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As a DCPS stakeholder, I am interested in?	
The problem/challenges you mentioned are not new. Other parts of the country faced these. Do you know what areas deal with it successfully and unsuccessfully? Are you trying to reinvent the wheel? What did the successful area do?	You are correct. This is a district-wide and national problem. We have hired DeJong-Richter, who is a national educational planning organization to assist us with these issues.
The magnet program needs to be more impactful. How are you going to make each participant in a magnet program be able to communicated precisely the benefit and result of being in a magnet program? Most of them seem very weak?	With over 22,000 students in magnet programs it is our hope that the vast majority are able to express the benefit of having participated in the program. Parents are asked to visit the program and tour schools to learn about the programs prior to application. I would like to know what data suggests that most of the programs are weak?
You repeatedly mention "we'll be back in may with a plan" will we, members of the community (parents & otherwise) be allowed to participate in these meetings and/or at least are they open to the public?	The second round of ACE meetings are set up to begin in June. We are in the process of forming working groups in each area. All meetings are open to the public.
MLK Jr Elementary future, new computer labs, new building for music & chorus rooms, cafeteria, kitchen etd.\$900,000 Kite vs. \$16,000 King can this be balanced.	These funds are grant related and can not be used for facilities and/or infrastructure. All grants are school specific.
Progress of all schools teachers, students, should be tested for drugs and alcohol.	Students are tested through Jon Fox and athletics if they participate in a sport. Teacher testing is if a situation arise then action my be taken
Solution!!! Let's Partner with more local industries to create magnet schools to match their career paths! i.e. Medical magnet Hospitals PSS Transportation Magnet-CSX Crowley-Retail Bus./Banking magnet-Steinmart/Comm.1st CU/Legal/Criminal Justice-Law firms/Military.	Great idea. Many of the programs already do this, but there is always room for improvement.
Adequate buildings and material (books, computers) for student learning.	The ACE Master Plan will address these issues.

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<p>A partnership with the community resources to bring more security into high crime areas so businesses can be drawn into the area resulting in more residential communities and diversity. Changes in school hours to align with the developmental stages of children (i.e. high schools students work and go out, thus why not late hours?) Status of the arts programs in schools.</p>	<p>Excellent suggestions. Hopefully, these suggestions will be brought up during the ACE working group sessions.</p>
<p>Balance each school (by dividing students according to the amount of students needed per school.) Because of the high gas prices. I'm concern about how far I would need to travel to work.</p>	<p>Boundary adjustments to balance school enrollment with capacity will be addressed during the ACE process.</p>
<p>Even if you change the boundaries there are those students and parents who do not go where they are scheduled. Stop using the FCAT as a punitive measure instead of a diagnostic tool!! There would be fewer dropouts</p>	<p>The FLDOE determines the impact of FCAT results.</p>
<p>What are the plans for Exceptional Schools (ESE)? Are they being shut down? I feel that we should utilize the cooking facility we have at the school instead of having an outside source.</p>	<p>There are no current plans to close any of the DCPS ESE Center Schools.</p>
<p>Our schools capacity is out numbered by 1/4. We need additional parking. We have 14 portable buildings that have no sheltered sidewalks. Students have to walk through all elements. We have approx. 300 car riders which again has to stand in the elements. They need a covered area in the front of the school. Our sound system is outdated and a/c is extremely loud.</p>	<p>School capacity issue will be addressed in ACE. There is a \$30 Million backlog in covered walkways.</p>

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<p>Increasing the space of the library and cafeteria at 242 (Sheffield Elementary) which were built to accommodate 500 students and we average 800 students over the past 4 years. We also have no playground space or equipment. Our school has been an A school for the past 6 years and should be kept in a condition to enhance the overall learning experience of our students.</p>	<p>School capacity issue will be addressed in ACE. The school grade is not a part of the Facility Condition Index.</p>
<p>A/C units in main buildings and portables needs replacing. Some of our portables are 10+ years and need replacing. We @ Sheffield have been an A school for 6 years and we are 40 + years old - we should be treated with respect. With that being said, you should make improvements based on grade. A or B schools should get priority on repairs/improvements. When will the Oceanway area be getting a new High School.</p>	<p>School capacity issue will be addressed in ACE. The school grade is not a part of the Facility Condition Index. Current demographics do not indicate the need for a new high school in this area.</p>
<p>Class Size, Capacity, Cost to operated</p>	<p>We are sorry. The question appears to be incomplete.</p>
<p>Take Long Branch Elementary to K-8. Do not move Jackson High School off Main Street. Food Service go back the old way cooking the food. Do not bust the children out of the community.</p>	<p>ACE process will address these issues. There are no plans to move Jackson off of Main Street. The district recently built a district nutrition center to reduce the costs of food service.</p>
<p>At Palm Ave. our students look forward to coming to school. As a ONE-ON-ONE Para our school currently meets their educational ability. Faculty and Staff spend our own money for activities for our students. Our Principle Ms Cheryl Parker is the very best. I feel our school should remain open. Our students try very hard and they do work to the best of their ability.</p>	<p>There are no current plans to close any of the DCPS ESE Center School</p>

