

I don't understand the rationale of putting the proposed Boys Academy on the Longview campus.

Longview is an alternative school teaching students from 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade who have a history of behavioral issues. Some are troubled; some have special needs. All need stability. At Longview, there is no cohesive parent group such as a PTSA to advocate for these kids.

A relatively young school designed for a small student body, Longview houses about 100 students in a cozy lot nestled into a residential neighborhood just west of Enloe.

In the plan to bring a Boys' Academy to WCPSS, these students will be moved with no concern for THEIR choice, proximity, achievement or, most obviously, stability.

I understand these students are to be divided among 2 or 3 schools, with River Oaks taking the lion's share. River Oaks is on New Bern between 440 and 540—hear that: on a busy US highway in a high-traffic business district. Is this really the best place to teach kids with a record of behavioral issues?

To house the 400 student Boys' Academy, Longview must quadruple in size. And associated parking? Did anyone visit this tiny urban campus before making this decision?

Hilburn has had 2 community meetings on its transition to K-8 with more meetings planned. There has been no such communication with the community around Longview in SE Raleigh. Why? This would not be tolerated in any other area of the county. Why has this been allowed to happen?

All these decisions and plans, and no one has quantified the cost. I'm confused that this Board majority touts itself as fiscally responsible, when there has been no mention of dollars needed to implement these changes, or where those dollars will come from. I might be wrong, but I

don't think the schools in wealthier areas will want their resources spent on Longview.

Please ask these questions, answer them, and present a complete plan.