



September 22, 2016

Summary of Public Input on Proposed Options

Round 3 Public Meetings
Round 3 Online Survey
Position Statements of School Councils, PTAs and Foundations

1. Round 3 Public Meetings:

Conducted:	August 23, 2016 at Clarkston High School
	August 25, 2016 at Cross Keys High School
Participants:	Clarkston = 239, Cross Keys = 438
	Total = 677

Option Preferences:



Key Takeaways (Facilitator recorded):

- > Parents want capacity issue addressed and facilities upgraded not a Band-Aid.
- \geq Cost is a concern, but should not preclude finding a reasonable solution to capacity needs.
- ⊳ Parents want to know specifics of who will be redistricted.
- Parents want to know impact on elementary schools. \geq
- \geq Traffic impact, especially pertaining to Briarcliff site, is a concern.
- > Majority of parents are opposed to moving successful magnet programs, but others indicate support for more centralized program, or expanding magnets to more schools.
- > Option C might have more support if sites are named where magnets would move.
- Concern about impact on property values and, especially, keeping communities intact. \geq
- \geq Concern that DCSD will work proactively with DeKalb/municipal governments on whatever plan is adopted.
- Some support for developing one or more new options, including rebuilding Cross Keys HS on current site. \geq

2. Round 3 Online Survey:

Conducted:	August	23, 2016 thr	ougl	n Se	pt.	16,	2016 (English	& Spa	nish)
Responses:	6,102		Sur	vey	Re	spoi	nses By	School		
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		Cedar Grove	17						1.00	
		Champlee		0E					1,80	9
		Columbia	13	.03						
		Cross Keys	- 15				879			
		Druid Hills		149						
		Dunwoody								1,950
		Lakeside					915			
		Lithonia	13							
		M.L. King	26							
		McNair	8							
		Miller Grove	11							
		Redan	10							
		Southwest DeKalb	17							
		Stephenson	14							
		Stone Mountain	3							
		Towers	4							
		Tucker	7	7						

Option Preferences (see Appendix A & B for details):





Key Takeaways:

- The survey results show an overall preference for B (51 percent) over Option A (45 percent) and Option C (4.5 percent).
- Chamblee (30%) and Dunwoody (32%) combined provided 62 percent of the responses, followed by Lakeside (15%) and Cross Keys (14%).
- The most important factor cited by all schools even those preferring for Option B is keeping one-to-one feeder patterns.
- > The next most important factor cited by all schools is the number of student moves.
- The Chamblee community's support for Option A is based primarily on two factors: 1) Keeping magnet programs in place, and 2) Keeping one-to-one feeder patterns.
- The Dunwoody community's support for Option B is based on a strong desire to keep the Dunwoody community intact (under Option A, some students likely would be redistricted out of Dunwoody if a new high school cluster is created). They would prefer to see an addition built on Dunwoody HS, and many expressed support for a new option that keeps the Dunwoody community intact, keeps one-to-one feeder patterns, and includes an addition on Peachtree MS.
- Cross Keys prefers Option B because that option would build a new Cross Keys High School. They expressed concerns about the cost of Option A and the uncertainty of finding land for a new high school under that option.
- Lakeside is fairly balanced between supporting Option A and Option B no dominant preference but also expressed a strong desire to maintain one-to-one feeder patterns, and keep the Lakeside community intact if possible.
- Many of those supporting Option A believe it to be a better long-term solution for the school district because it provides the most additional seats.
- Many of those supporting Option B believe it to be the least disruptive solution for families because it requires fewer student moves and keeps school communities more intact.
- Some respondents who preferred Option A indicated they would have preferred Option B if not for the one-to-one issue.
- While not necessarily opposed to the idea, many expressed concerns about using the Briarcliff site for a middle school or a high school. Those concerns are related to traffic congestion primarily, but also to distance of travel to the school, student safety, and the possibility of the property being annexed by the city of Atlanta.
- > There is little support for Option C or moving the Chamblee magnet programs.

