

Clayton County Public Schools

Enrollment Balancing Community Survey Results

Clayton County Public Schools is proposing the following enrollment balancing move. Please keep in mind that each move is dependent upon each other. Please provide any feedback you may have.

Move 1 - Four hundred fifty-one (451) students will move from Drew High School to North Clayton High School.

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I am extremely disappointed with this proposed project. I live south of Bethsaida Road and Riverdale High School is the closet school to us. It makes since for students south of Bethsaida Road to attend Riverdale High School. Riverdale hasn't made any changes. This proposal will now overcrowd North Clayton High!! The school will be at 90% capacity which doesn't make since at all considering the current size of the school. I think you should at least make it optional to attend another school if you can transport your own kids. Very disappointed!!

I am a parent that just recently moved from another state to Clayton County. The district that we live in has my son enrolled/assigned to Drew High School. It usually takes a child a while to become adapted to the new environment of his school. My son enjoys the environment he is in, and he participates in activities, as well, I do when it comes to certain topics involving the school/ community. I want my child to stay at this school, this is his assigned school, and this is where I want him to stay. So I will be very active and involved with making sure that this is where he continues to attend.

Wouldn't be a better use of facilities to move EVERYONE from North Clayton to Drew and reopen North Clayton as "Elite Scholars at North Clayton High" or "Early College at North Clayton High." Instead of Elite having a new building in the area where the schools are very overcrowded, open up the new building as a brand new high school? Most of the students that attend Elite don't come from the east side of 19/41; they come from the Riverdale/Drew/North Clayton cluster. By giving Elite the North Clayton High building, the students would have as far to travel. This would be a great use of facilities and avoid a lot of the parental complaints that will accompany children being moved to what they may view as an inferior school.

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No, I am not for Drew current student to be moved to North Clayton. I do not want my son over there. I live in Sage Creek subdivision and this will affect us. Drew has the newest technology and I am pleased with my son there. There needs to be another option.

I disagree with this process.

What assurance do we have by the district that at 90% capacity, North Clayton High School will receive all the funding needed to staff and secure the school?

Are the amount of rising 9th graders currently zoned for North Clayton High School being taken into account of the balancing equation?

Will additional teachers be hired as well as permanent teachers for the positions that are currently filled by substitutes at North Clayton High School?

we shouldn't be making these children leave the schools they love and have already settled in

Moving four hundred fifty-one students from Drew High School to North Clayton High School would result in a successful action.

This will then cause an in balance at North Clayton, and put them to their close capacity.

North Clayton High School should get all students West of HWY 85 down to Bethsaida Road. Also all of HWY 314 to 138 and Bethsaida Road to the Fulton County Line and

Move 2 - Two hundred eight-five (285) students will move from Forest Park High School to Drew High School. Three hundred twenty-two (322) students will move from Mount Zion High School to Drew High School.

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This isn't fair because my daughter at MT Zion who could be impacted has already signed up for many school activities and made so many friends.

Drew should get students along Forest Parkway and Old Dixie HWY

Move 3 - Two hundred ninety-four (294) students will move from Morrow High School to Mount Zion High School.

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After attending the basketball games at Mt Zion HS Saturday 11/12/16 it is clear to me that the first line of business is to come up with a SAFETY plan for all students, faculty and parents. While the games were enjoyable, Mt Zion is a school targeted for increased violent activity. Assigned police officers have to be stricter with enforcement. Recommendations: Any adult that wants to fight in the kid's event should be removed from the premises IMMEDIATELY. Any students in an event that run toward the fight should NOT BE ALLOWED back in to avoid chain reaction on negative emotions flaring. AND most important - We all were put out the gym - we asked is it safe to leave and was told YES by officers. The reality was we (parents and students) stepped into a parking lot where several altercations were in progress. We ran to our vehicles for safety and was able to pull off before the shooting began. Observation -Students enrolled in activities are productive and seem to get in less negative situations. Recommendation -The adolescence that are known Gang Members, on suspension, continuous or recent violence indicators on their discipline records should not be allowed to attend school events. OVERALL, I along with many parents in the affected rezoning area are against the plan to change our children's school at this time. Students of Mt Zion state there is an increase in gang members and violence during school hours. Please take this input into consideration as an important fact. As parents we need to be at peace when we send our students to school and at Morrow we are at peace. Thanks.

