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Mobile classrooms were to be temporary

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My 7-year-old attends Indianola Informal K-8 School, and it is a great school. One of the reasons we chose it was related to the capacity issues in the Beechcroft pathway. That stated, I would like my daughter to return to her neighborhood school in fall 2016. So in May, I called Columbus City Schools to express my concerns regarding the overcapacity issue at Alpine Elementary School and to inquire about the future use of Northgate Elementary School.

For years, Columbus City Schools has promised to reopen Northgate.

Currently, it is serving as Ecole Kenwood’s swing space. Shortly after my telephone conversation, three school-district representatives toured Alpine.

No promises were made about replacing deteriorating mobile classrooms or whether the district would reopen Northgate as a neighborhood school in the Beechcroft pathway.

The mobile classrooms outside of Alpine, Avalon Elementary School and Woodward Park Middle School are the school district's current solutions to the Beechcroft pathway capacity problem, but they were supposed to be temporary solutions.

I hope to hear from the district in the near future on how it plans to work with Alpine (530 students), Avalon (600 students) and Woodward Park (800 students) families to address our ongoing capacity issues.

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