

Austin Small Group Comments - Round 1



Comments	Answer	QC	FAQ#
#1 Issue Dunwoody is turning over. County needs to build another school. ASAP Delaying is unacceptable.	Please see FAQ# 26	Q	26
Dunwoody is an aging city that is turning over. Huge apartment complex's are being built now. Why are there not plans to build a new school now?			
*Dunwoody Green was redistricted as part of an effort by the city of Dunwoody to revitalize the Georgetown area and not as part of the last redistricting process. Will that be taken into acct?	Please see FAQ# 11	Q	11
*Have a real conversation about utilizing the old Austin instead of trailers	Please see FAQ# 26	Q	26
*What is the plan to relieve trailers?			
*Is the magnet program going to move from CMS & CCHS?	Please see FAQ# 26	Q	26
*Why don't you put a school across from Georgetown playground? The old Austin Elementary? We need more schools.			
*Can't we get a new school for our growth?	Please see FAQ# 26 & 27	Q	26 & 27
*Shouldn't the high density housing be more equally distributed?!			
*Why is DES with most of the apts. In their attendance lines?			
*Why would Austin be treated differently than other that already have trailers?	Please see FAQ# 22 & 28	Q	22 & 28
*Dunwoody ES needs to be alleviated!! An entire 3rd grade is out in trailers now.			
*why not consider a vacant office building like North Atlanta high School?			
*Please consider using Doraville United to relieve overcrowding at Hightower elementary.	Please see FAQ# 18 & 26	Q	18 & 26
>How will traffic pattern/congesion be managed on Roberts if more students are brought into the Austin fold? .What will be close when the forecast is inaccurate & enrollment @ Austin exceeds plan? Will students be reallocated to Dunwoody, Vanderlyn, etc.?	Please see FAQ# 9 , 10 & 26	Q	9 , 10 & 26
1) How will student mobility be addressed through redistricting?			
2) Will schools with a higher mobility percentage be alleviated through the redistricting process?	Please see FAQ# 22	Q	22
1) must be even/equitable over-crowding at all schools in Dunwoody cluster			
2) Don't know why the "cluster" boundaries are presented as "inpenetrable" why can't districts be reflowed across cluster boundaries to include Montgomery & Cross Keys?	Please see FAQ# 25	Q	25
1) Please consider that the neighborhoods of Sedgefield & Dunwoody Station are part of the Greater Branches.			
2) What are plans to address general overcrowding across all school? Portables can't fix the long-term.	Please see FAQ# 26	Q	26
1) We need to look @ long term - What do we do with these kids when the kids go to middle/HS???	Please see FAQ# 26	Q	26
1) Why are we having a meeting that only helps to divide our community instead of one that is to come up with solutions to unite us and actually solve the problem at hand? Our children deserve better than this!	Please see FAQ# 6	Q	6
At the New Austin school, once completed, will there be any available flat space to allow for the placement of actual portable classrooms(detached from the school)?	Please see FAQ# 28	Q	28
Build a new school @ Shallowford & Chamblee where olf jr. high was demo'ed. Put 1 or 2 grades in that.(not 1st or 2nd grade - like 5th & 6th or something)			
-DES has a large majority of transient housing Austin should take the Ashford-Dunwoody area. Why would Austin be treated differently than others that already have trailers?	Please see FAQ# 28	Q	28
*Dunwoody ES needs to be alleviated!! An entire 3rd grade is out in trailers now.			
Build more schools. I know we are discussing elementary right now, but how is it that all these elementary schools feed into only 1 middle & high school? We also have major overcrowding in those schools too.	Please see FAQ# 26	Q	26
Can the clusters be redistributed south? Or a new MS/HS made in Doraville?	Please see FAQ# 15	Q	15
Can we re-visit consideration of re-purposing the Old Austin Elementary for younger or older grades, and use funds that would be allocated to trailers, towards renovation?			
If Austin absorbs property west of Ashford Dunwoody, This would relieve NW traffic to DES, & provide more equitable distribution fo apartment families - #1/#3 primary criteria DES can't fit more trailers to absorb!	Please see FAQ# 18 & 23	Q	18 & 23
Can't redistrict an elementary school down, until we get further south. Where there are open seats?! Wouldn't redistricting Hightower to Chamblee alleviate a lot of overcrowding in dunwoody.	Please see FAQ# 25	Q	25
How is school capacity changing Hightower - last year 566 - this year 513 Vanderlyn - last year 621 - this year 508			
Is there a plan to use empty capacity in the rest of the county - might mean a countywide redistricting.			