After finding out about the rezoning plan that affects my household moving from Morrow to Mt Zion, I started doing a little research and so far I have been made aware of the growing Gang issue in Mt Zion. Students are pressured to become a gang member or to be picked on as a victim by the gangs. This is one issue causing low attendance/withdrawals. Recently, in the news a teacher was beaten by a student. SAFETY is a primary concern to address before adding headcount to this location, our children lives do matter. An issue causing over crowded issues is ADDRESS CHANGES which will continue to exist. While the purpose of rezoning is to lower head count in some schools and increase in others, the reality is students will just use addresses in the school zone that want to attend as they do today meaning the problem will still exist. Morrow overcrowded issue fluctuates. This is my 3rd child attending the school since 2007. My RECOMMENDATION is to before implementing rezoning as a solution; establish a process to verify student's actual address or permission to be out of district. Another THOUGHT is the High Schools in this area are very close to each other. Combining Morrow and MT Zion to get better funding for one school and programs may help. OVERALL, I don't see rezoning resolving Clayton County's low attendance or overcrowded issue. Find out the root cause and begin to strategically correct the concerns of the low attendance schools. The perception of moving students currently performing at their best without falling Academic scores or behavior being the focus is very alarming. Social and Academic changes are a big deal in students' lives. When the families see the changes negatively, the overall results as a community will not be positive.

I feel that students who will be seniors next year should be provided transportation to school for their last year. It should not be the parent's responsibility to get them to and from school each day. The map affects a huge area that will be affected by this move and therefore one bus should be able to easily accommodate the students. My son doesn't drive and due to his participation in sports over the past 3 years, it wouldn't make sense for him to attend Mt Zion High school for his senior year. I attended the meeting and the majority of the questions pertained to this particular move. The elementary school parents are too concerned because their children are babies. I realize that there will never be a best time to make this move, but seniors really need to be taken into consideration. Especially with the short notice that we have received.

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Consider moving Elite Scholar for the 2017-2018 (Don't wait until 2018) school year and you will not have to move any of Morrow High School students to a FAILING school (Drew, Forest Park, & Riverdale). Start working on the plans to build a new location for Morrow High School / East Clayton Elementary to give us even more room for growth. The land has already been purchase for these schools to be rebuilt in 2007. Focus on getting great school staff to have all schools in Clayton County to improve our school report card for all the schools. There should not be any failing schools in our Clayton county this is more important to parents if you want us to buy in more to the school boards vision. Why would we just inform 294 family of the plan to rezone the school are you trying to hide something?

I think this is a great idea. Morrow High School is already over-packed. This causes an overall issue in the learning environment. But, the issue with moving kids will then affect kids who already have completed years at Morrow. They will then have to re-learn how to navigate around the school, and can even lose credits since Clayton County Schools does not have the same curriculum in all of their kids. If a child was taking Latin at Morrow, then if they move schools... they won't be able to keep that knowledge since Latin is only available at 2 schools in clayton county.

DO NOT MOVE CLASS OF 2019, This will be a disadvantage for all students who are adapted to learning in certain conditions, but for class of 2020 and 2021, they have yet adjusted to high school, and may do better in other environments, unlike class of 2019, who have already adjusted.

Morrow High School is a very small school considering the population it has to hold, this causes in between transitioning for students to become a hardcore power struggle..

Move 4 - To decrease the travel time for students, 85 students will move from Oliver Elementary School to Northcutt Elementary School.	

Move 5 - Two hundred eighty-nine (289) students will move from King Elementary School. One hundred twenty (120) of those students will move to Oliver Elementary Schools; 32 students will move to Northcutt Elementary School; ad 137 students will be moved to Riverdale Elementary School.

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So, according to one of the questions, it was stated that the students who are moved due to rezoning would have to re-enroll as a new student. I personally consider this to be a big issue, for all. I truly believe this should be reconsidered. This rezoning is not necessarily by choice and we, as parents, should NOT be given this burden. If I am incorrect, pleas state so.

According to the map, it would be more appropriate to split the map (5B). It does make sense to have King Rd to come to Oliver ES. However, for the kids that are closer to Walker and forward to the right (on the map) side, it would be appropriate to have them stay at MLK.

My child "has" special permission to come to King Elementary School, would the balancing project affect her as well?

What criteria determines who moves to certain schools? School Grade? Students GMAS scores? Do teachers have to move too? And what is the criteria for them?

Vote - 1/27/17, who votes and why?