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**Commissioners Affirm Position on Boundary Line Adjustment and School
Closures**

The objective is to improve the quality of education and the morale of our classroom teachers. We believe significant strides can be made by reducing excess facility capacity, increasing efficiencies, and redirecting savings into salary increases for teachers and classroom personnel.

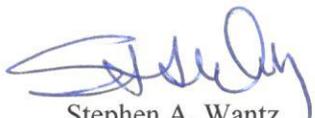
One of the initial recommendations by the BAC reflected a savings of \$7M. However, this would not be sufficient to address salary issues. Therefore, our ability to help close any gap requires the Board of Education to go further, by also restructuring to realize operating efficiencies as a result of redistricting.

Finally, whereas CCPS enrollments will continue to decline, the majority of members of the Board of Commissioners are not likely to support substantial tax increases. Increases to CCPS funding will likely need to come from economic growth or the State. For this reason, it is imperative CCPS comprehensively reduce its cost structure to parallel enrollment declines.

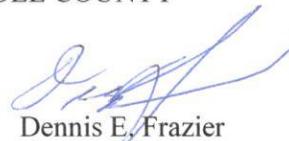
We know this process is painful but it is necessary. However, we firmly believe the end result will lead to better compensated teachers and classroom personnel, and a higher quality school system.

Sincerely,

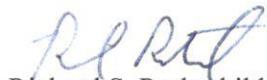
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