

## Concerns with Aspects of the Choice Plan

I have concerns with aspects of the choice plan. My first concern is with our capacity constraints. **Over 24,000 students in over 1,100 trailers is not viable capacity**, and our lack of capacity severely limits choice. If we return to the days of 6,000 and 7,000 new students every year, will those new students' only choices be far from home where seats are available? Or will they be crammed into already overcrowded schools?

Both of these options cost money. Dr. Martin asked about resources for overcrowded schools this afternoon at the work session. The response of a bond issue doesn't meet the need for additional teachers and supplies.

That leads to my next and perhaps my biggest concern. Has a complete cost analysis been done? If so, please share it with the public. While we are adding new programs and losing \$30 million dollars next year, can we afford this plan?

Have we accounted for paying bus drivers and fuel for the new buses?

Have we identified where the resources will come from to help under-chosen schools? Mr. Hill asked about this in October, and his question has not been answered publicly. What will be cut in our shrinking budget to provide program equity and support for under-chosen schools?

I would like to suggest delaying the plan for one year. This will give a chance for a complete financial analysis, and plan for intended and unintended costs.

To accomplish this: you could extend the magnet selection; assign students to the new middle school and academies by choice, giving you a true test run; and try to accommodate as many transfer requests as possible.

Even the best plan in the world will not be successful if we cannot afford it.