

[*Almost** a Letter from Liz Bradsher – see below]

September 19, 2010

Dear *Clifton Elementary* Parents, Students and Residents,

On Monday the School Board held a Work Session to discuss various issues pertinent to FCPS. The majority of that day was spent on budget issues, *one session* dealt with the *Southwestern County Boundary Study*. During *this session* I learned the usual CIP Process, that has taken place for well over *13* years as I know it, may be altered this year. This was presented without previous knowledge by the School Board members. In plain language we were not briefed beforehand on such a potential CIP modification.

There is no doubt in my mind *CES* needs a renovation. To stall such a renovation serves no useful purpose. I believe in process, hard data and solid analysis. The rankings of the schools needing renovation make for an improved and accurate CIP as we know it. I know very little about the proposed *goals of the boundary studies* as they were not explained in detail but rest assured I will find out more. I believe the main intent for such *boundary studies* is to review county enrollment due to the newly projected forecast of our enrollment climbing to 182,000 students. Looking at enrollment changes means many things; it can mean additions, modulars and boundary changes. Therefore, due to the generalities described about these potential Planning Groups I remain very skeptical to such a suggestion by Facilities staff.

CES needs a renovation due to facility need not enrollment. The school handles a full load, the facility is not underutilized in any manner however it is the age and needs of the facility that drive this renovation need. In *June* I attended a public meeting where Dean Tistadt, COO of FCPS, said *CES can be renovated*. This comment was very telling to me and it should be telling to everyone. If it *can be renovated* and the need so evident then why is this facility still awaiting *renovation plans* and how will the suggestion of *Southwestern Region Planning's Ad Hoc Committee* help a school like *CES* get a renovation in a timely manner?

I will continue to work on this issue and will meet with Mr. Tistadt and others. I am committed to a transparent process and I am very disappointed certain FCPS staff have not provided the transparency requested by the residents of this county.

Sincerely,
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[Original* Letter from Liz Bradsher - *Equal Representation by Substituted Italics]

November 13, 2008

Dear *SOAR* Parents, Students and Residents,

On Monday the School Board held a Work Session to discuss various issues pertinent to FCPS. The majority of that day was spent on budget issues, *the last 35 minutes** dealt with the CIP. During *these last 35 minutes* I learned the usual CIP Process, that has taken place for well over *11* years as I know it, may be altered this year. This was presented without previous knowledge by the School Board members. In plain language we were not briefed beforehand on such a potential CIP modification.

There is no doubt in my mind WSHS needs a renovation. To stall such a renovation serves no useful purpose. I believe in process, hard data and solid analysis. The rankings of the schools needing renovation make for an improved and accurate CIP as we know it. I know very little about the proposed *Planning Groups* as they were not explained in detail but rest assured I will find out more. I believe the main intent for such *Planning Groups* is to review county enrollment due to the newly projected forecast of our enrollment climbing to 182,000 students. Looking at enrollment changes means many things; it can mean additions, modulars and boundary changes. Therefore, due to the generalities described about these potential Planning Groups I remain very skeptical to such a suggestion by Facilities staff.

WSHS needs a renovation due to facility need not enrollment. The school handles a full load and then some, the facility is not underutilized in any manner however it is the age and needs of the facility that drive this renovation need. In *May* I attended a public meeting where Dean Tistadt, COO of FCPS, said *WSHS fell within the cracks and was overlooked for CIP placement*. This comment was very telling to me and it should be telling to everyone. If it was overlooked and the need so evident then why is this facility still awaiting placement on the CIP and how will the suggestion of *Planning Groups* help a school like *WSHS* get a renovation in a timely manner?

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