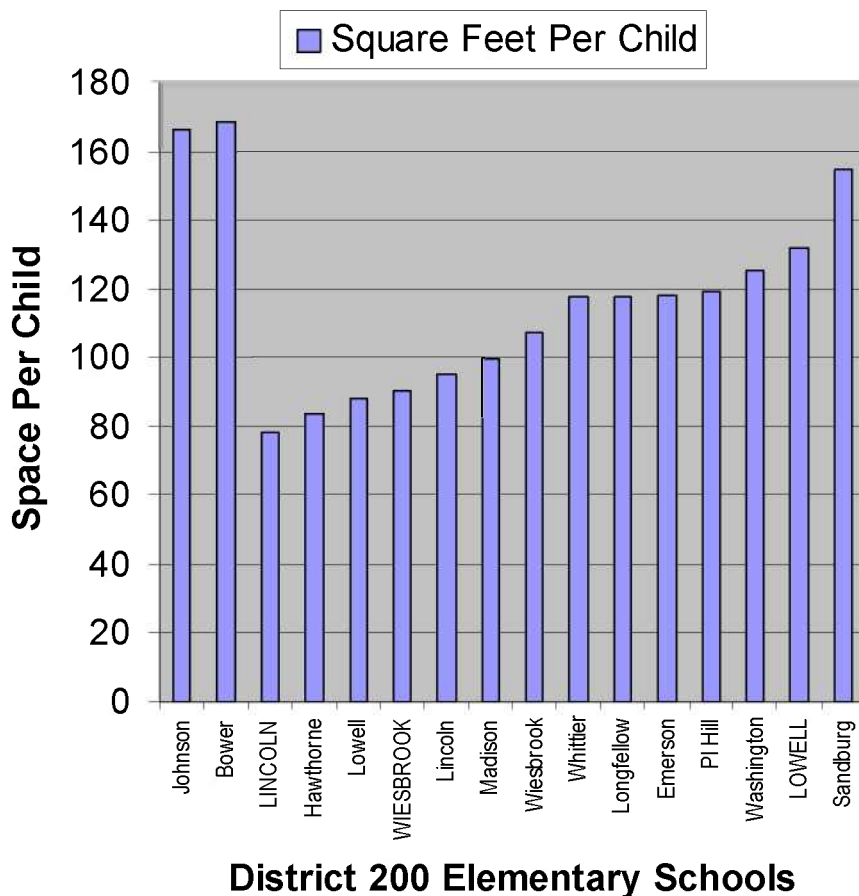


Learning Space After Redistricting



<i>Johnson –Wv</i>	166.4
<i>Bower – Wv</i>	168.3
LINCOLN	78.4
Hawthorne	83.5
Lowell	88.2
WIESBROOK	90.3
Lincoln	95.0
Madison	99.5
Wiesbrook	107.1
Whittier	117.5
Longfellow	117.6
Emerson	118.3
Pleasant Hill	119.2
AVERAGE	120
Washington	125.2
LOWELL	132.0
Sandburg	154.6

(ALL CAPS = Post Redistricting Figures)
 Total square footage of buildings from “CUSD 200 Facility Information by Site”; student enrollment from 2007 District report cards available on District 200 web site. Post-redistricting enrollment based upon District estimates of students who would change schools; actual change may be less initially due to limited grandfathering period.

How does your child’s school measure up? Neighborhood-based elementary schools to which students can walk would be the goal in an ideal world. District 200’s redistricting plan does this for 94 students in one subdivision – Danada North – by moving them from Lowell to Lincoln. However, the plan is not as clear cut as the Board might lead parents to believe. Consider the following additional facts:

1. The District also moved 85 students from Briarcliff North and South from Lowell to Wiesbrook. This was not necessary to the relocation of the Danada North students, and will result in longer bus rides for these students at both the elementary and middle school levels.
2. Some students who now walk to school will have to be bused, at an additional cost of about \$100,000 per year.
3. The redistricting cuts 1/3 of the students out of Lowell Elementary, and means that Lincoln Elementary School will have only 78.4 square feet per student – the least space in the District. Wiesbrook will be reduced to 90.3 square feet per student.
4. Students still won’t live in attendance areas contiguous to their schools (the schools aren’t located “where the children are”). Students in several areas of the District will not attend the closest elementary or middle school to their homes. The Board offers no plan to address this issue.
5. Warrenville has been taken care of – its elementary and middle schools have more square feet per student than either high school. (WNHS: 162.2 sf/student; WWS HS: 133.5 sf/student). Meanwhile, most Wheaton children’s elementary schools have less space than the District average.