



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session**

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SUBJECT/TOPIC

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT CAPPING FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

**DEPARTMENT, BOARD/STAFF LIAISON(S), AND ANY PRESENTERS FROM
OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT**

David Neter, Chief Business Officer
Bob Snidemiller, Senior Director for Transportation
Laura Evans, Senior Director for Student Assignment
Christina Lighthall, Senior Director for Long Range Planning

BACKGROUND

On December 16, 2013 and January 13, 2014 staff from the Office of Student Assignment and Long Range Planning met with the Superintendent's Leadership Team to review and receive input for the proposed 2014-15 enrollment capping and designated overflow schools. On January 16, 2014 staff from the Office of Student Assignment met with staff from the Transportation Department and with Chief Business Officer David Neter to review and receive input. On January 21, 2014, at the board work session, staff presented a capping proposal that recommends:

- Removal of the cap for 8 currently capped schools
 - Students assigned to an overflow school for 2013-14 will be invited back to their base school for 2014-15
 - Families can choose to remain at their overflow school; transportation will be provided if the overflow school is the calendar option for their address
- Maintaining the cap at 9 currently capped schools
- Establishing a cap at 11 schools that are currently not capped

Board feedback from this work session is incorporated in today's recommendations.

This recommendation is based on extensive conversations with school principals, transportation staff, and area superintendents to determine which schools to cap and which schools to designate as overflow choices for families. Projected growth, mobile unit placement, academic performance of the schools and students affected, proximity, seat availability and transportation implications were considered. Staff recommends that two overflow choices be offered, one calendar option school and one school of the same calendar. Staff will carefully monitor the impact of parent selection of the overflow choices. An overflow choice may close if seats are no longer available. An overflow choice may reopen based on seat availability. Once a school becomes uncapped



students will have an option to return to their base school, or remain at their overflow school. The Transportation Department is doing a cost analysis to determine whether offering transportation to families that remain at the overflow choice of the same calendar is an option the district can consider.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

SAVINGS

N/A

NEXT STEPS / RECOMMENDATIONS

Board approval of this recommendation will be requested at the 2/18/14 board meeting.