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<p>Our newest elementary at New Berlin is already over capacity. Is the district looking for property for a new elementary site on the north side.</p>	<p>The district is looking for land to purchase in all the high growth areas of the county. Concurrency will also assist the district in locating and securing new sites and new schools.</p>
<p>Sheffield's capacity is 898 only because it has 14 portables. It's cafeteria is tiny. You can not add onto the cafeteria, you must rebuild it. When can you add a new cafeteria and new classrooms onto the school to make 898 a true capacity figure? The school (Sheffield) must have an adequate bus loop and parent pickup as soon as possible before a serious accident occurs. Traffic backs up for a mile in each direction twice a day on this 2 lane road. This is an emergency situation. When can we get this fixed.</p>	<p>School capacity issues and infrastructure requirements will be addressed in ACE.</p>
<p>How many of the empty seats (14,000) are @ "F" schools? When DCPS redraws boundaries can they make students leave their current school to go to a "F" school? Since 2003 the state has given DCPS over \$350 million to reduce overcrowding. Why do we have overcrowding? Will Stanton and Paxon High School open up to all students to fill empty seats? Is it a law or just a promise from the school board that no students will be bused across the St Johns' Rive due to boundary changes?</p>	<p>The 14000 empty seats are scattered district-wide. Criteria for 'F' schools is covered in Florida Statutes. Need clarification on the source of the \$350 million to respond. Paxon and Stanton will open up seats to program capacity. Historically, the school district has not modified any boundaries to cross the river.</p>
<p>Specifically/Exactly what are your plans for maximizing under populated schools' enrollment?</p>	<p>School capacity issues and infrastructure requirements will be addressed in ACE. Working groups will address school specific programming needs.</p>

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<p>Will the overcrowding be addressed for the 08/09 school year? If not why? The numbers show without any doubt we have a problem. We have requested 2 more portables. I do not understand the surrounding schools are under capacity. Who has the responsibility for this situation? We have a very small area for recess due to portables. Our children deserve better.</p>	<p>There are no changes for the 08/09 school year. The ACE working groups may present some for board approval that may be implemented for 09/10. All changes must be briefed/approved by the board Nov./Dec. of each year. Therefore, there is not enough time to do anything for 08/09. Plus, all recommendations all have to be reviewed and submitted by the working groups.</p>
<p>How many new schools are planned by 2012, and where is that new construction planned? How may schools in north Jacksonville to close by 2012? What percentage of north Jacksonville schools have been "F" schools?</p>	<p>Five new schools are planned by 2012; High school AAA on the Southside, Bartram Springs ES, K-8 at 103rd St., K-8 on Southside, and K-5 at Waterleaf/Kernan. There are no plans to close any schools at this point. The ACE process will review.</p>
<p>I suspect no 2 high schools in the district are as closely aligned (in the same neighborhood) as Raines and Ribault. Have you given thought to a merging of the 2 student populations and converting on to a specially school, such as a gender based, academic academy or military academy.</p>	<p>School capacity issues and infrastructure requirements will be addressed in ACE. Working groups will address school specific programming needs.</p>
<p>A track-our students have to run on the roads for presidential physical fitness and girls on the run. Lanier road needs to be widened or we need more parking lot-the road can't handle our traffic. Sound systems for all classrooms-the a/c systems are so loud that students have trouble hearing- very bad for early learning of phonics and other reading skills.</p>	<p>The City of Jacksonville is responsible for any improvements off of school property. The school should address ac/sound system issues with the Maintenance Department.</p>
<p>What areas have the greatest truancy cases? What areas are projected to have the greatest growth in Jax by 2012? How can you achieve a better balance with enrollment, when growth for the city is not happening where you have greatest differences?</p>	<p>Truancy/refer to C&I The change in demographics indicates enrollment is shifting from the central core to the outer areas of the county, i.e. southeast, southwest and north. Population growth that the City might be experiencing is not directly correlated to our school enrollment. Our demographic data shows the city's population is aging and yielding less children.</p>

