

Appendix O

Specific Actions to Improve Satisfaction with School Issues

35. Could you please tell us specific actions the Town could take to make you more satisfied with school issues?

- Too much reassignment and too often
- Too confusing because they reassign too often
- Juggling kids in schools in the same neighborhood
- Juggling management; have three kids, one on year-round and one on traditional and this is too difficult; family life quality is very important
- Cary needs to run their own schools
- Need more neighborhood schools so children don't have to be separated and travel so far
- Kids and parents are very upset with current program; kids are not sure where they are going to school in a year from now; schools need to do one or the other not year-round and part-time
- Busing children around is a waste of time and money
- Cary needs to think about the children and overgrowth; they are overdeveloping Cary, not thinking about room in the schools; now the students are being dragged to other areas for schooling
- Break up schools to even out other races; kids feel scared and uncomfortable
- Cary seems not to have a say or influence in the school issues; Cary needs to be more involved or at least do more
- Loss of sense of community for the kids; nothing changes the School Board; doesn't seem like they are advocating at all; things are already set in stone before they let the parents know
- Reassignment issue; improve closer schools; get parents more involved
- No more year-round school
- Cary should be more involved with school issues
- Reassigning people is confusing to all within the system; ESL students need more attention but still give good students the help they need
- Need to help the low income and problem child's families; family needs to be more involved to fix drug issues with unhappy or underprivileged families
- Year-round schooling was the worse idea
- Stop busing kids to school for hours at a time; need neighborhood schools – more convenient
- Wake County reassignment and fees are confusing and cost too much; the new school systems in Town has more issues now
- Rules with School Board needs to be done at the Town level; schools need to be handled by the Town not the County
- School reassignment is very confusing; neighborhood kids go to six or seven

- different schools and never get to know each other
- Not happy with the School Board; not spending money where it should be; against the bond issues
- The schools are overcrowded
- Gotten behind due to development; panic about year-round school
- They don't know what they're doing
- Hate how children are being bounced around; children are being brought to school in taxis
- Very unhappy with being forced to year-round school; hate that students are forced to ride a bus when they are in walking distance
- Hate year-round school; would like the Town to have it's own school system
- Let people attend schools that are not in the area and are not Cary citizens
- Can't seem to keep ahead
- Haven't been able to solve the problems
- The idea of year-round school is horrible; people act like they don't have any control over the issues
- Too tolerant; should allow people out of Cary to attend Cary schools
- Can't keep up with the growth; need to plan ahead
- Daughter saw a stabbing at Athens High School now she is terrified
- Schools are overcrowded
- Our child is not in school yet, but we are looking at private schools
- Better teachers, math and Trail Blazers program; should not force people into year-round systems
- Stop the rezoning and reassignment; causes too much confusion and breaks the kids up in the neighborhoods
- Not happy with Wake County School Board; Cary needs to step up and take care of their own citizens
- Cary needs to have a more direct say over the School Board in Cary; a very broken system
- Building too many year-round schools; need to have one year-round school and more schools for those who choose not to do year-round; stop forcing year-round school system; stop shuffling kids around; make the School Board understand that students should go to local schools and not transfer kids to multiple schools
- Need more schools in Cary area
- Independent school systems are needed so kids are not getting bused all around
- Validate what the School Board puts forward
- Cary needs to step up and have a say over their own schools
- Wake County School Board is the only issue
- Need to balance the schools before it ruins the area; people should have a choice where their kids should go; no re-busing and relocating kids; kids have no friends who last; schools are making Cary the worst place to live
- Charge people for allowing their child to go to Cary school if they are not local; kids are being separated from their sisters and brothers
- School changes too much

- Be more vocal and represent more and increase this as a primary concern
- More police on the west side
- They change the standards but Cary can't control them
- Wake County is not good now
- More localized and stop moving kids around so much
- Be more aggressive
- Have Cary break free
- I think it is Wake County's fault; need our own system
- Cary should go on their own away from Wake County School Board; start handling their own area
- Cary needs to step up and fix the school assignment
- Kids need to make friends that last, not get pulled away the next round; lost the sense of community within the kids; improve the schools in the middle of Cary, not just the rich areas
- School district splits moves kids too much
- Cary needs its own school district; I put my kid in private school for this reason
- The growth is causing problems
- Wish the Town could take a stronger stand