

NAME	QUESTION	RESPONSE
anonymous	Has it been considered to have the beaches leave Duval county? Could we create a county of the beaches?	
anonymous	Considering the fact that declining enrollment is a factor in the Master Facility Plan. Why close an "A" school in a community that can (and will) go to private schools?	
anonymous	What will happen to all of the teachers?	
anonymous	Why is it even an option and/or thought to discard the one public school of AB and a landmark of the town?	
anonymous	Are developers behind all of this? I would like to know.	
anonymous	What is your position on the closure of ABE? Are you willing to promise to exclude its closure from any plans? What are the salient factors influencing, or that will influence, your decision?	
anonymous	Has there been a truly independent audit of Duval County Public Schools within the last 5 years? If so, what were the results of that audit? Was it made public?	
anonymous	If all of these public schools close I understand that charters would have first "dibs" on properties. More charter schools are not the answer. Many charters are struggling with no oversight. How can we as taxpayers monitor our tax dollars going into failing charters and decline future funding?	
anonymous	Can there be a maximum number of charters that eat up these funds that should go directly to public schools?	
anonymous	Was School Board consultant asked to make recommendation on charter schools and vouchers?	
anonymous	What will the school board be discussing at the next meeting? When (if) this moves to a school board vote - when will that be?	
anonymous	Can we as a community go to the school board meetings to voice our concerns/ questions?	
anonymous	K-8 is very concerning! Is the school board thinking about the preservation of childhood? Kinder/1st/2nd graders with middle is very concerning from a safety perspective. Are we considering child safety with K-8?	
anonymous	What is being proposed to decrease vouchers to put more back into public school system?	
anonymous	What is being proposed to close charter schools that are taking public school money? We've only heard about proposed public school closures.	
Brittany Beimourtrusting	Does DCPS have a lobbying team, and how can we work with them to compete with any state legislation taking our public money for schools and giving it elsewhere?	Annually the school board comes together to collectively agree on a legislative platform. There is a committee of board members, and a board member that leads that process, and takes their initiatives to the state every year.
Carolyn Zisser	Are Charter Schools being considered for closure?	
Carolyn Zisser	If charter schools aren't being considered for closing, and since HB1 diverted funds from the public school system, and there are less public dollars being placed in the public system, what is going to be done by our school board to protect our public schools - ALL public schools not just our wonderful ABE?	
Don Wolfson	An Interlocal agreement between DCPS and City of Atlantic Beach exists from 2007, where DCPS is supposed to meet with our AB elected officials twice a year. Also, any considerations of school closing must be discussed with the municipality. Every ten years, we have a comprehensive plan approved by the State of Florida, and the last element contains education language that was pulled from the Interlocal agreement. We are going to hold them to this. Thank you Mr. Wright for being here, we are going to get to the bottom of this.	
EK Cottrell	Is DCPS going to consider the community involvement in the school? For example, FABE (Friends of Atlantic Beach Elementary) have worked with DCPS and the City of Atlantic Beach to provide media teachers, outdoor track, additional physical education. ABE has 1/3 of students below the poverty level and many military families, and ABE supports all of their students. What is DCPS doing to be sure those factors are being taken into consideration?	We acknowledge the consultant did not consider those items in the proposal. We want to hear from the community as we go into the next step. These are similar questions that came up at the recent board workshops. The board will look into policies that are in affect, and welcome public hearing into those policies.
Florinda Mangani	When you talk about building capacity, does that take into consideration Special Education rooms, other board rooms, or resource rooms?	When a school is built, specific rooms are classified for specific purposes, so the student stations are taken from that. Short answer is yes, those rooms are considered from a state report called the FISH (Florida Inventory of School Houses) report.
Karen Hughes	If the school were to close, what do current zoning laws allow to potentially go where the school was?	City of AB will answer at later date

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Katie Hathaway	What happens to these properties if the district closes these schools? Do charters school have the option to come in?	New law HB109 passed on underutilized schools, and giving opportunity to purchase of that building. For DCPS historically, the building gets used for parts.
