



Student Assignment Meeting Summary

11/20/2024

Southwest DeKalb High School Library

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

- ✓ Welcome and Housekeeping
- ✓ Norms & Purpose/Non-Purpose Reminder
- ✓ Understand this session's goal
- ✓ Understand the shift
- ✓ Data Overview
- ✓ Team working sessions
- ✓ Share out
- ✓ What's next
- ✓ Complete exit ticket

Key Takeaways

All students should have access to diverse school choice programs based on strengths and interests.

DCSD should consider embedding special programs in neighborhood schools to avoid isolating students and reducing resources for local schools.

There is a need to reconsider the current use of school choice and how it affects equity, especially when certain programs may only be available in specific schools.

The district should focus on diversifying program access, particularly for career-focused programs like CTAE, and ensure students gain valuable credentials.

Reimagining school choice involves analyzing current data to assess whether programs are still fulfilling their original goals and if improvements are necessary.



The role of community engagement, including parents and local stakeholders, is crucial in improving neighborhood schools and ensuring equity in school programs.

Data from private and home schools should be considered when reimagining school choice, as it may reveal trends in student enrollment and interest.

Topics

School Choice and Equity

- Evaluate how school choice impacts equitable access to programs.
- Address the balance between offering diverse programs and maintaining neighborhood school resources.

Diversity in Programming and Access

- Explore the expansion of career and technical education (CTAE) opportunities.
- Ensure that programs meet the needs of different communities, regardless of income levels or location.

Community Involvement in Education

- Strengthen the role of local stakeholders, such as parents and business leaders, in shaping school programs.
- Build community awareness about the strengths of local schools to reduce the demand for school choice.

Next Steps

Review additional data posted to Google Drive and website.

Participate in the community survey to gather broader feedback on school choice and program needs.

Engage in discussions on how to reimagine the school choice system to ensure equity and better meet community needs.

Southwest Committee's next meeting is scheduled for January 22.