

Public Comments for School Board Meetings

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Thursday, April 25, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

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Full Name *

Jennifer Schneider

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I urge the school board to direct the administration to look into the mechanics of the capacity transfer program.

Staff came to the Polk PTA meeting on 4/16 and noted that school board policy JC-R/JCD-R is what was directing the capacity transfer issue. However, the policy referenced does not appear to direct what schools are designated as capacity transfer schools. Section I.A. indicates that "the Superintendent or authorized designee may reassign elementary students to an alternate school in their capacity-reassignment cluster where there is capacity at that grade level." It later describes that due to limited transportation resources, "schools are organized into capacity-reassignment clusters." It then further defines "Cluster / Capacity-Reassignment Cluster" as "groups of schools organized by proximity and grade levels served."

Despite multiple requests for information to school administration, I was unable to locate the policy or procedure that defines the capacity-reassignment cluster or how those decisions are made.

I would urge the school board to direct the administration to re-evaluate that procedure for the upcoming school year and ensure that capacity transfer clusters are defined to ensure that under utilized schools (with regards to class size) are where capacity transfers are directed.

I would also encourage the school board to add limits on class size for Title 1 schools and schools with a high percentage of English Language Learners below schools without those needs.
