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Alonso looks to stability after shift of central office employees

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Nearly all of the 300 central office employees whom Baltimore City schools chief [Andres Alonso](#) planned to move into schools have been placed, he said this week.

"Some of the people were willing to remain in the system, not necessarily in the job they wanted," he said.

Reassigning employees is part of his strategy to give schools more authority over how money is used to better suit each communities' needs.

Alonso said fewer than 10 employees from the central office on North Avenue have yet to be placed.

Many employees were expected to take a pay cut.

The reassignments helped take \$70 million from the central office and spread it into schools.

Alonso's first year heading Baltimore City schools included several drastic changes — such as the central office employees' reassignments — but Alonso said the next school year would allow the system to adjust to the moves and gain stability.

"There has to be a period of stability now because so much has been going on," he said. "So much of the things we've done are structural and forward-looking."

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