Can the city & county & School District work together to improve responsible growth instead of allowing unrestrained growth?	Please see FAQ# 25	Q	25
Is there any financial compensation plan for houses which will move from being top choice schools to not good rank schools? It just seems not fair the possibility of have paid premium price to be in a good school area and sudenly move to a not so good school area, having to move and pay premium again so my kids can be enrolled in a top rank school. Again.			
Q) How are we considering diversity within our schools?	Please see FAQ# 1	Q	1
The last redistricting drew criticism for growing almost all apartment complexes with greater demographic diversity in the Dunwoody Elementary school zone. Today DES included 17 complexes, with one a piece for Astin & Vanderlyn. All schools would benefit from diversity, and we should aim to avoid bad press.	Please see FAQ# 22	Q	22
Question: Is there a specific percentage of apartment complex each school is required to take regardless of proximity or number of students?	Please see FAQ# 22	Q	22

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Redistrict Hightower out of Dunwoody Cluster? Why wasn't Austin built BIGGER??	Please see FAQ# 24	Q	24
The branches: Dunwoody West, Sedgefield, Lisa Lane, Hunters Crossing, Trailridge, Bellewood, Alden Point, Mt. Vernon Estates, and Dunwoody Station Busses are already picking up at 6:30 - 6:40. Will this cause even earlier pickup? What percent impact would trailers at Austin help over crowding at the other schools?	Please see FAQ# 9 & 28	Q	9 & 28
There MUST be a long-term solution to the over-crowding problem in Dunwoody. Where is the planning for new schools??? LONG TERM Portables are a short term solution & are unacceptable long term. We need a new elementary in Dunwoody!!! It's not safe to have all those portable classrooms in case of emergency! This is not a long term solution!	Please see FAQ# 26	Q	26
This discussion is focusing on the elementary schools in the cluster. Are we also considering the middle school & high school in this discussion/redistricting plan? That is just as big, if not a bigger issue.	Please see FAQ# 25	Q	25
We need new schools; how soon after the redistricting will we get new schools and need to RE-redistrict!	Please see FAQ# 26	Q	26
What are the long term plans for continued growth population? Dunwoody cluster total is already above capacity. We need a newly created elementary, middle, and high school.	Please see FAQ# 26	Q	26
What B plan for future overcrowding? Population shifts being monitored? Projected growth?	Please see FAQ# 5 & 26	Q	5 & 26
What is being done with the old Shallowford Elementary School property @ Chamblee Dunwoody Rd? We need another school	Please see FAQ# 27	Q	27
What is the # of available seats that will be in new Austin - conflicting info in information +239(paper), presentation said + 450(oral).	Please see FAQ# 31	Q	31
What is the plan to provide routine maintenance for the new Austin?	Please see FAQ# 30	Q	30
What plans are there for relieving overcrowding through the building of new schools?	Please see FAQ# 26	Q	26
When have other schools in the cluster been remodeled or added to ? When (& how many)were trailers added to each school?	Please see FAQ# 10	Q	10
When redrawing the new lines for redistricting, can you please consider a more equal dispersal of students from geographically small, population very dense areas not tend to have a high mobility rate? When will another school be built to accommodate the student who will still not have a seat?	Please see FAQ# 22 & 26	Q	22 & 26
When will construction of either a new school after Austin, or renovation of current schools (i.e, for expansion) happen in order to alleviate over crowding and the need for trailers?	Please see FAQ# 26	Q	26
Why are we being asked for residential developments (i.e Question #3)? Why don't you already know?			
