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As someone who cares deeply about the success of all students at ACPS, I have recently become aware of equity issues related to how overcrowding transfers are handled, specifically that reassignment cluster groupings favor wealthier schools and allow the effects of overcrowding to fall predominately on West End, Title 1 schools.

In the short term, I want to encourage the school board to take immediate action (so that it is in effect before the start of the 2024–2025 school year) to update the Elementary and K–8 Capacity Reassignment Clusters by removing William Ramsay Elementary from Cluster A (so it is only in one cluster) and moving Douglas MacArthur from Cluster C to Cluster A.

While this is not the only change needed, it would be a step towards undoing school policies that are not only influenced by the legacy of segregated housing policies but that continue to reinforce the social inequities of that housing policy.

Thank you for your consideration.