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<p>It appears the violence continue to grow in the high schools-what is the school board doing about this? Should metal detectors be put in place? Should our code of conduct be stronger/tougher? Sheffield Elementary is under capacity only because we have 14 portables. The truth is the main building is over capacity and the library or cafeteria is only built for approx. 500. Is there any changes in the future to increase the size of the main building to accommodate all students?</p>	<p>School capacity issues and infrastructure requirements will be addressed in ACE. Police/Elaine Mann</p>
<p>Major improvements in the building, equipment, supplies, books on the north side of Duval county. Feeder schools that directly impacts Raines and Ribault High school. Most of the "D" and "F" schools are on the north side.</p>	<p>Excellent suggestions. Hopefully, these suggestions will be brought up during the ACE working group sessions.</p>
<p>Can we get roads widened to handle traffic? What happens when you need a new wing and they have to put it on your playground? Can anything be done? How can Englewood High get seats like these? Does school capacity change when you replace regular classes with special ed classes? A lot of north side schools have large special ed populations but show underutilized?</p>	<p>The City of Jacksonville is responsible for any improvements off of school property. The school should address ac/sound system issues with the Maintenance Department. The district is appropriating \$2 million a year to renovate all high school auditoriums. The school capacity is determined by the FLDOE.</p>
<p>When you do a survey how about using a "Zoomerang Survey" to find out what teachers think? How do we get "condemned portables off the inventory? Can we get covered sidewalks to elementary portables? Are Art, Music and computer rooms counted as student capacity? If so why?</p>	<p>Teachers can be a part of the ACE working groups. Their input was taken during the first round of ACE meetings. There are no 'condemned portables'. Currently, there is a \$30 million backlog of covered walkways. The school capacity is determined by the FLDOE</p>

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<p>Why Ribault is under capacity and First Coast is over capacity? If Stanton is at 89% capacity why is there a waiting list? Why aren't more AA students enrolled? All schools should offer the same courses, have highly qualified teachers and concerned administrators. Then parents would not pull students out of some schools under capacity) and enroll them in other schools (over capacity).</p>	<p>Ribault is under-capacity because many of the students residing in that area choose to attend other schools. Stanton's capacity of 89% is based on FISH. Their actual program capacity is actually 102% to 105%. Define AA students. All schools should offer the same courses, have highly qualified teachers and concerned administrators.</p>
<p>The expanding area of new houses in the Dinsmore area has begun to crowd our school, Dinsmore Elementary. We are over capacity, with not enough bathrooms (even). If the school district lines were re-drawn, a nearby school which is underutilized, would result in a more equitable division of students which would be beneficial to all students. How likely is this to happen and when? Is a K-8 school a possibility for Dinsmore?</p>	<p>The ACE process will address these issues.</p>
<p>Under enrollments in schools? Overcrowding with no hint of building enlargement even though tax base has increase? Please supply the model of North Shore to our school Dinsmore so PTA can review this model. When is the new school board election? We have two parks so there is public land to expand across the street from our elementary school Dinsmore</p>	<p>The ACE process will address these issues. The next school board election is in October.</p>

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<p>It sounds so silly to me that you have a school under utilized but you are building a new schools! Why are you all doing this? What is the real reason? If we already have boundaries in place and it is not easing the over crowding and balance enrollment then how will new boundaries make a different? Ms Barnum would like to ask this question-please allow her the opportunity.</p>	<p>New schools are built in areas where demographics determine the need. To fill all empty seats without building any new schools would require massive boundary changes and increase transportation costs significantly. Demographics and student/parents choices have created schools that are over and under capacity. The ACE working groups will assist in solving this situation.</p>
<p>Providing adequate classroom space for all students (over crowded 14 portables). Not enough restrooms for students (only 2 gang bathrooms). Computer lab is running on extension cords and 4 switches not wired properly. Computer file server are obsolete-programs lock up, teachers lounge, office area, records ad storage too small. Classroom cabinets are falling apart, classroom door giving us trouble locking, unlocking. doesn't meet ADA standards, covered walkways for portables, A/C units do not work properly and often breakdown, why are overcrowded schools made to give up resource space. What happened to Vet Science magnet being planned for New Berlin. Students being bused from downtown are often late and are below standards for behavior. If they are constantly being written up why are they allowd to remain in a school that they are not zoned for. Especially when we are in a budget crunch and buses,transporation are expensive. How can AYP continue to rise if facilities, parental involvement continue to be struggles.</p>	<p>Excellent suggestions. Hopefully, these suggestions will be brought up during the ACE working group sessions. Many of these issues need to be address by the maintenance department.</p>

