

## Susan Baskett's Views on Pros and Cons of Annexation

### Pros

| <b>Ann Arbor Public Schools</b>                                                                                                       | <b>Whitmore Lake Community Schools</b>                                                                                                                                   |
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| Ability to acquire new school buildings and other WLCS assets                                                                         | Ability to keep school community identity and its students 'close to home' without additional costs                                                                      |
| Potential to increase student enrollment from areas immediately surrounding WLCS                                                      | WLCS students will benefit from the resources and reputation of being part of the AAPS                                                                                   |
| Additional funding due to the incentive funds of student (excluding students enrolled due to "Schools of Choice" option)              | Immediate infusion of resources, possibly ending programs previously eliminated due to lack of funding (i.e. AP classes in high school)                                  |
| Notoriety of saving a near-defunct school district                                                                                    | Increase in staff salaries to be on par with AAPS negotiated contracts (\$1.4M)                                                                                          |
| Satisfaction of being benevolent                                                                                                      | Health care benefits for Para-professional staff                                                                                                                         |
| AAPS students will have option of attending small comprehensive high school in the Whitmore Lake community (intra-district transfers) | WLCS students will have option of attending larger, more diverse schools in larger Ann Arbor (intra-district transfers)                                                  |
|                                                                                                                                       | Increased property values                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                       | Economic development (i.e. rental property)                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                       | Beneficiary of AAPS's recent technology bond, new computers, educational software, internet connectivity in schools and administrative offices) without paying anything! |
|                                                                                                                                       | Increased professional development                                                                                                                                       |

### Cons

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Agreed to acquire additional buildings and other assets and its maintenance, without any assessments/inspections</li> </ul>                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Loss of local governance; non-voting seats on AAPS BoE</li> </ul>                                                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Additional funding due to the incentive funds of \$100/student (excluding students enrolled due to "Schools of Choice" option) is not guaranteed sustainability</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· WLCS families will not be able to vote for the school board members until 2017</li> </ul>                                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· BoE acted without hearing from its constituents</li> </ul>                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Recreation Millage and its benefits will disappear</li> </ul>                                                            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Drains time and focus from new initiatives introduced last year by new Superintendent; potentially diluting the education of current AAPS students</li> </ul>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Will be asked to support future millages</li> </ul>                                                                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Local taxes will increase without immediate benefit to taxpayers</li> </ul>                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Potential loss of non-instructional staff (many being WL residents, i.e. bus drivers, food preparation, etc.)</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Jeopardizes passage of future millages (WL residents defeated previous millages)</li> </ul>                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Spreads benefits of technology bond over more students in broader geographical area</li> </ul>                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· No public discussion of doing nothing; AAPS may be able to acquire WLCS assets without a tax increase to AAPS tax payers</li> </ul>                                        |                                                                                                                                                                   |