

COMMENTS FROM CEM AT WAKE FOREST HIGH ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

Generally, the notes are written as parents wrote them. Some information that might identify a child's unique situation was not included in this report:

- Don't stop year-round for the privileged few with beach houses. Do what is best for our children and schools.
- Convert all schools to year round calendars – converting some of the schools will only put a band-aid on the problem.
- NO to half-day kindergarten. Many children come to school unprepared. So much is covered in kindergarten that it cannot be covered in _ day. Other considerations – the cost of bus transportation for the extra run each day and after school care for a.m. classes.
- Please consider building a school on the North Wake Landfill site (Durant Road)
- Please bring node 653.0 closer home. (Several cards had this comment)
- I am for traditional schools more than year-round. I know one person was upset over the negatives brought up about year-round. I feel the negatives are valid and should be considered as well.
- I am from node 653.0. I really want the opportunity to talk with the board to move our children closer to home. We will be present at other engagement meetings, so maybe we can discuss more then.
- I am a parent in favor and support of year-round. I have had children who attended year-round in another state and I saw great benefits from an education standpoint. Thank you for allowing us to be here and for hearing us. Thank you for all the work you all do.
- I am totally for year-round schools...I tried to have my grandson enrolled in year-round but it was not available. I would still like for him to have the opportunity for him and his brother to attend.
- My children currently attend a year-round elementary school – our base school to which we were assigned. The schedule works well for us. Our family would prefer to see other schools changed to the year-round schedule as an option before reassignments are made. Mandatory YR assignments for all elementary and middle schools should be pursued. I dread for my children to be reassigned.
- Split shifts at the high school level and _ day kindergarten would be detrimental for all students.
- Thank you for taking the time to explain not only the current school situation but also the future projections. Our son will be born this December/January and we're very interested in what his educational experience will be in Wake County.
- The GM Department must actively and aggressively pursue working with and persuading the Wake County Planning Department to control new home development. Such dense population growth in PUDs such as Wakefield, Bedford, Heritage, etc. are a major factor in the overcrowding of certain schools.
- There is land off of Purnell Road and Stonyhill Road in Wake Forest that is part of WCPSS, and I'd like to know what is planned for this property.
- Clustering year-round and traditional schools sounds like a good idea.

- I am pro-year-round school and open to _ day kindergarten.
- I support year-round schools for all elementary schools.
- You need to understand that when discussing traditional vs year-round – that folks may be split. But if you were to ask those same parents to choose between reassignment vs year-round, year-round would become instantly more popular.
- Wakefield Elementary cannot handle more mobiles. Assign brand new neighborhoods in Wakefield to Forest Pines now.
- Reassign Riverside Subdivision to our walk zone school – Wildwood Forest (*more than one comment saying this*)
- Change the year-round middle school for Riverside from Heritage to Durant
- Look at problems of rapid growth in other area (examples given)
- Two-story middle schools – can they be a consideration and increase student facility use
- Utilize more empty facilities already established; ex. Parker Building in Wake Forest
- Would year-round elementary and middle schools make it more possible for more high schools to be build; to accommodate the increase now and in the future for the current and future elementary and middle school students.
- Land in northern Wake County closer to Youngsville – land still large, some owned by seminary, off Capital, compensate Wake Forest future growth, or assist in slowing us down reasonably. Build communities around schools rather than vice-versa.
- Disappointed that mandatory year-round not aggressively pursued given the somewhat strong recommendation for these at growth management meetings last year
- Is NCLB hurting or helping school populations?
- Glad to hear that WCPSS is speaking with local governments and establishing partnerships regarding school assignment and construction needs.
- Has the impact fee issue been brought forward to the county commissioners?
- Prefer breakout session to formal comment session. Suggest changing format to allow more opportunities for questions.
- The near impossibility of getting my children enrolled into Heritage or other available option for YR schools only enforces that despite some objection there are a significant number of parents who do not have a real option for being part of a solution that would pull our kids out of mobile classrooms and overcrowded conditions.
- I'm one of those who rate year-round as a 10. Believe it should be compulsory for elementary and middle schools. Children will grow to match community needs.
- More work with municipalities to manage residential growth.
- I like the option of year-round or traditional. One reason is having a high school age child. Choice is good.
- Have the builders put up some land and money for schools. If they want to build, they have to build the schools to accommodate. This is what they are doing in Florida and it is working.
- Did gas price and their fluctuations make you rethink busing situation?

- What % of children within walk zone of a school actually go there?
- Why don't you put school profiles back on website?
- If you're so concerned about healthy schools, why haven't you done more for Fox Road?
- Are there more state-mandated classroom reductions?
- Can't we penalize communities for exceeding manageable growth?
- Can Board of Education and Commissioners put aside animosity and work together?

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PARENT INPUT

- Spot Node 653.0 – the Bedford communities are assigned to five different elementary schools; open new Wakefield Elem early OR assign us to YR school OR assign us to Brassfield, Lead Mine, Wakefield, or Wildwood Forest
- Strong support for more year round; focus on positives of YR; day cares will adjust
- Forest Pines Elementary at DuBois – populate fully for next year; address grading issues at the site
- Consider the “Borrow Area” for new school site
- Riverside would like to attend Wildwood Forest; they are in the “walk zone”
- Glad to hear WCPSS is working more with local governments
- Consider YR high school for short-term solution and family schedules
- Find a way to get Heritage High School on the fast track
- Would rather go YR than reassignment; poll parents to determine which they would be more in favor of
- Open Forest Pines II early
- Fuel costs/busing concerns
- Not in favor of split shift scheduling; not in favor of half-day kindergarten
- Some schools not healthy F&R; adjustment needed