When will Dekalb county commit to building new schools and get our children out of moldy trailers?	Please see FAQ# 26	Q	26
Why build a new school or schools for today's population? Whomever is responsible for projecting growth rates is missing the math severely.	Please see FAQ# 5	Q	5
Why is the same mistake being made for the high school? Why can the Old Austin not be used to help with overcrowding?	Please see FAQ# 18	Q	18
Why do all of the multifamily Homes seem to all go to DES. They should be split up between by all elementary schools. What is the limit that we will stop building multifamily hoames in Dunwoody????	Please see FAQ# 22	Q	22
Why has it been taken off the table for high school clusters to remain as is? -Doesn't it seem more reasonable to evenly redistribute overcrowding throughout our region including high school lines if needed?	Please see FAQ# 15 & 25	Q	15 & 25
why is the formula for capacity & forecasted enrollment fluid?	Please see FAQ# 4 & 5	Q	4 & 5
Why isn't the old Austin ES still being considered to ease the overcrowding of the Dunwoody Cluster?	Please see FAQ# 18	Q	18
Why would portables NOT go to Austin? All Dekalb Co. taxpayers paid for the new Austin. Not just Austin dollars. Austin wanted an even smaller school, which was their mistake.	Please see FAQ# 24 & 28	Q	24 & 28
Will all schools retitled floor capacity? Is it possible to move some Hightower student to Doraville United?	Please see FAQ# 25	Q	25
Will Dekalb County consider shifting apartment complexes/high mobility areas to make them equitable amongst the Dunwoody Cluster schools?	Please see FAQ# 22	Q	22
Will neighborhoods in the Austin area still continue to be walkable neighborhoods? Will we be able to consider building another middle school and high school?	Please see FAQ# 3 & 26	Q	3 & 26
With additional ES seats added shouldn't Peachtree Middle school capacity be a concern? There should be another Middle school.	Please see FAQ# 26	Q	26
With new Austin School, how do we control the new traffic pressure on Roberts Drive and Dunwoody Knoll Dr.? firmly believe no Austin current students should be moved. New school should not have trailers "110% capacity at each school"	Please see FAQ# 9	Q	9
DES is hurting and is projected to hurt more in the future. Redistricting must balance school population around the cluster (both current and growth). To even the population. Any other outcome should be considered a failed redistricting. Secondary criteria should come next.		C	
#1 Check bus routes to ensure there are safe access points for drop off (Ashworth has 2 entrances, but only 1 - Ashford Center Pkwy- is safe)(the current drop off location)		C	
#4 Enrollment Projections & long-term planning MUST factor into the answer to this question. #1: Current Austin family + our bus picks up @ 6:45. Austin is our closest school If we move to further away school, how early would our bus be? How will kids succeed at this early pick up time.		C	

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#2 : The Greater Branches MUST stay together. *Sedgefield *Dunwoody Station *Branches *Trailridge *Dunwoody West *Bellwood *Alden Point	C
#3 Major concern regarding new development (both planned + been implemented in last 8 years) school assignment. What is the plan for apartments (existing/planned) for zoning? Currently all development areas are zoned in DES. DES pressure needs alleviating	C
#4 Dekalb County: Please stop using portables - which should be temporary solutions - As a permanent solution. A long term plan should exist to get all Dekalb County students in permanent classrooms.	C
*Austin needs to have portables -not fair to put the burden on already severely overcrowded schools. -Can't live in a vacuum - NEED TO CONSIDER PROJECTED Enrollment / population growth.	C
*Dunwoody City Council or some city of Dunwoody rep needs to provide input on an ongoing basis to Dekalb County Schools about Dunwoody development/redevelopment plans that will increase school capacity.	C
*If so how will transportation be handled *What about safety and traffic concerns going to the new proposed area? What about timing? Besides cash savings what is the benefit of moving the program	C
*Will the teacher move with the program *Will the course work change for the kids	C
*Important to us Please keep Dunwoody North Civic Association Neighborhood together. This neighborhood is on both sides of Tilly Mill with two area codes 30360 & 30038 We are a strong unified community our kids currently attend Chesnut	C
*Keep as many students in current school as possible *Keep neighborhoods together *Please plan for future & build new elementary, middle & high schools	C
*Need to look at new capacity of Cross Keys cluster to alleviate crowding *Redistricting cannot stay within cluster only, needs to be across clusters/regions. *Some schools in Dunwoody cluster are closer to those in Cross Keys or Chamblee *Capacity numbers do not look correct and DCSD changed them on their website about an hour before this meeting	C
*No trailers/modulars w/bathroom is okay Stay with Vanderlyn They are small & established neighborhoods Modulars have been awesome for all of my kids all the way through. Yes to more modulars - keep them clean & safe and they are great! Wyntergate and Shadow Glen Ct. have gates that enter directly to Vanderlyn Elementary. There is no drive traffic and these communities should	C
*Please consider the greater Branches as an intact community. *Please be responsible stewards of our tax money.	C
*Walking students's safety. w/all overcrowding. Lots of busses, & cars = more accidents. *Consider why people more to area. Small class size = no MEGA SCHOOLS. *Less Development. Families will pay more \$\$ to have better education.	C
1) Don't open Austin ES w/ trailers 2) Use Doraville as overflow 3) New school for S. Dunwoody	C
1) Dunwoody Elementary already takes 99% of all the apartments and is over crowded. 2) long term planning to build schools that can take the projected populations for the future is not being done correctly!	C
