

Relief plan offered for Knollwood

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More than 100 students could be transferred out of Knollwood Elementary School next fall to relieve overcrowding at the school.

The Dekalb County Board of Education Monday voted to change one attendance boundary of Knollwood Elementary in southwest Dekalb County from the west side of Line Street to the east side of Line Street, including the Belvedere Park Apartments on Line Circle.

The plan will be considered for final approval Monday by the Biracial Committee, a court-appointed panel which oversees the school system's desegregation.

Under the plan, about 117 Knollwood Elementary students will be redistricted to Hooper Alexander Elementary next fall, said the school system's Assistant Superintendent for Administration Bill Strain.

Both schools have the capacity to hold 624 students. But 662 students were projected for Knollwood Elementary next fall, and only 425 students were projected to go to Hooper Alexander.

If the redistricting is approved, the schools would each have about 80 seats available.

Also Monday, the school board voted to amend the system's Local Facilities Plan by making the plan's top priorities the renovation of Forrest Hills Elementary School and the construction of a modified junior high school in the Redan school district.

School officials found asbestos at Forrest Hills Elementary after the priority list was developed.

The board also accepted a bid of \$149,480 to remove asbestos and replace insulation for the following schools: Sky Haven, Leslie J. Steele, Tilson, Kelley Lake, Snapfinger, Columbia Elementary, Clifton, Walker, Southwest Dekalb, Stoneview and Lithonia.

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Dukakis Wins At Knollwood

During the week of Oct. 17-21, Arnold Butler, a seventh grade teacher at Knollwood Elementary, held a school-wide presidential election. Students in grades kindergarten - seven, faculty, and staff all took part in the election. Students were given information about each presidential candidate, and were given time for discussion and debate. The election gave students a chance

to decide for themselves who they would like to be president. But most of all, it gave students a chance to practice one of our most fundamental rights, that is, the right to vote. Election results - Bush 244, Dukakis 341. Pictured are Lytrich Kelly, Amy Casper, Twanessa Bigby, Monice Hosley, Nicole Bolton, Fatimah Ali, Reginald Gibbs and Reginald Adams.



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Participating In History

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Arnold Butler, a seventh grade teacher at Knollwood Elementary, answers questions that students raise about African-American History Month. Mr Butler feels that students become more excited about Social Studies when they are allowed to ask questions and express themselves. This, he says, is more meaningful to the students than doing reports, dittos, or busy-work.



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Afro-American Is Theme at Knollwood

Knollwood School celebrated the final day of Black History Month as a total Afro-American occasion. All students were asked to come in Afro-American attire. After an Afro-American Feast for lunch, an

Afro-American festival was presented. Some participants in the festival were (back row, l to r) Mashaun Simon, Khadijah Booker and Kinterri Moss; (front row) Ayesha Mahmoud and Patrick Jackson.

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