more reasons to stay in DCSD. And, of course, I have the same comment on these that I had above - promise currently enrolled students that they can stay to finish and you will find a lot less pushback for any changes that you need to make!	2/12/2026 9:00 AM
2794	Do not make this change. You will have a mass exodus from Dekalb	2/12/2026 8:59 AM
2795	Closing 25+ elementary schools seems dramatic if we are not offering improved facilities and improved staffing capabilities. Staff changes should focus on smaller class sizes and more paraprofessional supports as well as instructional coaches and special education staff.	2/12/2026 8:59 AM
2796	Please consider upgrading current schools first, then rezoning, then closing schools in that order.	2/12/2026 8:57 AM
2797	Closure scenarios need to be accompanied by a scenario of what happens next or the potential scenarios that will follow.	2/12/2026 8:57 AM
2798	DO NOT close Ashford Park. Whatever facilities concerns you have would likely be covered by the community via fundraising, rather than destroying this student cohort. It's hard to build something like this, easy to break. Don't do it. Dekalb needs better schools, not more mediocrity.	2/12/2026 8:56 AM
2799	The land and school space can definitely be better utilized. However the Board should also be focused on addressing the overinflated, inappropriate budget expenditures and construction waste at the Department level. Major audits should occur and the department heads should be removed immediately where ethical issues exist. School closures and overall budget expenditures should be addressed comprehensively. For example, Kingsley would need months of upgrades and repairs if it becomes a primary school in the Dunwoody cluster.	2/12/2026 8:56 AM
2800	N/A	2/12/2026 8:56 AM
2801	Just to reiterate: I am vehemently opposed to 6-12 banding. I would really encourage the	2/12/2026 8:55 AM

	district to be mindful towards students who have worked hard in special programs to ensure that, as an example, students who have been working in the DLI track for several years are able to finish that track even if they spend grades 4-5 in a different location.	
2802	IMO any decision regarding school closure should include plans for the property of the closing schools. DCPS has a large inventory of unused property and you will be adding more. Why not sell assets (North Druid Hills property) and use those funds to augment the current SPLOST deficit?	2/12/2026 8:55 AM
2803	Our family chose to settle in the Vanderlyn Elementary community because it represented the kind of school environment we believed our child deserved. From the moment we arrived, it became clear that Vanderlyn is more than a school. It is a place where families are woven into the life of the building, and we have been proud to take part in that. We contribute in the classroom, support events throughout the school, and stay connected through the PTO, which gives us opportunities to help shape the school's future. Principal Clayton has been an important part of this experience. His commitment to welcoming new families and actively recruiting students has strengthened the sense of community and ensured that the school remains vibrant. For us, Vanderlyn has become not only a place of learning but a genuine home. Vanderlyn also stands out for its academic strength, which is precisely the kind of excellence DeKalb County should strive to preserve. The school continues to post strong performance numbers, including an 81 percent proficiency rate in math and 74 percent in reading, supported by a 12 to 1 student teacher ratio that allows for more personalized instruction. As the district moves through the Student Assignment Project, leaders have made it clear that the current list of possible closures is only an early stage meant to generate conversation, not final decisions. With that in mind, it is important to recognize that closing a high performing, community-anchored school like Vanderlyn would be counterproductive. Schools that are academically strong, deeply supported by families, and led by engaged administrators already embody the goals the district is aiming for. Protecting a school like Vanderlyn is an investment not only in its students today but also in the long-term stability and success of the wider community.	2/12/2026 8:53 AM
2804	However this shakes out we need to ensure that each cluster and grade band has the same experiences for the students. The location of the schools in Dekalb County should not dictate the program availability and each student should have the same available experience regardless of school.	2/12/2026 8:53 AM
2805	You need to look closer at the success of your current schools and the sentiment of the parents. You have school listed for closure that are being sought after because you have crowded others. Smoke Rise elementary is at or above its student capacity and the school itself still can't figure out how to provide the basics to students, like an appropriate lunch time and ACTIVE recess time during the middle of the school day. You have much bigger problems in the Tucker cluster with Smoke Rise than you do with consolidating Midvale. You should be looking at the numbers of students who live closest to Smoke Rise who opted to be schooled elsewhere because of the failure of the school's former and current administration and the failure of the support of the district to provide resources to the school in the form of instruction and space. Do better.	2/12/2026 8:52 AM