1) Dunwoody Elementary is the only school in the cluster that is both overcrowded and projected to grow. As the lines are drawn currently, DES will collapse with overpopulation. 2) Land west of Ashford-Dunwoody is CLOSER in proximity to Austin Elementary currently zoned to DES, these families are driving through multiple residential neighborhoods to get to DES. Moving the area west of Ashford Dunwoody to Austin means safer transportation, closer proximity & relief of overcrowding.	C
1) Future development of families/demographics and accurate projections need to be shared for consideration. Why is Dekalb putting schools against schools? 2) Dekalb county took 8 years to build the new AES building.. Starting with trailers in 1st year means there is no foresight for future planning. That's a pathetic short term solution. 3) Dunwoody area needs another new school to alleviate inevitable overcrowding in next 5-10 years. 4) # of kids in a single bus ride to school should be factored to alleviate morning traffic	C
1) I'm concerned about the people not in the room; apartment residents aren't here. 2) Solutions: *Add charter schools *Do a 4th/5th grade academy	C
1) Please keep greater branches together. Branches, Sedgefield, Dunwoody Station. It is one community for all events with the children.	C

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1) Splitting the Greater Branches moves all traffic to Mt Vernon rather than having the Woodland area exit as an alternatives. 2) Austin should add not move current families.	C
1) To relieve overcrowding in Dunwoody, all Dekalb Elentaris should be redistricted to use open seats south of Dunwoody. A poor performing school in mid-Dekalb should become a magnet school to help relieve overcrowding. 2)PLEASE consider future accelerated growth in Dunwoody downtown & the Perimeter area BUILD SCHOOLS AND PLAN AHEAD.	C
1) Use Doraville United Elem. to alleviate overcrowding for Hightower Elem. for Doraville residents. 2) Build New Dunwoody Elementary School Long Term Solution Needed.	C
1. County needs to do better long term planning. 2. Limit development OR add a fee to help fund new schools.	C
2) Mill Glen neighborhood should remain in tact 4) Austin should NOT add trailers when it opens - as it is only a short-term band-aid - NOT a long-term solution THE ONLY LONG TERM SOLUTION IS A NEW SCHOOL	C
Additional traffic on Roberts is NOT acceptable. There are a lot of kids that walk & bike to Austin. They need to be safe and additional students being driven in by parents <u>isn't</u> safe!	C
All houses *West of Mt. Vernon Rd. should go to Austin (ex: Dunwood West neighborhood + Mt. Vernon Way) *Dunwoody Club Forest neighborhood should go to Austin.	C
Ashford - Dunwoody Road anticipated future condo/apartment residential development & continued significant growth will make commuting to DES difficult and long drive time. This will also overcrowd DES	C
Ashworth is a small intact HOA neighborhood that is the closest neighborhood that is not currently zoned to Austin Elementary. We are currently zoned to Dunwoody Elementary, which is the most overcrowded school in the district and is projected to have the most growth in the future with the additional developments.	C
Ashworth is the only neighborhood inside a 1 mile radius from the new Austin ES that is NOT assigned to Austin ES. Moving Ashworth from DES to Austin Es would releate about 30 seats from DES and would still keep Ashworth intact.	C
Ashworth Subdivision 1. distance - closer to Austin (less than a mile) 2. Traffic is easier to Austin ES.	C
Cross Cluster redistricting as entire Dunwoody Cluster is at 111%	
Austin homeowners paid more for their homes and pay higher taxes - the schools don't need to be equally miserable No trailers/portables please	C
Austin should absolutely open with portables. -This is a critical equity issue.	C
-It is not acceptable to make only a portion of the kids in the district bear the burden of overcrowding.	
Austin should not start over crowded. We have empty seats. Corre t capacity, fill the seats, and build a new ES retro-fitting current office buildings.	C
Based on DCSD website, DES is fastest growing school in entire DCSD(N=135+). It needs relief now as part of redistricting. Branches neighborhoods should stay together. Same swim/tennis, sports, activities, etc.:	C
Branches Dunwoody Station Sedgefield Trailridge Dun W Bellwood Alden Pt.	C
Buses need to come later.	C
Chesnut Elementary is older than Austin. Why didn't Chesnut get rebuilt and if it did that too would alleviate overcrowding.	C
Chesnut is older than the old Austin. When will it be rebuilt? Rebuild Chesnut & Kingsley to hold more students.	C
City needs to Stop approving large residential development -New school needed in SW DES region -Need another MS & HS to handle development	C
Concerned with increased apartments on Ashford Dunwoody communities through neighborhoods going to DES. Better to go Ashford Dunwoody to new Austin Elementary.	C
Consider moving part of Hightower to doraville United -no New school should open with trailers -a New elementary school is needed in perimeter area - So much high density exists and more coming	C
Consider the high rate of organic growth in Dunwoody residential neighborhoods. As empty nesters leave, almost every new buyer has school aged children.	C
Create a long-term solution - build a NEW elementary school or redistrict to other schools in the county.	C

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Currently Ashworth is closest to Austin, meets all (3) of the county's primary criteria.	C
DCSD should find alternate spaces to lease on a temporary basis to fill the over capacity. Or DCSD should consider re-adjusting the clusters to shift southward into underutilized schools (cascade effect)	C
DCSD turnaround time on expansion planning is <u>too slow</u> to be realistic!	C
DES needs to be relieved of their overcrowding! Build for the future! Dunwoody as a city is still growing! Fix Dunwoody High School!	C
Dunwoody elementary school does not have capacity to add students from Perimeter Mall area development (High Street etc...)	
