

I am here as the **sole** speaker on behalf of the Carpenter Elementary parents requesting a feeder pattern change in the new assignment plan. We **know** that you are listening to us. Therefore, we have limited ourselves to **one speaker** and everyone in green was asked to stay home.

We request that you please change Carpenter's feeder to Davis Drive Middle. It is our **most proximate** middle school and has also been **historically assigned** to the majority of our nodes **as a base**. In fact – in **this year's** assignment plan Davis Drive Middle **is our base**.

Many of you remember that the board assigned Davis Drive to our nodes a year and a half ago. For the **3 years prior to that**, we showed up in **droves** at **every meeting** wearing green. We had **speaker after speaker** talk about being the “**donut hole**” neighborhood whose kids were taking **45 minute bus rides** twice a day. Then finally in the spring of 2010 **the board listened and agreed** they should be able to go to their neighborhood middle school. Our base was changed to Davis Drive which **guaranteed them** seats. In addition, the board **publicly promised** to look out for our kids again when the time came since a new assignment plan was imminent. Now **here we are** – the new plan is in place and the guaranteed seats our kids had at their **neighborhood school** have been **taken away from them**.

Please **keep your promise** and change our feeder to Davis Drive Middle **now** before the choice period begins. Thank you for your time and service to our community.