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The 2007-08 growth management proposal that addresses the county's explosive growth was published December 8 for public comment. Visitors to wcpss.net will find the online presentation of the draft has a new look this year.

"This is a draft," said Superintendent Del Burns. "The draft is part of the dialogue between the school system staff and community as it prepares a proposal that will be presented to the Board of Education on the best use of our schools for teaching and learning for more than 136,000 students we expect next year."

The draft fills three new elementary schools, two middle schools and transitions 19 elementary schools and three middle schools to the multi-track, year-round calendar. In addition, three elementary schools will move from temporary campuses into permanent campuses.

"This draft uses every bit of capacity we can," said Chuck Dulaney, WCPSS Assistant Superintendent for Growth and Planning. "We can't afford to leave schools underutilized given the growth we continue to experience."

The new schools add space as student enrollment growth continues to explode. After steady annual growth of about 3,000 students for five years, enrollment increased by 5,000 students for 2004-05, 6,400 for 2005-06 and 7,500 for 2006-07. WCPSS has 128,072 students this year. Another 8,000 additional students are expected for next year.

Dulaney said the primary objective of the draft is to provide appropriate environments for teaching and learning for all students by accommodating growth, minimizing the impact of overcrowding, assigning a healthy student population to every school and anticipating the impact of future growth.

Major challenges addressed for the 2007-08 school year include:

- Assign students to new schools
- Adjust base areas where required to best use the capacity gained by changing the calendar from traditional to multi-track year-round for 19 elementary schools and three middle schools.
- Adjust base areas where required to best use the capacity of 10 existing year-round elementary schools and four existing year-round middle schools that will lose application areas to schools changing from traditional to year-round calendar.
- Reduce the base areas of overcrowded schools where possible in order to avoid overcrowding that interferes with teaching and learning.

The draft includes 10,788 students: 7,635 elementary students and 3,153 middle school students. There are no high school students involved in this draft. The draft moves 6,600 students to schools closer to their homes.

AUXILIARY SERVICES DIVISION

Vision

Providing Services That Power
Education

Mission Statement

Provide quality facilities and
support services to ensure safe,
healthy, inviting and optimal
learning environments.

Goals

- 1.) Recruit, develop and retain a
qualified and high quality
workforce.
- 2.) Provide and maintain quality
facilities and support
services that result in a safe
and healthy learning
environment.
- 3.) Effectively communicate
successes, challenges and
needs.

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Of the 10,788 students in the draft, 3,689 could exercise the grandfathering option of staying at their current school and providing their own transportation. The 3,689 students include 2,075 at elementary schools and 1,614 at middle schools. If all parents exercised the grandfathering option and requested transfers, the current proposal would move 7,099 students. The Board of Education determines which students qualify for grandfathering. Students in grades four, five, seven and eight moving from an existing school to an existing school qualify for grandfathering. Students in grades five and eight moving from an existing school to a new school qualify for grandfathering.

When parents visit wcpss.net to view the draft, they'll find it has a new look. Parents will be able to view the proposed node changes for each school, the impact of the draft and staff reasons for recommendations. The site will provide opportunities for comment and vital statistics such as enrollment, capacity and calendar information.

The draft takes a longer-term, multi-year look into the future. It also seeks to return spot nodes back to base schools. Spot nodes are created when base schools don't have the capacity for new subdivisions and the Board of Education assigns them to the nearest least crowded school.

The public may submit comments regarding the proposal online (from a school or node explanation page) through 5 p.m., Tuesday, January 2. People may also call the hotline number at 919-501-7998 and leave comments, or e-mail studentassignment@wcpss.net. WCPSS Growth and Planning will use this information to refine the draft and will present staff's recommendation to the Board of Education at its meeting on January 9.

For next steps, go to <http://www.wcpss.net/draft-proposal/whats-next.html>.

Holiday Closing 2006-07

Superintendent Del Burns

The Administrative Building and all satellite locations will be closed for Winter Break from Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, through Monday, Jan. 1, 2007. On Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, the buildings will open on a regular schedule.

Employees will need to take annual leave on Dec. 27, 28 and 29. Non-exempt employees may also take comp time that has been accrued prior to these dates. Employees who do not have sufficient annual leave or accrued comp time to cover these days should make prior arrangements with their supervisor to make up the time, to work in other locations, to have annual leave days advanced, to take non-paid leave, or to use some combination of these options to cover the days.

The Administrative Building (3600 Wake Forest Road) will be closed Dec. 23, 2006 through Jan. 1, 2007. Card access must be used by employees to enter the building beginning at 8 a.m., and they must exit the building by 5 p.m. The building will not be accessible on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

The heating and air conditioning systems will be in set-back/unoccupied modes in all buildings and schools during Winter Break. However, if any events are scheduled during the break, building managers may arrange for heating to be turned up by going to the website <http://www2.wcpss.net/departments/epps/> and checking on "scheduling."

