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Subject: Re: Meeting with Dr. Freeman

I thought this information might help as you receive emails from individuals concerning APS. As you can see from below two of our elementary schools (Hall Fletcher and Vance) in close proximity to the APS building have more than enough capacity to hold the APS students. This would reduce overhead from a variety of areas including the upkeep of the building. (I am aware the pre-k program rooms will require more specific guidelines).

Asheville Primary--99 students in attendance

Hall Fletcher Elementary--Building capacity 569 students. Student population 252. (room for 250 students)

Issac Dickson Elementary--Building capacity 525 students. Student population 399 (room for 125 students)

Jones Elementary--Building capacity 443 students. Student population 346 (room for 100 students)

Vance Elementary--Building capacity 512 students. Student population 306. (room for 200 students)

Claxton Elementary--Building capacity 538 students. Student population 393. (room for 200 plus students)

Montford North Star--Building capacity 496 students. Student population 227 (room for 200 plus students)

Asheville Middle School--Building capacity 1000 students. Student population 673

Asheville High School. and Silsa --Building capacity 1935 students. Student population HS 1113. and Silsa 335. Total student population 1448

We are expected as a school district by the County Commissioners, City Council members and the community to be fiscally responsible. Keeping this building open does not make financial sense from my view point. I would also like to discuss the pre-k funding. Presently the district spends approximately \$1.3 million beyond the appropriated funding from state, federal and local specific funding on this program. I am not sure where this money is coming from in our next budget. I look forward to our conversation.

Best, Gene Freeman

On Tue, Dec 15, 2020 at 6:38 PM Jasmine Beach-Ferrara <Jasmine.Beach-Ferrara@buncombecounty.org> wrote:
Hi everyone,
I look forward to tomorrow's conversation and have also invited Esther to join us so we can also hear about the city's perspective on how our community can best support pre-K and equity efforts.

Take care,
Jasmine

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