3. Position Statements of School Councils, PTAs and Foundations:

Conducted: Submitted by letter Sept. 12-Sept. 18, 2016

Participants and Option Preferences:

Organization	Cluster	Summary
Ashford Park ES PTA, School Council, APSEF	Chamblee	Supports a modified Option B (do not create a new cluster) with a new high school near the existing Cross Keys HS property, by leveraging the existing Briarcliff property; keep magnet at Chamblee MS/HS.
Briarlake ES School Council & Parent Leadership	Lakeside	Opposes split feeders.
Briar Vista ES School Council	Druid Hills	Endorse Option D as proposed by Druid Hills MS/HS. Opposes split feeders.
& PTO		Does not want a new cluster in Region 1.
Brockett ES School Council	Tucker	Endorses Option A since it preserves community ties (no split feeders).
Chamblee HS Governing Board and Chamblee MS PTSA	Chamblee	Opposes moving the magnet programs (diversity matters). Consider two new high schools and mitigate risks of annexation of Briarcliff site. Concern about distance from students to Sequoyah MS. Create a modified option that addresses stated concerns.
Cross Keys Foundation, Inc.	Cross Keys	Provides 5 guiding principles and 6 assertions. Recommends an Option D, with a new Cross Keys HS near the current site. Sequoyah MS should feed Chamblee MS. Keep magnet in Chamblee cluster. Keep Clarkston cluster whole.
Cross Keys HS School Council	Cross Keys	Supports Cross Keys Foundation statement.
Clarkston HS PTA	Clarkston	Provides concerns of existing school and supports Option A.
Clarkston HS School Council	Clarkston	Provides concerns of existing school and supports Option A.
Dunwoody HS School Council	Dunwoody	Supports modified Option B, with an addition to Peachtree MS (in addition to Dunwoody HS) to avoid split feeders.
Druid Hills MS/HS School Council	Druid Hills	Does not want split feeders, nor creation of a new cluster in Region 1. Re- cluster linear Cross Keys. Supports a modified Option B. Recommends leveraging Briarcliff HS (but not the stadium) to build a high school closer to Brookhaven.
Huntley Hills ES Council, PTA, Foundation	Chamblee	Supports reclustering Cross Keys and Chamblee into north-south areas. New high school at the Briarcliff site (for Cross Keys). No additional cluster.
Kingsley ES PTO	Dunwoody	Recommends swapping Peachtree MS and Dunwoody HS and merge Chesnut and Kingsley and use Chesnut property to add to high school property (formerly Peachtree MS).
Kittredge ES Magnet School	Chamblee	Does not support any options. Any proposal to move the magnet should look at diversity and centralization.
Lakeside Cluster Summit	Lakeside	No consensus from Lakeside cluster, but provides a "thought paper," that supports not losing any students from the cluster and "provisional" support for a 750+ seat Lakeside if it is feasible. Provides creative ideas for Lakeside HS, including off-site 9th grade academy.
Montgomery School Council	Chamblee	Supports a new cluster (Sequoyah area) and re-building of Cross Keys HS. Sell Briarcliff land to support new schools. Keep magnet program at Chamblee. Provides a recommendation that is very similar to Option A.
Peachtree MS Foundation	Dunwoody	Supports Dunwoody HS statement.
Redan MS School Council	Redan	Supports Option C.
Sequoyah MS School Council	Sequoyah	Supports Cross Keys Foundation statement.

Appendix A:

