

Last Tuesday, moving Node 504, with 76 elementary students in it was introduced for reassignment, and described by Mr Tedesco as a win win move out of Creech Road, reducing class size for the Renaissance model, , increasing Aversboro's enrollment due to its loss of students to Barwell, and (shock) balancing the poverty more equitably between Creech, Aversboro, and Barwell. Mr .Tedesco did state to the board he resides in this node.

Mr Tedesco recognized that balancing poverty among schools was advantageous to each schools' health and academic achievement. Bravo Mr. Tedesco! You were selling this move to your colleagues on this, in fact you offered balance of poverty to your board colleagues twice! But then, Mrs. Evans pointed out this node was not high poverty, but low poverty at 33%, and it would indeed further widen the F&R gap between Creech and Aversboro. Therefore the only positive result would be lowering Creech's class size, and increasing Aversboro's enrollment with these 75 students.

However, on Thursday, the leftover logic did not carry through to the end decision. Node 504 came back to the table, split – and node 504.1, representing 1/3 of the students, was moved to Aversboro. What happened to reducing Creech's class size? What happened to bringing Aversboro closer to capacity? The logic disintegrated. It should be no surprise that node 504.1 is Mr. Tedesco's neighborhood only, and is now slated to attend the lowest F&R school of the three mentioned, lower by 13 and 22 %.

The original logic disintegrated, leaving only the result – an even lower poverty school for your neighborhood.

So, we can now see clearly that when it hits close to home, it looks like poverty **does** matter, doesn't it?