

Public Comments for School Board Meetings

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Redistricting

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West End Overcrowding (James K. Polk E.S.)

Full Name *

Anne Koster

What is your relationship to ACPS? *

Parent/Guardian of an ACPS Student

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As many of you are aware, James K. Polk Elementary School's wonderful school and staff are working HARD to accommodate a student body that grows by the day. While every student is a welcomed member of our family, the extremely high student population is taxing on our staff and teachers, on our facilities, and especially on the students themselves. While we are excited to see the redistricting process begin, from what I understand, ACPS does not anticipate changes to occur for at least two more years. This is entirely unacceptable!!!

Polk is currently over-enrolled with over 840 students, despite a building capacity of 760. This is the case despite other ACPS schools remaining UNDER-enrolled!!! Further despite this, Polk is still considered the "overflow" school that must accept students when neighboring schools are at their own capacities.

It is clear that our school, staff, and students need relief SOONER than 2 years from now!!! PLEASE act to change the current status quo, reduce student numbers at Polk, ensure that neighboring schools accept additional students so that the student load is spread evenly across the district – especially the ones that are under capacity and also even the ones who are at capacity so that even if schools end up over capacity the number and magnitude of this excess is also spread evenly instead of being carried by Polk as it is today. This is a critical issue that cannot wait two more years while the student populations continue to rapidly expand, which they are expected to do with all the current added development across the city. Please ACT!