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Insufficient Brooks Homeroom Teachers

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Joseph Miller

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Parent/Guardian of an ACPS Student

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Hello ACPS School Board. I am writing today to voice my support for the Brooks Elementary parents call to action. We are seeking immediate help and budgetary reprogramming to accommodate additional homeroom teachers for our rising 3rd graders and rising 5th graders. We are aware that the current proposed budget does NOT provide for 3 homeroom teachers for rising grades 3 and 5. We are incredibly concerned of this oversight and would like to have a data driven explanation why these grades have been declined the needed additional homeroom teachers, but the other grades will benefit from an increase. I understand that current policy provides for 2 homeroom teachers per grade, At this level we will have over 28 kids per class next year in the two 5th grade classes. Having been a parent to a current 4th grade student with a class size of 28, I can 100% state this is unacceptable and determinantal to a conducive learning environment.

The projections on enrollment for next year are not rooted in any fact. What facts and forecasts did ACPS use to determine that 5th grade enrollment will be down next year.

The current plan to reassign students if class sizes are too big is also unacceptable. You cannot arbitrarily move students because you as a school board failed to budget properly.

I urge you to reprogram the budget immediately to support the increase in homeroom teachers for Brooks elementary now. The students deserve a chance to succeed in a conducive an caring environment. The teachers deserve to dedicate themselves to a manageable classroom. Give them both the chance to succeed. Hire more teachers.