2806	Giving kids in 6th grade an extra year in an "upper elementary" school gives them an extra year to mature and receive additional academic support before entering middle school.	2/12/2026 8:51 AM
2807	Vanderlyn Elementary should remain open because it is one of the district's strongest academic assets. The school consistently delivers high student achievement, with proficiency rates of 81 percent in math and 74 percent in reading, placing it well above many surrounding schools. Its 12 to 1 student teacher ratio allows for individualized instruction that supports a wide range of learners. The Student Assignment Project aims to balance enrollment and increase access to high quality educational programs, and closing a school that already demonstrates exceptional performance would work against those goals. The district has emphasized that these closure considerations are only early conversation starters, which underscores the importance of strong community feedback during this phase. [dekalbschoolsga.org] [ajc.com] Vanderlyn is also a deeply rooted part of the Dunwoody community. My family moved specifically to be in the Vanderlyn district, and since then we have made it our home. We volunteer in our son's classroom, support schoolwide events, and are heavily involved in the PTO because we want to help strengthen the school for future generations. Community involvement is already one of Vanderlyn's strengths, and initiatives like the annual VanderDash continue to raise funds that support meaningful improvements for students and staff. Principal Clayton has also done an excellent job recruiting new families to	2/12/2026 8:51 AM

	the school and ensuring that Vanderlyn remains a welcoming and vibrant community. Closing a high performing and community anchored school would disrupt not only student learning but also one of the district's most engaged and supportive school communities. Vanderlyn represents exactly the kind of strong neighborhood school DeKalb should be committed to preserving	
2808	The idea of having 6-12 in one schools is HORRENDOUS. The social dynamics of early adolescence are too treacherous to include 12 year olds with 16-18 year olds.	2/12/2026 8:50 AM
2809	Changing boundaries in areas with high performing schools will have a detrimental effect on communities. Families will likely withdraw en masse from the district, creating further issues.	2/12/2026 8:46 AM
2810	No additional feedback at this time.	2/12/2026 8:44 AM
2811	I really want to hear some discussion about specialty programs, as they are so critical to some of the kids in these projected closures. How do we ensure these programs continue at their current standards? If I have my child enrolled in a DLI program, how do we ensure that they continue to receive high level DLI instruction throughout their education?	2/12/2026 8:43 AM
2812	Vanderlyn is an integral part of the Dunwoody community and has been a high performing school for the kids, families and county. Closing that school does not seem to be in the best interest of any stakeholders.	2/12/2026 8:42 AM
2813	Please provide more information on the plans for the facilities.	2/12/2026 8:41 AM
2814	For the next round of scenarios, I'd recommend providing more details behind the proposal (if it's available today it's difficult to find). People need information on actual impacts to students based on these proposals - details on how the schools closing would be split to remaining schools, what the new location would look like (ex: what improvements has the school already had that is more than the closing schools, what would be required to be completed before more students could move to that location, does this require trailers, etc.)	2/12/2026 8:40 AM
2815	As stated above, I think the Jr. High label of 7-9th would be beneficial and allow 10-12th as high school.	2/12/2026 8:40 AM
2816	I'm more interested in rezoning info	2/12/2026 8:39 AM
2817	Take funds from the district level, it is too top heavy already. Nothing positive will come from this plan of you are truly putting students first.	2/12/2026 8:39 AM
2818	More information is needed in relation to where students in schools that are closing would go. Is there a plan to keep students in their current feeder high school (if it remains open)?	2/12/2026 8:39 AM
2819	Grade bands should remain traditional only except when populations fall for the cluster.	2/12/2026 8:38 AM
2820	Have you taken housing studies into account? I know Tucker has done one and DeKalb is about to.	2/12/2026 8:38 AM
2821	Clustering may not even be the problems. I understand funding is the case here, but schools need to take ownership of their jobs the periods students are in there rather than frustrating parents with calls. So that more kids can remain at school and parents can also work in order to pay more taxes to alleviate these funding issues. This is the epidemic unresolved.	2/12/2026 8:38 AM
2822	Don't vote on coping buildings until more information about proposed boundaries and program information is shared. Building closures will impact that and therefore these are not independent from one another.	2/12/2026 8:37 AM
2823	Good luck with redistricting. These parents are really preparing for the trenches	2/12/2026 8:36 AM
2824	None of this feels well explained, justified, or communicated. Put the kids first, not bus schedules.	2/12/2026 8:36 AM
