

Dear Lewisville ISD Board of Trustees and Dr. Lori Rapp,

My name is [REDACTED], and I am a parent of a kindergarten, first-grade, and third-grade student at Old Settlers Elementary School. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed relocation of the elementary Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) to Old Settlers Elementary, as outlined in the recent surplus facilities proposal for the 2026-27 school year.

While I understand the district's need to address declining enrollment and repurpose surplus buildings efficiently, co-locating the DAEP program on an elementary campus—particularly one serving our youngest and most vulnerable learners—is not the right solution for the following reasons:

1. **Safety and perception concerns:** Even with assurances of separate entrances, schedules, and spaces, the presence of a disciplinary program on the same campus as young elementary students fundamentally changes the sense of safety and security that families expect at a neighborhood school like Old Settlers.
2. **Stigma and impact on school community:** Placing DAEP at Old Settlers risks stigmatizing the campus, potentially deterring families from choosing or staying in our school zone. This could further impact enrollment and harm the vibrant, positive community we have built here.
3. **Suitability for young children:** Elementary students, including Pre-K and kindergarteners, deserve an environment fully dedicated to their developmental needs without sharing facilities with a disciplinary alternative program.

I respectfully urge the Board to explore alternative locations for the elementary DAEP, such as standalone facilities or secondary campuses, to preserve Old Settlers as a dedicated elementary learning environment.

If this proposal moves forward at Old Settlers, many families, including mine, would be forced to seriously consider intra-district transfers or other schooling options to ensure the best environment for our children.

Thank you for considering parent input on this important decision. I plan to attend the upcoming Board meeting to speak during public comment and encourage other Old Settlers families to do the same.

Sincerely,