

S.C.O.Re

Super Cluster Optimized Redistricting

Alternative Plan

Dekalb County School System Goals for Redistricting Plan

Primary Criteria

- Geographic Proximity
- Instructional Capacity
- Projected enrollment

Secondary Criteria

- Safety & Traffic Patterns
- Previous redistricting
- Intact neighborhoods
- Equitable access to quality programs
- Condition of facility
- School feeder alignment
- Minimize split feeder patterns
- Minimize distance traveled to schools

The S.C.O.Re alternative proposal more effectively meets the DCSS stated redistricting goals and better aligns with the system's primary and secondary criteria.

Advantages of S.C.O.Re Alternative Plan

- This Alternative plan is offered because it:
 1. Reduces the number of students affected by over 1,200 students
 2. Minimizes unnecessary disruption and its associated discord and dissension
 3. Does not create three additional split elementary feeder schools
 4. Maintains long-standing neighborhoods (and in some limited instances, better unifies neighborhoods)
 5. Utilizes more logical boundaries, such as major roads
 6. Minimizes traffic congestion
 7. Considers geographic proximity, such as walking distance to elementary schools
 8. Is proposed to ensure that other nearby areas, such as Druid Hills HS in Super Cluster 2, and the high schools in Super Cluster 5, are not negatively impacted

Lakeside High School

Key Considerations & Components

1. Properly considers Lakeside's ongoing SPLOST 3 renovation and expansion, which when completed next year will increase Lakeside's capacity from 1,314 to 1,789. Capacity understated by 475.
2. Does not move a single current high school student presently districted to attend Lakeside out of the Lakeside attendance lines. Such movement IS NOT NEEDED. Lakeside's ongoing SPLOST 3 construction will more than adequately address Lakeside's temporary overcrowded condition.
3. Further, Lakeside can accommodate the balance of the long split Sagamore Hills, Briarcliff Woods and Leafmore Civic Association neighborhoods, something long sought by those local communities for more than 15 years. This moves the Lakeside attendance line to two major roads - Clairmont Rd. and North Druid Hills Rd. - only adds an additional 40 students.

Comparison - Centralized Model to Alternative Impact on Lakeside High School

CURRENT RESTATED CAPACITY – 17 SEATS OVER

- Sagamore Hills ES neighborhood east - not reassigned
- Oak Grove ES south / Briarlake ES south - not reassigned
- Livsey ES northwest segment is reassigned to Evansdale ES
- Sagamore Hills ES: neighborhood west to Clairmont Road reassigned to Lakeside HS. Leafmore west to Clairmont Rd and south to N. Druid Hills Rd. reassigned to Lakeside HS

DCSS Centralized Plan

Resulting Open Seats – 195 Under
% Utilization - 89%
Students Affected - 248

S.C.O.Re Alternative Plan

Resulting Open Seats – 74 Over
% Utilization - 104%
Students Affected – 57

Reduction in # Students Affected = 191

Henderson Middle School

Key Considerations & Components

- Lakeside Community believes the current DCSS vertical alignment is the most logical DCSS alignment of high schools and middle schools system-wide.
- Until either current SPLOST III or future SPLOST IV dollars are available for a permanent solution, two temporary solutions are offered for Henderson MS.
 1. Continue to house students in trailers at Henderson Middle School. Trailers are an acceptable, viable option for another few years from our Community's perspective.
 2. If a temporary continuation of trailer classroom complex at Henderson is not considered acceptable by the DCSS, few other readily available options exist. Not logical to the Lakeside/Henderson Community to transition some middle school students to another middle school to sit in trailers when that same option already exists at Henderson. Other possible solution would be the temporary creation of a 6th grade annex at an existing DCSS facility to house some or all of the Henderson MS 6th grade.

Comparison - Centralized Model to Alternative Impact on Henderson Middle School

- Sagamore Hills ES neighborhood east - not reassigned
- Oak Grove ES south / Briarlake ES south - not reassigned
- Livsey ES northwest segment is reassigned to Evansdale ES
- Sagamore Hills ES: neighborhood west to Clairmont Road reassigned to Lakeside HS. Leafmore west to Clairmont Rd and south to N. Druid Hills Rd. reassigned to Lakeside HS

DCSS Centralized Plan
Resulting Open Seats – 427 Over
% Utilization – 142%

S.C.O.Re Alternative Plan
Resulting Open Seats – 447 Over
% Utilization - 144%

**Reduction in MS Students Affected at
Henderson and Druid Hills = 306**

Comparison - Centralized Model to Alternative Impact on Other Cluster Two Schools - Druid Hills High School

CURRENTLY OVER CAPACITY - 112 SEATS

- No reassignment of Sagamore Hills / Oak Grove / Briarlake students as in centralized model. Only Sagamore/ Leafmore segment reassigned
- Reassigns Avondale north to Druid Hills HS (same as centralized model)
- Avondale HS west/ southwest (area north of Memorial Dr.) reassigned to Druid Hills HS
- Only McLendon ES district east of 285 moves to Jolly ES and Clarkston HS not entire elementary school moved out of Druid Hills HS - 414 students.

DCSS Centralized Plan

Resulting Open Seats – 8 Under
% Utilization – 99%

S.C.O.Re Alternative Plan

Resulting Open Seats – 58 Over
% Utilization - 104%

Reduction in # Students Affected = 205

High School Level Impact on Neighboring Cluster Five Schools

- Currently very low utilization of Cluster Five schools with 1500 open seats at the high school level.
- Many students elect transfer option into receiving schools under NCLB or into theme and magnet schools from Cluster Five schools.
- If DCSS centralized option is chosen a total of 660 students move into Cluster Five and relocate to Avondale MS or HS from other clusters.
- This Alternative Plan asks DCSS to consider the disruption of redistricting students without considering trends related to non-resident transfers.

Current Enrollment

Current Open Seats -- 1500 Under
% Utilization -- 76%

DCSS Centralized Plan

Resulting Open Seats -- 386
% Utilization -- 94%

S.C.O.Re Alternative Plan

Resulting Open Seats -- 636 Under
% Utilization - 90%

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Utilization under S.C.O.Re Alternative

Lakeside HS

Sagamore Hills

Oak Grove

Briarlake

Hawthorne

Henderson Mill

Evansdale

Pleasantdale

Druid Hills HS

Sagamore Hills

Laurel Ridge

McLendon

Avondale (new)

Fernbank

Briar Vista

Tucker HS

Reduction in # Students Affected = 472

Other Creative Solutions for Cluster Two

- The process of developing this S.C.O.Re Alternative has generated so many creative solutions to the issues from dedicated parents and stakeholders in Cluster Two such as:
- A STEM magnet program located at Medlock ES in the future
- Annex for Pre K or K housed in low enrollment schools
- Annex for temporary 6th Grade relocation
- Option that allows students to graduate from the schools in which they are currently enrolled for up to three grade years. (rising 3rd, 4th and 5th graders and rising 10th, 11th and 12th graders).

The Goal / The Result – Optimized Quality Education for DCSS students along with a logical redistricting plan which better achieves the stated goals.