Congratulations!

Beth Ann Williams, Training Specialist, Organizational Development

Congratulations to Jeff Fleegle, area facilities manager, Eastern Region, on receiving his third licensure. The State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors has recognized Fleegle for successfully passing the SPPH electrical exam. He has successfully obtained HVAC (1, 2 and 3), Refrigeration, and SPPH credentials; and completed the Area Facilities Managers WCPSS Apprenticeship program.

Thanks for all you do for the Wake County Public School System.

What is Educational Commissioning?

Sheri A. Green, Senior Administrator, Facilities Design & Construction
Christina Larkins, Resource Management Administrator, Organizational Development

In fall 2005, Curriculum & Instruction, Organizational Development, and Facility Planning jointly initiated a new process called "Educational Commissioning" for new schools.

Educational Commissioning is a new term for most of us, and is based on "Building Commissioning." In a nutshell, Building Commissioning means checking out all systems in a new building to ensure they are running appropriately, and training staff on operating the building systems, prior to the building being occupied. Educational Commissioning is a new concept in school planning that refers to a process through which teachers, students and even parents and community partners are educated as to the design intent and sustainability features of a newly constructed or renovated school facility. WCPSS Educational Commissioning is a collaborative and inclusive process to provide the faculty, staff and students at a new or renovated facility with the necessary knowledge as to the design, function, and flexibility of their school and site, in order to positively affect morale, attendance, teaching, learning, and student achievement.

Despite a highly collaborative community planning process where many community stakeholders may be involved in the design of a school building, once the building is finally constructed and occupied, many occupants are unaware of the myriad of ways the school facility has been designed to support teaching and learning, or to act as a three-dimensional textbook.

Last year we piloted Educational Commissioning at Salem Middle and Cedar Fork Elementary. An Educational Commissioning team, consisting of representatives from C&I, Organizational Development, and Facility Planning, along with the designers for the new school, made a presentation at a regular faculty/staff meeting at each of these schools. The presentation consisted of a short PowerPoint and lasted about 20 minutes, including time for questions. A CD with the presentation was provided to the school for the principal to use as necessary...perhaps for new employees in the future, or to share at a PTA meeting. Additionally, the team left behind presentation boards to be displayed at the school to inform visitors about design features of the school.

Mark Your Calendar

Winter Break
Dec. 25 and 26, 2006
Jan. 1, 2007

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan. 15, 2007

Welcome

Please welcome Cathy Cahall as the new secretary for Long-Range Planning. You may reach her at 850-1780 and dcahall@wcpss.net.

Training Schedule **Computers/Technical/American Red Cross**

OSHA 10 Hour (Day 2)
Dec. 14
8 a.m. – 12 noon
Garner Training Center
SRN: 269001204

Job Accident and Investigation
Dec. 14
10 a.m. – 12 noon
Rock Quarry Road Training Center
SRN: 269022504

Auxiliary Services
New Employee Orientation
Dec. 19
8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Custodial staff)
8 a.m. – 12 noon (For all other staff)
Rock Quarry Road Training Center

Auxiliary Services
New Employee Orientation
Jan. 9
8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Custodial staff)
8 a.m. – 12 noon (For all other staff)
Rock Quarry Road Training Center

MAXIMO Two-Day Session
(For M&O employees only)
Feb. 13-14
Starts at 8:30 a.m.
Rock Quarry Road Training Center
SRN: 269021705

MAXIMO

MAXIMO Everywhere Training
(For school-based employees)
Jan. 10
10 – 11 a.m.
Rock Quarry Road Training Center
Course #: AS90063

MAXIMO Two-Day Session
(For M&O employees only)
Jan. 16-17
Starts at 8:30 a.m.
Rock Quarry Road Training Center
SRN: 269021704

MAXIMO Everywhere Training
(For school-based employees)
Feb. 7
10 – 11 a.m.
Rock Quarry Road Training Center
Course #: AS90063

MAXIMO Two-Day Sessions include:

- ½ day of Basic MAXIMO
- ½ day of MAXIMO Equipment
- Full day of MAXIMO Mobile Work Manager

Please contact Beth Williams (bwilliams2@wcpss.net or 856-8018) to register for the new employee orientation. To register for all other classes, go to <https://ero3.eschoolsolutions.com/user/login.taf?orgID=42358&userID=&PIN=&function>. Enter your user ID=SS# and Pin=last four digits of your SS#. If you have questions about MAXIMO training, please contact Petra Harris, MAXIMO System Administrator, at 856-8128 or pharris2@wcpss.net. For questions about all other classes, please contact Beth Williams.

Stay Informed

The *Auxiliary Adviser* is e-mailed to subscribers in the school system and posted on the Internet. A hard copy of the *Adviser* is sent to the head custodian and child nutrition staff at each school. To have the newsletter e-mailed to you directly, simply send an e-mail with "subscribe" in the subject line, to kflenniken@wcpss.net.