Multi family developments are typically a more diverse/transient population. Many are zoned for DES. The transient nature of the population affects school ratings, classroom make up. Apartments & multifamily housing should be zoned equally amongst the Dunwoody cluster.	C
-Dunwoody Green - needs to be corrected as single-family homes. -Dunwoody Green has redistricted about 5 years ago as part of Project Renaissance to revitalize Georgetown area.	C
Dunwoody needs a new elementary school The students need to be spread equally through all of the schools	C
Dunwoody Trace (equestrian Way) subdivision should stay with the Village Mill neighborhood. Many DT families belong to the Village Mill pool, belong to the Village Mill swim team, trick or treat in Village Mill, and socialize in Village Mill. We are part of that neighborhood. We want to stay with Village Mill. And many of us belong to the Village Mill Homeowners association...	C
Dunwoody Elementary needs help right now. We need a longterm solution sure, but we are overcrowded right now. and more growth is projected for our school, more than for any other school. Equity is key! Cross-city travel for students is dangerous. Thank you for tonight!	C
Even after redistricting and the new Austin building there will be overcrowding especially in MS and HS levels. The district needs to have a long-term plan for Dunwoody, a highly sought after area and in high housing price range. The situation is only going to get worst with expected development in Dunwoody.	C
For those of us already going to Austin would we still go to Austin? -We are North of Austin!	C
The upcoming community in Dunwoody Village - is that accounted for? From: Austin Elementary parent:	
1)Less parking at Austin Elementary school 2) The traffic is more during school timing better to expand the road options. 3) The Dekalb county has not published the complete year curriculum/syllabus. It helps parents to keep track of studies what is covered & what is pending 4)Need more help from county to understand the list of syllabus covered in the year	C
GREATER BRANCHES IS ONE COMMUNITY WITH THE BRANCHES SWIMMING AND TENNIS AS COMMUNITY CENTER.	C
-Greater Branches community of 10 subdivisions should remain intact as it is today. -Including new apartment communities in Austin district to alleviate pressure on DES and fill Austin to capacity.	C
greater Branches to stay intact: dunwoody Station Sedgefield Trailridge Dunwoody Wes The Branches Alden Pnt. Bellwood	C
Hightower is the most overcrowded school - can you consider redrawing the lines for neighborhoods in Doraville to go to the new Doraville United Elementary. *Get a long term solution. It is sad to have a new school & still be over-crowded.	C
Hightower relief by moving them to doraville - helps HS/MS too -Keep all Current Austin students at Austin	C
Housing West of Ashford Dunwoody is closer in proximity to Austin Elem. That housing should go to Austin. It alleviates traffic g/c it's a straight shot to Austin. Projected # of students should be taken into consideration and should be balance across Dunwoody for educational capacity & geographic proximity	C
how can we keep disruption to students at a minimum so as few changes are made as possible? We should have as few students moving to a new elementary school as possible.	C
I am a resident of Dunwoody Station which is one of the 10 neighborhoods in the Greater Branches community (all 10 are currently zoned to Austin Elementary)	C
No New School should open with portables - Poor Planning I am concerned that the upcoming residential development will add to the existing Dunwoody Elementary overcrowding will continue and we will need to add another entire grade to portables.	C

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I am resident of Dunwoody Station one of the 10 neighborhoods in the Greater Branches community (all 10 are currently zoned to Austin Elementary).	C
We are very close, same club, tennis, pool, activities together, parties, carpool together. I'm strongly in favor of keeping current population intact. Add some students but review forecast - new enrollment.	
I don't understand why Hightower, Vanderlyn, Chesnut & Kingsley have smaller capacities from 1 year.	
