

Questions & Comments from Region 4 CMP Town Hall 08/18/2021



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I have emailed the superintendent and board-members about the air situation at Champion Middle School. The air is out on the STEM hall and it has been stated that the air will not be fixed until Spring of next year. The heat will not be fixed until then either? This is not acceptable. The students are hot and the situation is not acceptable.		The HVAC system issues at Champion Middle School are known and immediate issues are being addressed by DCSD Facilities and Maintenance Department. There is an E-SPLOST project for a full renovation of HVAC at Champion Middle School which will not begin until Spring of 2022.
SPLOST V actual funding received is \$610 million. SPLOST V actual commitments are \$212 million. Is it possible to accelerate school improvements?		We are working to accelerate whatever E-SPLOST projects we can while minimizing disruptions that construction can cause to instruction. Please visit the Capital Improvement Program Monthly Status Report for questions and concerns on SPLOST projects. www.dekalbschoolsga.org/e-splst/status-reports-audits/
page 8 - https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/documents/e-splst/2021/july-2021-msr-report.pdf		
Can you share the findings of the consultant brought in to go over SPLOST V bookkeeping?		Analysis and work being completed by the financial consultant hired on has not been finalized at this time
Could you clarify when the recalibrated FCAs and ESAs will be posted? Will there be time for PACs to review these and receive feedback prior to the Town Halls? Thank you.		The rubric for the ESA's and FCA's and the revised reports will be recalibrated and updated on the CMP website in the coming weeks. It is our goal to have these fully updated before the September Town Hall meetings.
If the current deficiencies of schools are not part of the Facility Condition Assessment Score, how are current deficiencies measured? How accurate are the FCA scores? For example Tucker High School has a FCA score of 91.9%, but there is at least one wing with no HVAC, and THS has more than 40 open work orders each month.		The rubric for the ESA's and FCA's and the revised reports will be recalibrated and updated on the CMP website in the coming weeks. It is our goal to have these fully updated before the September Town Hall meetings.
I'm really concerned about the possible closing of Dunaire Elementary. This is a school that is very important to the community it serves. It would be a great loss to the community for it to close.		Thank you for your feedback during this CMP process. Please use the CMP mailbox or CMP Feedback page to provide more questions and concerns. Mailbox: CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/feedback/
Who is responsible for responding to feedback submitted through the CMP website?		Responses from the CMP Feedback page are addressed in a collaborative effort from the CMP team.
The current deficiencies are not part of the FCA score.		The rubric for the ESA's and FCA's and the revised reports will be recalibrated and updated on the CMP website in the coming weeks. It is our goal to have these fully updated before the September Town Hall meetings.
How can we reach out to you?		Please use the CMP mailbox at CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org to provide feedback on all information. Also, questions and comments can be left on the Feedback page on the CMP website. https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/feedback/
Should individual senders expect responses to items submitted through the CMP Feedback system?		Questions submitted through the CMP Feedback system will address in public meetings or individual responses. Comments and feedback will be used as the CMP team develops options and recommendations
page 2 of every school's FCA states "the total current deficiencies and the first five years of projected life cycle needs were combined to calculate a Facility Condition Index (FCI). A 5-year FCI was calculated by dividing the 5-year need by the total replacement cost. Costs associated with new construction are not included in the FCI calculation. After the FCI was calculated, this value was subtracted from 100 to calculate the FCA Score in a similar fashion to report cards"		The rubric for the ESA's and FCA's and the revised reports will be recalibrated and updated on the CMP website in the coming weeks. It is our goal to have these fully updated before the September Town Hall meetings.
If a 54 year old school has old toilet partitions and a 34 year old school has old toilet partitions, how will prioritization be done?		Prioritizing the facility condition improvements of all DCSD schools and facilities is a part of the CMP. The condition of all bathroom fixtures is included in the Facility Condition Assessments and will be included in the prioritization of facility improvements.
What is the definition of "Near Term" as used on page 3 of the Facility Condition Assessment in the description of a Level 2 Priority? How many years?		The rubric for the ESA's and FCA's and the revised reports will be recalibrated and updated on the CMP website in the coming weeks. It is our goal to have these fully updated before the September Town Hall meetings.
Link to the Monthly Status Reports: https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/e-splst/status-reports-audits/		
How long will the students at Champion have to endure the sweltering conditions. The spot coolers do not provide any comfort and forcing students to sit in hot classes day after day is unacceptable. Students can learn in these conditions.		The HVAC system issues at Champion Middle School are known and immediate issues are being addressed by DCSD Facilities and Maintenance Department. There is an E-SPLOST project for a full renovation of HVAC at Champion Middle School which will not begin until Spring of 2022.
Comprehensive Master Plan email address: CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org		
How is a system's "expected serviceable life" determined?		The rubric for the ESA's and FCA's and the revised reports will be recalibrated and updated on the CMP website in the coming weeks. It is our goal to have these fully updated before the September Town Hall meetings.
What is the best location not on the website to learn more about modular replacement?		It is a goal of the CMP to relieve overcrowding in the District, which will remove the need for portable classrooms such as modulars. As the CMP process continues, please visit the CMP website for review of reports, analysis, options.
https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/feedback/		
How long will it take to get feedback from all of our questions and concerns?		Questions and concerns from the CMP Town Hall meetings will be posted on the CMP website within the week. For any additional information please use the CMP mailbox at CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org
Clinics and locker rooms missing from the ESA. How will they be assessed? How does the absence of a clinic affect the ESA score?		The rubric for the ESA's and FCA's and the revised reports will be recalibrated and updated on the CMP website in the coming weeks. It is our goal to have these fully updated before the September Town Hall meetings.
Why doesn't DCSD enforce warranties? Many of the newest schools have leaking roofs.		DCSD is working diligently with contractors to address our roofs and other items under warranty
The original CMP Timeline included a task, 2A. Formulation of Policies, Goals, & Objectives. This task doesn't appear on the revised CMP timeline. Is this task still active? When will the public see the results?		Task 2A has been completed at an earlier time in the CMP process. The results of Task 2A will be posted on the CMP website in the next few weeks.
How is the use of trailers reflected in the Educational Suitability Assessment Score? Neither trailers, nor portable classrooms are mentioned in the ESA guide posted online.		The rubric for the ESA's and FCA's and the revised reports will be recalibrated and updated on the CMP website in the coming weeks. It is our goal to have these fully updated before the September Town Hall meetings.
Is Cropper GIS still involved in the CMP? Will they provide "what if" enrollment forecasts for the CMP options so we can see how each options affects overcrowding and under capacity?		DCSD is working with Cropper GIS and McKibben Demographics to study demographic trends in the District population. Please visit: https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/data-dashboard/ for more information on enrollment forecasts and demographics.
The track at Champion Middle School is awful. When will it be updated?		The condition of tracks and fields at DCSD Middle schools will be included in the prioritization of facility improvement needs as part of the CMP. This prioritization will directly impact the E-SPLOST VI project list as well as capital improvements from any funding source.

