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To whom it may concern,

My name is Renee Hamilton and my husband and I have three children in the Nelson County school system. We actually moved back here for these schools! The community campus model proposed is most definitely wrong for the families and students of Nelson County.

I sent emails when all this community campus “conversation” began addressing my major concerns with this plan. My concerns are even higher now than they were a few short months ago. I haven’t spoken to one person who is not tied to the school system who thinks this is a good idea for our children. I have spoken to several teachers (who are scared to come forward due to the high probability that they would lose their jobs) and parents who all think this is a terrible plan and will only be good for a small percentage of people.

For weeks during meetings and discussions dealing with this issue, it has been clearly and obviously pointed out in many ways that citizens in this county do NOT want this for our children!! We have voiced our opinions and concerns. We have been organized, we have presented views and facts as well as figures to support our opposition to this. However, it seems we wasted our valuable time trying to get our points across. When the LPC voted 15-3 in favor of this plan, it was a slap in the face to every parent in this school district, yet we basically knew it was coming. It is mind blowing that no matter what is said or presented to the BOE, a blind eye and deaf ear is turned to everyone not falling in step with this plan. It's heartbreaking and infuriating to be ignored when our children and our community's futures are at stake!

Every parent in Nelson County feels betrayed by our board, with the exception one who has been willing to listen and express opposition to this plan. The board has continually ignored the community concerns for our schools, the students and our children. We are deeply disappointed in them and you can certainly expect that they will not be elected for another term.

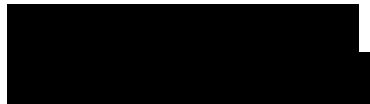
My husband and I both agree the this “community campus” model is not what we want for our children. Smaller schools and classes are proven to be better for the majority of students. Many parents will pull their children from the district(many already have) and we are looking at other districts for ours as well. Our children deserve better than what this plan has for them.

I am pleading with you to please stop this merger plan and encourage our BOE to invest in the schools that we have now. That is the best way to serve each student and give them the best experience and opportunity during their young, developmental years. This merger plan may be suitable for a highly populated urban district, but it is absolutely WRONG for our district, our communities, but most importantly of all, wrong for our children! Please be willing to stand up for the citizens of Nelson a county and VOTE NO on this merger plan!!

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Renee Hamilton



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