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<p>Updating the facility at MLKing Elementary in order to provide a quality facility that will accommodate a quality performing arts program. Our high level of student performances attract prospective parents to apply but when they visit our facility parents lose interest in attending our school. Please do not ignore our magnet program goals, facility support can greatly improve opportunities for students in our district.</p>	<p>The ACE working groups will address these school specific program needs.</p>
<p>Come in under used school students are allow to leave, using excuses that never take place, i.e. Navy ROTC or some program the child never enters.</p>	<p>Not sure of the question.</p>
<p>Looking at the high school enrollment First Coast is much, much higher that the rest. Would boundary changes help? Would it stay the same because the other high schools are "F" schools. What is going to happen to First Coast when it becomes an "F" school because it is on that track now? Will we finally get some help and change the boundary?</p>	<p>The ACE working groups will address these school specific program needs.</p>

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<p>Overcrowding has led to recommendations that Dinsmore drop it's science magnet program. For 6 years we have received magnet funds which have been used to update technology. We are still lacking technology. How will we get Tech funds if our magnet is discontinued? We received portables in the last 2 years; however we didn't get supplies! My 5th grade son is in a portable with no maps, no TV, no DVD/Video, little storage space and the teacher is brand new so he brought no "goodies" on his own. How can this teacher provide the best education possible for my child when he lacks many basic supplies? and Chaffee Trails gets so much?</p>	<p>There is a \$30 million annual technology budget for the next five years to address technology requirements at the school level. School supplies, map, TV, etc. are funded through the school's operating budget. Sally. Please expand on this.</p>
<p>There are magnet schools that's in high demand-since this is a challenge what is in place to develop new schools for these programs? So that every child would have a fair opportunity to attend the school of choice?</p>	<p>We are beginning 10 new magnet programs this year as a result of a successful bid for funds through the Magnet Schools Assistance Program grant. The lottery process is designed to provide fair access to the magnet programs.</p>
<p>Why are magnet middle schools allowed to go over capacity? If the magnet middle schools are put back into enrollment limits this would increase enrollment back to Ribault, Butler, and Northwestern.</p>	<p>Prior to the Class Size Reduction amendment, it was determined that the ideal size for a middle school was 1200 students. This size of enrollment allows a school to offer a full program of electives and core academics. With the Class Size Reduction amendment, we must downsize the middle schools incrementally so as to not damage the programs significantly.</p>
<p>Why the duplication of magnet (medical) at Darnell Cookman</p>	<p>Darnell-Cookman high school is not considered to be a duplication of the programs at Andrew Jackson and Randolph Academies.</p>
<p>Why not fill empty seats in the inner city by making these schools magnet schools?</p>	<p>Through the Magnet Office, Dinsmore had access to \$1000 for supplies; \$5000 for equipment and the opportunity to apply for funding for a special project not to exceed \$15,000</p>

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<p>Will the A/B day be reconsidered for future school years or will this be the norm for schools? How will you deal with the lack of security and/or the increase in school violence</p>	<p>A/B schedule will continue for 08-09</p>
<p>No guns or weapons on any students. Duval needs a better system to detect weapons and drugs on students and teachers. Reading and Math "must" be a major focus for all grade levels. The Arts must be strengthened in all schools. Music-Dance-Art, etc. Must be important not only in the magnet programs. Community schools and the programs they offer must be maintained. The programs bring people to the schools after regular school hours.</p>	<p>The School District supports all of these statements.</p>
<p>Why are there standards exceptions for magnet middle and high schools yet no set standards/expectations for elementary magnet schools? For example why does it take an extended time to get a child in an elementary gifted student out of ht program if the elementary teachers agree the student is in the wrong program? How are regular ed teachers suppose to get services for their population when the gifted part of the school takes away funds and resources because the gifted students give the school and inflated grade? Instead of just visiting schools when will administration and board members come into the classroom and teach a lesson? How about taking overage students out of the classroom and set up classes with available resources at underutilized schools? Thank you for your consideration.</p>	<p>The issues raised here are too numerous to respond to adequately. However, the magnet program has never intended to be selective nor has it intended for a teacher to bear the burden of determining which students should be in a particular program. The programs are all open admissions and acceptance is done via a lottery system.</p>