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## Fact Sheet

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### Neighborhood Schools

#### *Wake County Uses Assignment Policy to Use School Buildings Efficiently.....*

- ✓ Board policy should create fully utilized schools in order to offer a complete educational curriculum at every school in the County.
- ✓ Magnet schools tend to be in central Wake County, while year round schools tend to be along the outer parts of the County, where there is high growth. So-called "Rim" Schools are geographically "in the middle," between these two types of schools and along the rim of the Beltline.
- ✓ Past assignment policy of the Wake Board of Education has sought to strike a balance between all neighborhood schools so that available seats are used as efficiently as possible. This has meant structuring assignment through the use of applications to schools of choice as well as balancing the needs of base schools to most efficiently use capacity.
- ✓ Year round schools have been established to expand capacity because of growth. Rim schools also should be fully utilized in order to save money and efficiently utilize existing school buildings.
- ✓ The current school board has moved to provide greater choices in calendars to families. If the Board moves to 100 percent calendar "choice," Rim schools will be affected. If calendar acceptances are guaranteed, many more parents will move from traditional Rim schools to year round schools. Over a few years, our Rim schools could have attendance rates go down by hundreds of students per school, resulting in under-enrollment.
- ✓ With 2009-10 application figures and assuming 100 percent calendar placement, as outlined in proposed Board Policy, Rim schools could experience significant declines in enrollment over the next few years. If calendar placement had been previously guaranteed:
  - Briarcliff Elementary would lose 43 percent of its current base population
  - Fox Road Elementary would lose 28 percent
  - Stough Elementary would lose 28 percent
  - Reedy Creek Middle School would lose 34 percent
  - Carroll Middle would lose 44 percent

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