2825	The Tucker consolidation does not reflect the growing population of families moving to the area, as well as the number of homes that are set to transition in the coming years as older homeowners move out, making way for new families to move in, with almost no nearby alternatives past 8th grade.	2/12/2026 8:35 AM
2826	Please take a look at the data about anticipated climate change migrations to Atlanta prior to making any expensive and potentially irreversible decisions. https://www.nature.com/articles/nclimate3271	2/12/2026 8:32 AM

2827	Oak Grove Elementary School is a staple of the Lakeside community. It would be a very tough outcome for the community. We would encourage you to reconsider this.	2/12/2026 8:32 AM
2828	The current proposal to just close Ashford Park will negatively impact DEKALB schools overall performance, move more kids to private schools and impact the community which this school is the center of. I disagree with the plan and will continue to voice my opposition. In addition the fact that Serita Smith is still employed after the close ties to a felon is a stain on the entire system.	2/12/2026 8:32 AM
2829	Even if buildings are consolidated, that doesn't guarantee all schools will get the staffing and resources they need. Keep our neighborhood schools small!	2/12/2026 8:31 AM
2830	Do not forget about Preschool Diagnostics, Audiology, and all the students in special education who are receiving services in a regional, special education classroom! Some of the buildings that are on the closure list house these departments and will have a huge impact on the exceptional education department.	2/12/2026 8:31 AM
2831	DCSD board members should be aware that their seats are elected. I will vote to remove all board members who approve this decision for APES closure cluster reassignment.	2/12/2026 8:30 AM
2832	Good luck. Not an easy task. Just don't lose sight of the community value. I'm speaking from experience as a parent of magnet school children. I absolutely loved what Kittredge offered, my children didn't find their community until HS and even then, not the same as the neighborhood community.	2/12/2026 8:28 AM
2833	Though I chose the traditional grade band scenario Dekalb used to be K-7 and 8-12 [this was before PreK]. Worked fine years ago	2/12/2026 8:27 AM
2834	theory is great, but without more information about zoning and feeder patterns, there isn't much to discuss.	2/12/2026 8:27 AM
2835	It would make sense to me to keep Ashford park open and combine with John Lewis. There could be lower campus(prek-2) and upper campus (3-5). As for middle school it makes no sense to send Ashford park and Drew valley families up to Sequoia Middle. It is far and low performing.	2/12/2026 8:26 AM
2836	There are still many unanswered questions. It still feels like the county to attempting to shove things down our throats and that behind the scenes decisions have been made. There is very little trust left and I caution them to hold tightly to what is left and hear parent feedback	2/12/2026 8:26 AM
2837	I do not believe that 6-12 should overlap. If they can be housed in a building without overlap that's fine. Gwinnett tried overlapping bussing the 90s and it was a huge mess between those ages.	2/12/2026 8:25 AM
2838	Please update your assumptions about the demographics of the Tucker area.	2/12/2026 8:24 AM
2839	Please better consider the implications of closing so many schools on the south side of town due to how this can viewed as far as district priorities and WHO they are trying to please. As an alumni and employee, it is disheartening to think all the schools on my side of town are being closed due to "low educational adequacy" when its the district's responsibility to ensure the educational adequacy of each school by ensure teachers are trained and resources are distributed equally.	2/12/2026 8:24 AM
2840	Please be aware of the negative impacts this will have on our community and neighborhoods. School is already hard enough for many children. Don't make this worse by forcing them to change or close schools when it's completely unnecessary. Put more thought, time, and effort into hiring a superintendent that's not a criminal and hiring people in the schools that will be positive influences in teaching our children. This redistricting and closing schools nonsense needs to stop. This would only harm our kids. Leave things alone!!!!	2/12/2026 8:24 AM
2841	I don’t know what the grade bands mean, but there would be a closure of a great school, academics, community, and that is full. We would not go to a school double the size as we’d be redistricted for, we would change to private.	2/12/2026 8:23 AM
2842	Please come up with a better plan that continues to meet the needs of the specific communities. This is not it.	2/12/2026 8:22 AM
2843	Again, I understand the need to consolidate or repurpose, but in the case of VES, which is an incredibly high performing school that families SEEK OUT, you have to give these families	2/12/2026 8:22 AM

	time to finish up at their chosen elementary school. If changes need to be made to VES, please do so over an 8-10 year timespan. Importantly, please be considerate of the community that is built in the neighborhood around this school. You should visit the playground on a beautiful day after school. Families and kids stick around after school to play - all grades and ages come together to talk and be together in our wonderful neighborhood playground. Please do not take this from our community. We will suffer.	