I don't understand where the capacity numbers are coming from.	
In the 2019-2020 school year	2020-2021
Hightower ES 566	513 -53
Dunwoody ES 973	975 +2
Vanderlyn 621	508 -113
Chesnut 468	392 -76
Kingsley 559	467 -92
Old Austin 588	950 +362
	3,775 3,805
Why are we only adding 30 seats to the cluster when we part of Hightower should be redistricted south to the new Doraville Unived ES	
I think the communities should be considered based on the distance. I live in "the Ashworth" community which is 1 mile from the "new Austin". We are the only community out of a 1 mile radius.	C
I think traffic in an overall would decrease if bus schedule was different. May kids could & would take the bus if it wasn't so early.	C
Idea-	
-Convert Peachtree middle to elementary school	C
-Convert Dunwoody HS to middle school	
-Build a new high school	
If Austin absorbs property west of Ashford Dunwoody Rd., this would relieve some of the overcrowding at DES and provide a more equitable distribution of mobile families.	
Top Tier	C
This area is closer in proximity to Austin Elementary than to DES. Shifting this area to Austin would alleviate traffic second tier	
If students living West of the Asford-Dun Rd - Chamblee-Dun Rd - Roberts Dr. Intersections are made to travel East of the intersection to go to DES instead of Austin, that bad intersection will get worse.	C
-In reference to secondary criteria #5, the Dunwoody Trace neighborhood on Peeler Road is very small and largely identifies with the Village Mill neighborhood so would make sense to stay at DES. Many residents belong to the pool and HOA in Village Mill, and most children trick or treat there.	C
Instructional capacity was not addressed in the questions. The transient nature of multi-families housing is very different for teachers to tackle - they have to pen a lot of time helping get new kids up to speed. Too much multi-family housing @ DES	C
It would make sense to move Jefferson Point apartments & Point & Point Crossing to move to the New Austin School move 289 from Vanderlyn 92 from DES Then move DES homes to Vanderlyn.	C
Keep current Austin at the new Austin Keep ALL of Greater Branches together.	C
Keep current Austin population intact to minimize impact to families instead add to the school to meet new capacity numbers. However the school should not open with the plan of over capacity, it will only grow more therefore increasing capacity it's just not safe. Another new school needs to be built to solve overcrowding across the board in Dunwoody.	C
Keep current populations of Dunwoody cluster elementary schools as intact as possible in order to impact as few children as possible with redistricting.	
Least disruptive solution is to keep all Austin neighborhood students and welcome students from overcrowded schools in cluster	C
Keep Dunwood Green subdivision intact and in DES.	C
Austin needs to take additional capacity.	
Keep Dunwoody Green together at DES Austin needs to take on capacity.	C
-Keep dunwoody kids in Dunwoody schools	
-Keep balance of higher income kids in Title 1 schools	C
-NO MORE TRAILERS	
Keep dunwoody Trace at Dunwoody Elementary. Village Mill is part of Dunwoody Elementary	C
Keep Georgetown/North Springs/village Spring/Heathwood/Chateau Woods intact - in DES!	
Spread out multi-family units between schools	C
Consider building a complete new school.	
-Keep Greater Branches neighborhood community intact at Austin Elementary. This is a true community that share clubs(scouts, churches) teams, and activities. Very close knit community.	