Kris Kicoan	We know this is result of budget shortfall, but the proposed changes actually increase the budget for District 2 by \$49 Million. How does that make sense?	All district proposed changes in consultant's proposal ends up as cost savings. The adjustment of all boundaries citywide allow for more equitable feeder patterns, through the adjustment of those boundaries. Some schools in the proposal will require additions, and some will be closed to fit the new boundaries.
Laura	What schools at Beach have declining enrollment?	
Mandy Reuben	Please reach out to all elected officials at city and state level, as well, to get back that half-penny tax for traditional public schools - not charters and not expanding voucher programs. Where is our school board representative, April Carney?	
Marcus Pickering	Are Charter Schools (approved and administered through DCPS School board) also included in the 1.2 million dollar/year contract under the same consolidation and closing criteria? If not, why not?	They have their own school governing boards, DCPS has no jurisdiction.
Marcus Pickering	What other "right-sizing" initiatives are being taken along with closing children's schools within their community? If enrollment is down by a certain percent, what administrative cost adjustments have been made or will be made?	
Students at ABE	I love ABE. The students work hard. I don't think it should be on the list. Ms. Tabone and Ms. Hollander are our teachers. Will you come to Art Night to see our school?	
Nancy Staats, MD	Why did DCPS reject the plan options from February and ask for a more aggressive down-sizing plan? Is there any reason the Feb recommendations couldn't be considered now? Finally, the longer the district takes to decide, the more negative impacts there could be: people might "preemptively" move their child out of ABE; others might decide NOT to move to Duval Co; or might leave Duval Co seeking a more stable school district, etc. Why can't this decision be made on a bit faster timeline so people aren't left to worry?	
Penny Rauckis	The underperforming Charter schools have larger budgets than our local elementary schools. Why is DCPS not going after these schools? Why are they going after the 42nd highest ranking school in the state of Florida (ABE)?	
Penny Rauckis	Why is DCPS not on our side in fighting the Charter school companies (aka real estate companies)?	
Rachel Grady	How much of this issue has been caused by state legislation versus how much is in control of local elected boards?	There were legislative gains at the State level that led to school choice. Clearly there are state level impacts, but not solely. It has been a combination of things over time, since the creation of the Bold Plan. The pandemic and inflation were other cost factors that impacted where we are today.
Sarah Krusin	Has DCPS looked at any other models from any other school districts or cities that are in a similar situation with budgegt deficet. Is there any other Master plan that you have researched that has been propsted and enacted anywhere that has been a succesful model for education (not just a facility plan)?	
Sarah Krusin	Do you have research on effective K-8 models that are data driven to show it is better than K-5, high performing, community schools?	These are similar questions to what the board has been asking. There are several districts we have been in collaboration with about what they've done or are about to do. A lot of districts are experiencing this now. We are exploring a lot of different data points across the state. There are advantages to K-5 and K-8 model.
Susanne Shaunessey	ABE is underenrolled at 85%, some of our students West of Mayport Road are sent to other schools, if we can bring those students to ABE would that help?	Shifting boundaries in one area can affect another. I cannot speak to those exact numbers, but that could be feedback to the board, and those types of solutions could be shared with the board.
Tracy Simon	Our community is small, 500 students, 15,000 residents, with DCPS having 110,000 students, what community action from our end can sway a board that is looking to save money? Is there any level of support we can show that can have influence?	Our board is interested in making sure there is opportunity for feedback and input from the community and stakeholders.
Veronica Rodriguez	Understand the budget gap. When in this process is the school board going to take into account factors that involve education, not just budget numbers?	Budget resources are spread more and more thin if not at capacity.
Yvonne Tolbert	How will this affect school choice?	
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Yvonne Tolbert	If Atlantic Beach Elementary would be closed, where would students who are at ABE via school choice attend?	Historically, the students would stay at ABE via school choice.