Online Survey conducted August 23 – Sept. 16, 2016 Summary of Results

				Respor	ndent Ty	ype				Opt	ion Choid	ce	e	Most Important Factor for Choice						-
Cluster	Responses	ES	MS	HS	Stud	Teacher	Admin	Other	Sum	A	В	С	Sum Choic	Cost	One-to-one	Magnets move	Uncertainty of finding land	Student moves	None-of- Above	Sum Facto
Dunwoody	1,950	956	391	248	95	20	2	129	1,841	530	1,361	45	1,936	277	443	143	54	490	317	1,724
Chamblee	1,809	1,041	177	130	52	45	11	310	1,766	1,189	576	26	1,791	128	416	471	46	230	330	1,621
Lakeside	915	553	139	108	10	7	2	82	901	413	340	105	858	65	302	102	31	216	145	861
Cross Keys	879	184	55	56	313	45	9	185	847	263	586	25	874	112	59	42	230	187	162	792
Druid Hills	149	68	21	28	2	6	3	14	142	78	50	18	146	18	31	26	7	36	19	137
Clarkston	105	14	1	20	26	26	2	12	101	73	19	10	102	10	8	10	7	20	30	85
None	82	26	8	4	3	1	1	10	53	36	10	7	53	1	15	21	3	7	4	51
Tucker	77	26	19	17	2	2	-	9	75	45	21	10	76	7	13	29	2	14	8	73
M.L. King	26	9	1	5	7	-	1	3	26	8	15	3	26	9	3	6	3	3	1	25
Southwest DeKalb	17	4	1	5	-	-	-	3	13	7	8	2	17	5	1	2	-	3	1	12
Cedar Grove	17	9	4	1	2	-	-	1	17	2	3	12	17	-	-	6	1	1	8	16
Stephenson	14	4	3	5	-	-	-	2	14	5	6	3	14	1	1	9	1	2	-	14
Columbia	13	9	-	-	1	2	-	1	13	3	10	-	13	1	-	2	1	2	7	13
Lithonia	13	7	2	1	-	-	-	1	11	3	9	-	12	2	2	1	-	1	5	11
Miller Grove	11	3	4	-	-	-	1	1	9	4	6	-	10	-	2	1	2	-	1	6
Redan	10	1	3	6	-	-	-	-	10	4	4	1	9	3	1	2	-	1	3	10
McNair	8	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	8	3	2	2	7	1	1	1	1	2	1	7
Towers	4	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	4	1	2	1	4	-	-	1	-	1	1	3
Stone Mountain	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	-	3	1	1	-	-	1	-	3
Total	6,102	2,921	831	636	513	154	32	767	5,854	2,669	3,029	270	5968	641	1,299	875	389	1,217	1,043	5,464

Online Survey conducted August 23 – Sept. 16, 2016 Summary of results by percentage with key results highlighted

		O	otion Choice	%	Factor %						
Cluster	Respondents	А %	В %	С %	Cost %	One-to-one Feeder %	Magnet %	Land %	Move %	None %	
Dunwoody	1,950	27%	70%	2%	16%	26%	8%	3%	28%	18%	
Chamblee	1,809	66%	32%	1%	8%	26%	29%	3%	14%	20%	
Lakeside	915	48%	40%	12%	8%	35%	12%	4%	25%	17%	
Cross Keys	879	30%	67%	3%	14%	7%	5%	29%	24%	20%	
Druid Hills	149	53%	34%	12%	13%	23%	19%	5%	26%	14%	
Clarkston	105	72%	19%	10%	12%	9%	12%	8%	24%	35%	
None	82	68%	19%	13%	2%	29%	41%	6%	14%	8%	
Tucker	77	59%	28%	13%	10%	18%	40%	3%	19%	11%	
M.L. King	26	31%	58%	12%	36%	12%	24%	12%	12%	4%	
Southwest DeKalb	17	41%	47%	12%	42%	8%	17%	0%	25%	8%	
Cedar Grove	17	12%	18%	71%	0%	0%	38%	6%	6%	50%	
Stephenson	14	36%	43%	21%	7%	7%	64%	7%	14%	0%	
Columbia	13	23%	77%	0%	8%	0%	15%	8%	15%	54%	
Lithonia	13	25%	75%	0%	18%	18%	9%	0%	9%	45%	
Miller Grove	11	40%	60%	0%	0%	33%	17%	33%	0%	17%	
Redan	10	44%	44%	11%	30%	10%	20%	0%	10%	30%	
McNair	8	43%	29%	29%	14%	14%	14%	14%	29%	14%	
Towers	4	25%	50%	25%	0%	0%	33%	0%	33%	33%	
Stone Mountain	3	67%	33%	0%	33%	33%	0%	0%	33%	0%	
	6,102										

Appendix B:

Online Survey conducted August 23 – Sept. 16, 2016 Crosstabs showing most important factor by option choice for seven clusters

Chamblee	Cost	One-to- one	Magnet	Uncertainty finding land	Student moves	None-of- Above	Total
Option A	13	365	347	7	134	209	1,075
Option B	115	45	113	38	82	118	511
Option C		4	9		11	1	25
Total	128	414	469	45	227	328	1,611

