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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Last night, the Wake County Board of Education approved a student assignment plan that puts you, and not our school system, in charge of choosing the school your child will attend.

We know that you have been looking for stability and proximity. You have asked us for access to high-quality academic programs in every part of Wake County. This assignment plan starts us on that path together. But we intend it to be a smooth transition: **If your child is happy at their current school, he or she can stay, with your current transportation.**

As much as our county is growing, we needed a sustainable new approach that avoids frequent reassignments. We are cutting down the number of feeder patterns and keeping neighborhoods together. We are providing a choice process with a minimum of five elementary, two middle, and two high school options. We are maintaining our magnet program, and offering additional regional options for students near some of the magnet schools, in order to ensure every child has access to a high quality school.

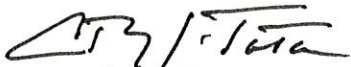
We have more detailed information about the assignment plan and its timeline, including the magnet and proximity school options for your address, at our website, assignment.wcpss.net. We are also providing information about the plan through your school.

November 14-18, you will receive a letter from your school notifying you of your child's initial school assignment for the 2012-13 school year based on their current year's assignment. If this is the school assignment that you want, there is no need for you to participate in the choice selection period.

If you would like to participate in the choice selection process, the Magnet Choice Application period will begin early December. The Choice Selection Process will begin mid-January. Details of the exact dates and process will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Please keep in touch with us through your school's or our school system's websites. We are committed to keeping you informed, so that you can make the best decisions for your family.

Sincerely,



Anthony Tata
Superintendent
Wake County Public School System