

## Draft 2 FAQ - Oct. 26

### Grandfathering

Why, if my child can stay 1 more year, can't she stay the duration of her elementary years?  
What is the difference between 1 year, or 2?

**The initial proposal was to not allow any younger siblings to grandfather. The reason for that was that allowing younger siblings to grandfather has slowed and lessened the impact of opening new schools. We open new schools to reduce overcrowding in existing schools, which is caused by our continuous population growth. Simply put, allowing younger siblings to stay at overcrowded schools keeps those schools overcrowded for longer. The K-3 class size reduction mandate makes it even more essential that we both reduce overcrowding and make full use of all available seats in our elementary schools. All of that said, we understand that this can be a challenge for families. The current proposal is a compromise aimed at providing as much stability as possible. Once the older sibling moves on to middle school, the younger siblings will be reassigned to their new school.**

### Willow Springs

What was the rationale for the proposed Willow Springs to Banks Road move?

**Due to extreme overcrowding at Willow Springs Elementary and the K-3 class size reduction mandate, the school board imposed an enrollment cap on Willow Springs Elementary on Oct. 3. Additionally, new grandfathering rules proposed in Draft 2 will allow younger siblings of 5th graders to remain at the school for one year. This will slow the impact of changes aimed at reducing crowding. For this reason, a portion of the Willow Springs base assignment area is proposed to move to Banks Road Elementary, which has available seats.**

### South Garner

If a student assigned to South Garner and not eligible to grandfather applies for a magnet seat at GMHS, will they be afforded the same consideration as any other student assigned to any school that is not part of the reassignment proposal or does their status as a student assigned to a "new school" weigh into the magnet consideration formula?

**Students currently in 9th or 10th who are assigned to South Garner, and who apply to Garner Magnet High School as a magnet student, will be afforded the same consideration as any other student.**

### Apex Friendship

Scotts Ridge was made to be a feeder school to Apex Friendship Middle. Why isn't Scotts Mill assigned there?

**Apex Friendship Middle was never planned to take all students from Oakview and Scotts Ridge Elementary School base attendance areas. It is not uncommon around the district for elementary schools to be assigned to different middle schools.**

### **Buckhorn Creek**

Can Buckhorn Creek open as a year-round calendar?

**At this point, it would be very difficult. The school was funded with the 2013 CIP bond. The Board of Education in 2012 established key parameters about bond-funded projects. One of those stated: “The assumption at this time is to maintain a minimal portion of schools operated on the year-round, multi-track calendar.” [View the statement about year-round schools on Page 10](#). When the county commissioners approved the bond referendum in 2013, it stipulated on [Page 7 that only M-8 \(Pine Hollow Middle School\) would open on a year-round calendar](#). So construction planning for Buckhorn Creek Elementary has always been in anticipation of an August 2018 opening.**

Why is the Garrison neighborhood assigned to Buckhorn Creek?

**Proximity. The Garrison neighborhood would need to drive past Buckhorn Creek Elementary to take the shortest route to get to Holly Grove Elementary. This neighborhood is not in the defined walk zone area for Holly Grove Elementary, because students would need to walk through the Holly Springs High School campus while school is in session to get to Holly Grove Elementary.**

### **Application Changes**

If the legislative class size mandate is lifted (or delayed) before the enrollment proposal is approved, can the families from Abbotts Creek Elementary that are being reassigned for Fox Road be allowed to stay at Abbotts Creek?

**Yes.**