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Boundary adjustment needed for schools

A boundary adjustment to equalize the disparity in educational opportunities is the best solution to this ongoing situation in the Iowa City School District. Moving the boundary to the west to include Lincoln Elementary as an east-side school would alleviate some overcrowding at West High and use the available space at City High.

The district administration needs to take a stand and start moving this problem toward resolution before the situation has gotten to the point of no return. It is an embarrassment to live in such a highly educated and supposed great place to raise a family only to have this glaring disparity in equal opportunity occurring.

As adults, we need to stand by all of the children in this community by giving all of them the same opportunities to grow via their educational experiences, their athletic experiences and to nourish their artistic natures. It is unfair and should be illegal to deny children equal access to classroom opportunities when they fall under the same school district.

It is appalling to me that some real estate agents in this area are even going so far as to discourage people from buying real estate on the east side of our fine community. This situation is exacerbated by the school district's seeming lack of action to remedy the overcrowding and under-utilization of our "fine" east-side facility.

Please take a moment to look at the big picture for the sake of the entire community and not heed the few that happen to have more clout or louder voices.

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