2844	Why Dekalb things expanding Briarlake which is at a very busy intersection, and smaller than OGE is beyond us. Also, OGE is in the middle of the neighborhood which many many families purchase high value properties to attend the school!	2/12/2026 8:19 AM
2845	Do. Not. Close. Oak. Grove.	2/12/2026 8:18 AM
2846	Please make the scenarios more accessible to view. Just put it in the email body or double check the link is going to the right place. Also we do not want videos of the superintendent. That is a waste of county resources. Put the information in the email so we can read it easily.	2/12/2026 8:18 AM
2847	While my family moved to the area we live for the quality of the elementary school it is becoming very clear that private school or relocating to a different district must be considered heavily going into next year. The school system is corrupt and incompetent, as evidenced by the hiring of Horton knowing about the pending legal issues at his prior employer and the entire SAP process.	2/12/2026 8:18 AM
2848	A lot of the elementary school closures appear to be in the southern end of the county. Could we at least have an elementary school that serves them in their actual community?	2/12/2026 8:17 AM
2849	Closing schools to conserve resources should be a nonstarter. Certainly there should be other ways to reduce costs that do not include creating mega schools and further fracturing communities.	2/12/2026 8:17 AM
2850	Run the data on performance. Remove high performing schools (test scores, teacher retention, student choice) from closure proposals. Reduce the total number of closures in this proposal with the thought that there may be additional closures in the future (example). This will give time to execute on school expansions and see how population changes shake out in real time without causing the risk to our schools that a looming closure has (teacher departures, student departures, general degradation).	2/12/2026 8:17 AM
2851	Briarlake Elementary should be closed over Oak Grove based on geography, location, and capability for expansion.	2/12/2026 8:15 AM
2852	None at this time.	2/12/2026 8:15 AM
2853	N/A	2/12/2026 8:14 AM
2854	My initial feedback is the following. The people in the decision-making of hiring Superintendents who are under federal investigation are deciding on what's best for DeKalb parents, faculty, and students.	2/12/2026 8:13 AM
2855	I would be supportive of the.Kingsley closing if we can be redistricted into Chestnut to help with logistics and keep us within our community. Fontainebleau Forest neighborhood. We are on the north end of the boundary and Hightower logistics would be a nightmare.	2/12/2026 8:13 AM
2856	You are completely destroying the reason why this area and these schools are so loved. I truly believe this will hurt the district in the long run. You are overwhelming Teachers and staff. This means less quality teachers, bigger classes in which no one can teach and scores go down, learning goes down.	2/12/2026 8:13 AM
2857	I am not sure it is always safe to put younger children in the same building as much older students who are more mature.	2/12/2026 8:12 AM
2858	The idea to close APES is not something I will support and will make sure my vote in the next election punishes officials that support it	2/12/2026 8:10 AM
2859	There has been discussion of boundary changes-specifically dunwoody high to chamblee high. Pls keep in mind the block schedule to a regular schedule. It's very difficult to do if you are already a student changing in a 4 year high school window. Maybe all high schools should be on 1 system...	2/12/2026 8:08 AM
2860	Do not do this. This targets certain demographics, forcing them to travel farther or relocate altogether for better education. You think the schools aren’t being used at max capacity but	2/12/2026 7:59 AM

	when is the last time you visited each of the schools on your list?	