-Take into consideration the close proximity of the Greater Branches to current Austin	C
-Keep Austin Intact. Happy to bring in students from other schools to relieve overcrowding, but do not negatively impact Austin students	

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-Keep the following community as an intact neighborhood as we share the Georgetown swim/tennis and are connected by neighborhood roads: Georgetown, Chateau Woods, Village Springs, Northsprings, Heathwood. -Move some of the multi-family housing out of DES.	C
-Keep the greater Branches neighborhood intact. -Hold leadership accountable for poor population (student) forecasts, lack of fiscal prudence, and lack of luster effort. -Stop raising taxes!	C
Keep the Greater Branches neighborhood together. We are one neighborhood split by Mt. Vernon.	C
Keep the Greater Branches subdivisions in the same school - Austin ES.	C
Kingsley needs to be considered as an overcrowding relief. Last redistricting KES was not used due to "fear" of being sent to a lower scoring school I hope DCSD uses KES's open seats to balance overcrowding. If Austin can get trailers, why not KES?	C
More schools -Relief for PCMS & DHS -Longterm -add elem & middle & High school	C
Move some of the multi-family housing out of DES. There are several on Ashford-Dunwoody that are closer to Austin than Dunwoody Elementary	C
Need a long term plan! New elementary school in Perimeter area.	C
No school should have to open with portables -We need to define what you mean by "portable" - are we talking trailer or pod? -What about proximity to bathrooms? -What about safety? Fire drills? Active shooter drills? -It would be an easier pill to swallow if I knew the portables were going to not be a nightmare for small children *Doraville United should be relief for overcrowding at Hightower Elementary *Stop allowing more residential development in Dunwoody! especially Perimeter Mall area *Organic growth in neighborhoods -old folks moving out and young families moving in	C
No schools should have portables! Build another elementary school! -Use Doraville United as relief for overcrowding of Hightower elem. *dunwoody Club Forest West (Withmere Way & summerset Dr.) should be in same school as Wyntercreek & Wynterhall. *All 3 neighborhoods use the same swim/tennis club. dunwoody Club Forest West is closest to new Austin.	C
<u>NO</u> trailers at Austin	C
NOT redistricting neighborhoods that would have families drive out of these stop lights to get their kids to their elementary school - *Chamblee Dunwoody Rd @ Mount Vernon Rd *Roberts @ Spalding Dr No portable classrooms for safety of small children (active shooter, hurricanes) and if they don't have their own restrooms outside the building.	C
One of the considerations should be to maintain current district for as many kids as possible to maintain stability for kids	C
perimeter Area Urban Style Building Multilevel Elementary	C
Please consider the high mobility rate at DES.	C
-Please distribute apt. complex students evenly among all elementary school -Please add schools or build onto school facilities. -Consider later elem bus pick-up to alleviate driving kids to school because kids need sleep!	C
Please do not add multi-family communities to Austin - we bought our homes because of Austin's high rating and that could be jeopardized by adding apartments to the enrollment.	C
Please keep Carhaby court in Austin elementary	C
Please keep Dunwoody Club Forest Neighborhood at Vanderlyn ES	C
Please keep Greater Branches together. Just moved into Austin District for the School. Paid a much higher price to be in this area any adjustment cut would affect house value.	C
Please look at the number of apartments in each district. Apartments in Dunwoody are very dense and can impact student numbers. Dunwoody Elementary school currently has a large number of apartments and Austin has next to none.	C
Portable classes are NOT a viable long term solution	C
Primary criteria #2 Currently, multiple apartment complexes are creating a further strain on DES due to transient population. Some apartment complexes should be redistricted to Austin.	C
Projected numbers of students should be taken into consideration and should be balanced across Dunwoody, for educational capacity & geographic proximity. DES shouldn't have a majority of apartments. This should be balanced.	C
Housing west of Ashford Dunwoody is closer in proximity to Austin Elem. That housing should go to Austin Elem . It alleviates traffic b/c its a straight shot to Austin rather than through residential side streets to DES.	C
Pull a school out of the cluster & relieve future overcrowding @ middle & high.	C

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Q#4: If zoning and/or reclustered cannot be accomplished where no portables are required, all elementary schools should share the strain on public spaces. Austin ES should not be exempt just because it is new.	C
Question #2	C
Village Mill is 3 sections connected by walking trails & a shared HOA pool & club. Please keep it intact.	C
Question 4:	C
*Why would we accept ANY of our children being in portables? Adding them at Austin is NOT acceptable!!*	C
<u>Redfield HOA</u>	C
Redistricting is a band-aid in a rapidly growing area. We need a long term plan!!	C
Redistricting is a short term solution. Build more schools or stop zoning for high capacity residential buildings especially around perimeter mall. If there won't be any new capacity (New schools) there needs to be a reduction in the growth. Simple economics...	C
Release projections before the next meeting.	C
Residual Development Problems	C
-allowing more large apartments to be built the # of kids should be equally distribute.	C
Austin should have trailers to help overcrowdedness @ DE Add trailers to Chesnut and Kingsley - reduce classroom capacity	C
