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Subject: Re: Keep Asheville Primary

Thank you for your feedback, Ms. Siler. I will make sure the Asheville City Board of Education receives both your emails.

On Mon, Dec 13, 2021 at 9:26 AM Amy Siler <amysiler79@gmail.com> wrote:
I just had one more thing I wanted to mention. If ACS can't afford the possible repairs at the Haywood road location of APS, why not move the school to the current central office property and redistribute the office needs of CO to all Asheville City Schools? That way you do not have to close a school and lose WNC's only public Montessori option. The kids, staff, and teachers can be kept together to build the incredible community that it has been for years. There would possibly be room for growth, which this school community is so ready for! I'm sure Central Office staff can communicate via email and phone and do not need to be housed in the same location together. Give it some thought. Thank you for your time.

Kindly,
Amy Siler

On Sun, Dec 12, 2021 at 9:22 PM Amy Siler <amysiler79@gmail.com> wrote:
I want to keep this short as I am sure you are getting numerous emails about this very thing. I believe Asheville Primary should be kept as its own school on Haywood Road. It has been said that neither Hall Fletcher nor MNSA has room for APS. With the influx of people moving to the area, I can't imagine the student numbers dropping unless they continue to go elsewhere. Possibly out of the district, private, or at the many sought-after charter schools being developed. It is my understanding that Asheville Primary was originally opened to ease the overcrowding issues years back with ACS. Now that we've seen a dip in numbers, APS is on the chopping block even though it has never been given the support to shine and grow like it most definitely could. Limiting it to a K-3 for years after parents rallied for the addition of 4th and 5th grades, closing enrollment, and then reopening it at the last minute. I could go on and on, but you've heard all of this before. Please think of the students, future students, families, and community. Asheville Primary School is just as much a school as any of the others in Asheville City Schools. Please treat it like one. Thank you.

Kindly,
Amy Siler

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