2861	Don't listen to the screamers.	2/12/2026 6:59 AM
2862	SAP Member- You have to remember the importance of community buy-in for academic success. Elementary schools being the entry point they should be the focus. I'm sure some will still need to close, but the enrollment deficit should first be addressed at the middle/high level.	2/12/2026 6:40 AM
2863	We need to look carefully at the existing resources at middle schools being repurposed as elementary schools. Is it a good use of resources to have an elementary school in a former middle school with a turf field, track, and lighting? Also, what realistically is the timeline to expand 11 elementary schools in North DeKalb? There is no way DCSD has the money or can logistically expand 11 schools to accommodate the elementary schools proposed to be closed. Without a timeline, this list creates unnecessary hysteria.	2/11/2026 11:19 PM
2864	Show how Ashford Park can remain in Chamblee Cluster without being broken up. This can occur if Nancy Creek serves Montgomery/Huntley Hills 4-5th, and if John R Lewis boundaries are redrawn to primarily serve the closed Ashford Park ES. Most of the students currently zoned for JRL are closed to Woodward, Montclair, or Dresden; your problematic boundaries already break-up those neighborhoods. You can now solve it.	2/11/2026 10:43 PM
2865	if the district was smaller, the great man choices would make more sense for once in DeKalb. Let's be more uniform.	2/11/2026 10:08 PM
2866	We need more information about boundaries and programs.	2/11/2026 9:41 PM
2867	Focus on an 80 percent solution.	2/11/2026 9:39 PM
2868	I think the boundaries for Dunwoody given the three large elementary structure should closely mirror the voting districts to ensure equitable distribution of demographics and income levels across the three schools.	2/11/2026 9:29 PM
2869	Interested to see how programs may change the scope of the initial facility scenario. For instance, if DAA / DSA ends up with a full sized arts school, more seats may become available which may decrease attendance at neighborhood schools even more.	2/11/2026 8:25 PM
2870	Please consider making sure to have counselors, advisors, and security available when these changes happen in some of these areas. School rivalry's are real and this can really work if we use them as teachable moments.	2/11/2026 8:23 PM
2871	More explanation should be given on the schools that are supposed to be converted. People need to know that the converted schools will be retrofitted and renovated as well.	2/11/2026 8:17 PM
2872	I would say that we need to consider the configuration of some of the middle school when converting them to elementary school. Schools with a lot stairs might be difficult for little students to navigate. Also schools like Oakcliff Elementary School do not have an elevator; therefore, students with disabilities can easily move throughout the building. All of these things must be considered.	2/11/2026 8:16 PM
2873	N/A	2/11/2026 8:15 PM
2874	More map layers. I would love to see an interactive map with layers that can be toggled on and off. Layers could include current attendance zones, which are staying open, closed, expanded, board districts, population numbers.	2/11/2026 8:13 PM
2875	I am all for reallocating funding from empty seats towards program expansion and facility improvements. I also want to be sure that just because a school is not on the no change in use list that it still has facility needs addressed. I would also like to see facility and program dollars are used as a carrot to incentivize families who may be redistricted from a high performing cluster into a lower performing cluster.	2/11/2026 8:05 PM
2876	Be mindful of the north county- south county divide and perceptions. Especially as it relates to programs when those scenarios are considered. Also consider ELL support and continuity for Latino students when making decisions for clusters with high percentage of Latino students.	2/11/2026 8:05 PM
2877	This is very difficult to envision without talking about boundaries.	2/11/2026 8:04 PM
2878	I am in favor of dekalb utilizing funds to best suit the needs of students and if closing schools so that we can allocate funds back into the classroom is what will take place, then I'm all for it.	2/11/2026 8:03 PM

2879	N/A	2/11/2026 7:58 PM
2880	I think the next round of scenarios needs a bit more written THEMES of reasons why a group of schools is being proposed to close and why others are being expanded... to in any way sell this and not get an overeaction from parents which wastes a lot of time. It also feels like some of the data is wrong, which is concerning.. e.g. the data shows John Lewis has ~200 open seats, but a parent here said they're over-capacity.. so which is it?	2/11/2026 7:50 PM
2881	For the purpose of relocation within the District, it would make transitions easier on families and scholars who are moving into a different cluster within the District.	2/11/2026 7:34 PM
2882	I am in support of any program that benefits the community	2/11/2026 7:28 PM