The area that is served by Dunwoody Elementary is very broad and indicated the need for an additional school. The entire cluster is over by 111% We need another HS and Middle School	C
the City seems to be disconnected when approving building permits. Lots of apartments and condos are going up with no plans for the kids to go to school	C
The county needs to do a better job communicating the long-term plan. Redistricting and portable are short-term solutions to long-term issues and without greater insight into the long-term resolutions.	C
The Dunwoody cluster needs additional schools (Elementary) to address overcrowding cluster-wide. Will this be addressed?	C
the Greater Branches should stay intact - includes -Sedgefield -Dunwoody Station -Branches -Trailridge -Dunwoody West -Bellwood -Alden Point	C
same pool, club, sports alot of social events, carpools etc. Use Doraville United to alleviate overcrowding of Hightower Elementary -Portables in Austin - if it keeps kids who are already district then yes but a Peachtree middle pod would be better than the portable, not trailers.	C
The main focus should be to relieve the overcrowding at DES. The future growth in this cluster is significantly unbalanced in the DES school district. Take the students and neighborhoods in the closest proximity to the new AES. Less traffic. Also consider taking apartments that are close to AES and assigned to DES.	C
the mobility factor should be split/shared equally or as close as possible amongst the schools.	C
The redistricting process needs to include trailers at ALL cluster schools including new Austin. All schools should be @ average 110% capacity.	C
Traffic to Dunwoody Elem is already AWFUL. Please put new perimeter multi-family developments to another Elem.	C
There is no reason that the current Austin lines cannot change. If other elem lines are/will change, AES should lose some homes in the Eastern border to pick & more of Ashford Dun Corridor	C
-traffic density on Roberts Drive leading to AES already overcrowded -Keep Branches intact -could add Point @ Perimeter to alleviate some overcrowding -Need longterm plan/solution to alleviate overcrowding not just trailers -redraw district lines to fill some schools in South Dekalb	C
Traffic: *Serious congestion @ Vermack:Womack intersection w/DES, Vanderlyn DHS, GA Perimeter *Offering bus service to kids within 1-mile to avoid parent drop off Neighborhoods to keep together All together: (Georgetown Chateau Woods, Heathwood, Village Springs & North Springs) New Development: Townhomes by High Street, Georgetown Square, Dunwoody Square, Georgetown Kroger, Village Townhomes	C
4) Is it safe to add portables @ Austin? Trailers are a safety issue. Any trailers for elementary schools should be pods with bathrooms.	C



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<u>Transportation</u>	
*Peeler - Chamblee Dunwoody	
*congestion @ 4-way stop at Vermack & Womack completely congested by DES, DHS, Vanderly & GA College	
*Georgetown, Heathwood, Village Springs, North Springs, Chateau Woods	
*Greater branches does not get to claim themselves as an intact community	C
*More seats	
8Add on the Kingsley-New	
*give Austin the huge apartment complex on Ashford Ctr. Pkwy.	
*Redistrict part of Hightower into Doraville United	
Use Doraville United as relief as overcrowding of Hightower elem.	C
Need long term solution for overcrowding which is another EMS. Forecasts and projected growth is scary!	
use Doraville United Elementary redistricting to take from Hightower to help with redistricting through all of District 1.	C
use Doraville United for relief of overcrowding at Hightower elem.	
Withmere Close is part of Dunwoody Club Forest West subdivision should go to same school.	C
No new school should be opening w/portables but it should be an equitable disbursement of in cluster - so yes to Austin portables.	
Use Doraville United to relieve overcrowding @ Hightower ES.	C
-Use Doraville United to relieve overcrowding at Hightower	
-Rediculous to even consider opening a new school with trailers	
-Need another new elem. School to be built	
-OR REDISTRRICT the entire county fill empty seats on the south side of the county t-shift all students south.	C
-NO TRAILERS!!!	
Austin line should be Mount Vernon & North of that plus pull in the Greater Branches. This keeps the swim/tennis communities together (including Wyntercreek for Dunwoody Club Forest west)	
We cannot accept our children in subpar conditions. Trailers are not an answer. We need more schools built. Our taxes need to stay in our part of the county.	C
We hope that there will be equal distribution of apartments with each school.	C
We moved to here for Austin in 2018	
<u>Please</u> keep the Branches neighborhood in the Austin District	C
Austin homeowners paid more for their homes & higher taxes. Don't want to move	
We need a long term solution to the overcrowding in Dunwoody.	C
We Need a long term solution to the over-crowding in Dunwoody.	C
We need another Elem. School - no school should have trailers - go to 110% utilization all school	
use Doraville United as relief for Hightower.	C
We need to consider redistricting some of the Dunwoody cluster into nearby High School attendance zones.	
Redistricting should be an on-going, even annual activity to potimize school populations.	C
We really need at least one new school. Developers should share the cost.	C
What is the plan to replace trailers when they have passed the allowable age?	C
Why do last year's forecast show decreased population in most of the elementary schools?	C
yes because of poor planning by DCSD for projected enrollment (primary criteri 3) the previous decisions / trends of not opening overcrowded is no longer a luxury we can afford.	C
How will you explain to my 3rd grader that kids at Austin are better than him and can't go into "learning cottages."	