

Balancing School Board Roles

Wake County Scenario Fact Sheet

1976-2001

- Stable school board
- Apolitical turnover
- Stable superintendent leadership [Bill McNeal- National Supt. Of the Year]
- Schools integrated through SES bussing & magnet schools
- High performance
- High community support

2001-2007

- Superintendent retires
- Assistant superintendent (there 7 years) becomes the new superintendent
- Community growth
 - Influx from out of state
 - Drawn by growth of technology jobs
 - New affluent suburbs develop: (e.g. Cary, NC)

2007-2009

- Board begins to adopt popular reforms
- Reforms driven by superintendent
 - Year-round schools- Elementary only
 - Multiple early release days added for staff development

2009-2010

- Board Elections- majority incumbent election defeats
- Superintendent pressured to resign
- New Board Action
 - Cancellation of student SES bussing
 - Cancellation of early release days for staff

2011-2014

- Community polarized around race
- Superintendent changes in 2011, 2012, 2013
- Bond failures
- Student achievement decline