

I am not here as a disgruntled parent. I am not here to speak for my own kids. I am here to speak for the many children and families who are already disenfranchised. This new assignment plan further alienates and segregates a segment of our population that needs the most support.

For years Wake County's school system enjoyed national accolades, and other cities modeled their schools after ours. The travesty that has occurred over the past two years has will set us back decades. This is a public issue, whether you have kids in the school system or not. There is a blatant disregard for the disenfranchised and disadvantaged among us.

We have yet to see details and budgets. We have yet to see how transportation and logistics will work. The proposed plan is confusing, incomplete, and seemingly changes daily. The Board itself is clueless about the logistics and details of the plan.

At two different points (in a survey and an online school choice simulation), parents by and large commented that they are happy with their current schools. There are no reasonable justifications to warrant this major overhaul. There is haste and waste instead of focus on the real issue of student achievement. What happened to providing equitable distribution of resources to ensure success for *all* students?

This is not about my kids or about political clout. This is about *our* kids, our teachers, our schools, our community, our future. It's also a matter of doing what's right.