Cross Keys	Cost	One-to- one	Magnet	Uncertainty finding land	Student moves	None-of- Above	Total
Option A	6	46	29	11	85	48	225
Option B	99	11	10	212	89	107	528
Option C	5		3	3	9	5	25
Total	110	57	42	226	183	160	778

Dunwoody	Cost	One-to-	Magnet	Uncertainty finding land	Student moves	None-of- Above	Total
Ontion A	4	105	02	7	110	70	470
Option A	4	195	95	/	110	70	479
Option B	270	235	45	44	366	235	1,195
Option C	2	9	5	3	14	9	42
Total	276	439	143	54	490	314	1,716

		One-to-		Uncertainty	Student	None-of-	
Lakeside	Cost	one	Magnet	finding land	moves	Above	Total
Option A	3	180	73	4	91	45	396
Option B	57	53	15	23	102	64	314
Option C	4	61	13	3	13	11	105
Total	64	294	101	30	206	120	815

Tucker	Cost	One-to- one	Magnet	Uncertainty finding land	Student moves	None-of- Above	Total
Option A		7	25		10	2	44
Option B	6	1	3	2	2	5	19
Option C	1	5	1		2	1	10
Total	7	13	29	2	14	8	73

		One-to-		Uncertainty	Student	None-of-	
Clarkston	Cost	one	Magnet	finding land	moves	Above	Total
Option A	8	7	7	7	12	20	61
Option B	2	1	2		6	3	14
Option C			1		2	6	9
Total	10	8	10	7	20	29	84

Druid Hills	Cost	One-to- one	Magnet	Uncertainty finding land	Student moves	None-of- Above	Total
Option A	3	20	20	1	22	11	77
Option B	13	6	4	5	8	5	41
Option C	2	5	2	1	6	2	18
Total	18	31	26	7	36	18	136

Crosstabs showing most important factor by option choice for seven clusters - percentage

		One-to-		Uncertainty	Student	None-of-	
Chamblee	Cost	one	Magnet	finding land	moves	Above	Total
Option A	1%	23%	22%	0%	8%	13%	67%
Option B	7%	3%	7%	2%	5%	7%	32%
Option C	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%
Total	8%	26%	29%	3%	14%	20%	100%

Cross Keys	Cost	One-to- one	Magnet	Uncertainty finding land	Student moves	None-of- Above	Total
Option A	1%	6%	4%	1%	11%	6%	29%
Option B	13%	1%	1%	27%	11%	14%	68%
Option C	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	3%
Total	14%	7%	5%	29%	24%	21%	100%

		One-to-		Uncertainty	Student	None-of-	
Dunwoody	Cost	one	Magnet	finding land	moves	Above	Total
Option A	0%	11%	5%	0%	6%	4%	28%
Option B	16%	14%	3%	3%	21%	14%	70%
Option C	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%
Total	16%	26%	8%	3%	29%	18%	100%

		One-to-		Uncertainty	Student	None-of-	
Lakeside	Cost	one	Magnet	finding land	moves	Above	Total
Option A	0%	22%	9%	0%	11%	6%	49%
Option B	7%	7%	2%	3%	13%	8%	39%
Option C	0%	7%	2%	0%	2%	1%	13%
Total	8%	36%	12%	4%	25%	15%	100%

Tucker	Cost	One-to- one	Magnet	Uncertainty finding land	Student moves	None-of- Above	Total
Option A	0%	10%	34%	0%	14%	3%	60%
Option B	8%	1%	4%	3%	3%	7%	26%
Option C	1%	7%	1%	0%	3%	1%	14%
Total	10%	18%	40%	3%	19%	11%	100%

		One-to-		Uncertainty	Student	None-of-	
Clarkston	Cost	one	Magnet	finding land	moves	Above	Total
Option A	10%	8%	8%	8%	14%	24%	73%
Option B	2%	1%	2%	0%	7%	4%	17%
Option C	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	7%	11%
Total	12%	10%	12%	8%	24%	35%	100%

		One-to-		Uncertainty	Student	None-of-	
Druid Hills	Cost	one	Magnet	finding land	moves	Above	Total
Option A	2%	15%	15%	1%	16%	8%	57%
Option B	10%	4%	3%	4%	6%	4%	30%
Option C	1%	4%	1%	1%	4%	1%	13%
Total	13%	23%	19%	5%	26%	13%	100%