



## **Benefits of Multi-year proposal**

- Longer-range information for parents on schools their children will attend
- Better opportunity for groups of students at an elementary school to move together to middle school, then high school
- More opportunities for community feedback, as parents were able to review the proposal before the Community Engagement Meetings.

## **Students in proposal**

- 24,654 students are in the three-year assignment plan, slightly less than the 26,500 involved in assignment plans for the previous three years
- 2,117 fewer than in the Nov. 15 draft proposal and 832 fewer than in the Dec. 16 staff recommendations

## **Grandfathering**

- More than 11,000 students or approximately 45 percent of the students in the plan would be eligible for grandfathering
- Transfer requests for students who would be in grades 4, 5, 8, 11 and 12 who want to remain at their current school without school system transportation will be automatically approved. Students who would be in grades 7 and 10 who want to remain at their current school without school system transportation will be automatically approved, except for students being assigned to a new school.
- A transfer request for a student would be automatically approved if that particular student will be impacted by district assignment decisions twice within a three year period. For example, if a student was in School A as either a base or a calendar applicant and board action changes that student's assignment to School B and then subsequent board action would change the student's assignment to School C after less than three years in School B, a transfer request for the student to remain in School B would be automatically approved.
- When the "grandfathering" process leads to approval of a transfer for a student and the family applies for a transfer for a younger sibling who has also already begun attending the same school as the older sibling (for example, a rising 1st grade sibling of a rising 4th grade student or a rising 10th grade student assigned to a new high school that has a rising 11th or 12th grade sibling) that transfer request for the younger sibling will be automatically approved.

## **Who are these students?**

- Approximately 4,000 students in the proposal are not currently enrolled in WCPSS, but will choose to attend public school or move into Wake County during the next three years. The proposal would impact 20,230 students currently registered in WCPSS – if the entire three year plan were implemented next year.
- More than 1,400 in the proposal are kindergartners who will enter school over the next three years

### **2009-10**

- 3 year-round elementary schools open
- Total of 9,547 students including 4,134 elementary; 3,543 middle school and 1,870 high school

### **2010-11**

- 1 year round elementary, 2 year-round middle and two high schools open
- Total of 10,489 students including 1,725 elementary, 3,756 middle school and 5,008 high school

### **2011-12**

- 1 year-round elementary and 1 year round middle school opens
- Total of 4,618 students including 1,877 elementary school, 2,035 middle school and 706 high school

## **Board of Education's goals for the student assignment**

- Creating stable school environments (families, classmates, and peers)
- Protecting the ability to offer quality programs in every school
- Collaborating with the community (all parties/stakeholders)
- Creating and maintaining a diverse student body
- Alleviating overcrowding
- Filling seats efficiently
- Achieving academic success for all children
- Providing a logical progression between elementary, middle, and high school
- Creating good teaching conditions (the social, emotional, and physical environment).
- Retaining good teachers
- Ensuring consistency across the system over time
- Building a sense of community and connection (i.e. neighborhoods, parent involvement)
- Fairness