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Subject: Asheville City Board of Education Expands Topics to Discuss During December 7th Public Hearing

Good Evening Members of the City Council and County Commission,Â

On behalf of James Carter, Chairman of the Board, please see below.

I wanted to remind you that the Board of Education will be hosting a Public Hearing tomorrow, Tuesday, December 7th at 5:00 PM in the Board Room located at 85 Mountain Street.Â Â

Per [previous communications](#), the proposals under consideration included leaving Asheville Primary School at its current location or relocating the school to share a campus and facilities with either Hall Fletcher Elementary School or Montford North Star Academy.Â

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After receiving presentations regarding school facility needs, the status of the Asheville City Schools Preschool Program, a draft study regarding APS as well as parent input, the Board is requesting additional information and public input on three options for APS:Â Â

1. Leave the school in place
2. Relocate the SchoolÂ
3. Close APS with students enrolling in other ACS elementary schools as early as the 2022-23 school year.Â

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During the public meeting tomorrow evening, the Board will only hear public input on all three options.Â Â

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The special called meeting to conduct a public hearing regarding APS has already been noticed.Â Â

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During tomorrowâ€™s Public Hearing, speakers will have three minutes, and **all remarks must be limited to the three options regarding APS.**Â Sign up for in-person public comment will be set up outside the Board Room starting at 4:30 PM. Speakers will receive detailed instructions on public hearing protocols upon their arrival.

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The School Board will also accept written comments on this topic. Any such written comments must be emailed to ashley.thublin@acsgmail.net by 5:00 PM on December 7th. Written comments will be public records and will be forwarded to School Board members but will not be read aloud at any meeting.Â

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Any written comments received after 5:00 PM will be shared with the Board but will not be considered as part of the Public Hearing.Â

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Following tomorrowâ€™s Public Hearing, input on this issue will be permitted both in-person and virtually during the public comment portion of the Boardâ€™s December 13th Regular Meeting.Â Public comment will take place prior to the Board taking any final action about Asheville Primary School.Â Â

Both meetings can be viewed on [YouTube](#).Â Â

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