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Are the forecast including families that are homeless and families that would be classified as refugee.		The forecast for DeKalb County School District does include families that are homeless or families that would be classified as refugee. DCSD is working with Cropper GIS and McKibben Demographics to study demographic trends in the District population. Please visit: https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/data-dashboard/ for more information on enrollment forecasts and demographics.
The ESA guide includes ADA access to elementary playgrounds. Many elementary playgrounds lack ADA access and still received high scores. How can this be explained?		The rubric for the ESA's and FCA's and the revised reports will be recalibrated and updated on the CMP website in the coming weeks. It is our goal to have these fully updated before the September Town Hall meetings.
If a stakeholder believes the capacity of a school is wrong because the wrong number of classrooms was used, how can they get that addressed?		Please use the CMP mailbox at CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org to provide feedback on all information including FCA, ESA, Capacity, Demographic Study, and Inventory of Special Programs.
Please don't forget that the Chamblee cluster doesn't have a track at its MS or HS.		Thank you for your feedback during this CMP process. Please use the CMP mailbox or CMP Feedback page to provide more questions and concerns. Mailbox: CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/feedback/
Is there a target size for new middle or high schools?		The target size of elementary, middle, and high schools have not been determined. The District serves many different communities and neighborhoods so school size can vary.
Please explain why schools get a point on the ESA when something is missing.		The rubric for the ESA's and FCA's and the revised reports will be recalibrated and updated on the CMP website in the coming weeks. It is our goal to have these fully updated before the September Town Hall meetings.
Why was swimming dropped from the ESA?		The Comprehensive Master Plan ESA reports will evaluate all schools on a standard level. Not all facilities have swimming pools, so quality of pools is not being used as a determination of educational suitability.
Considering 900 is the target for elementary, how does impact smaller schools that are currently function?		The target size of elementary, middle, and high schools have not been determined. The District serves many different communities and neighborhoods so school size can vary.
Not every high school has tennis courts Not every high school has baseball facilities		Thank you for your feedback during this CMP process. Please use the CMP mailbox or CMP Feedback page to provide more questions and concerns. Mailbox: CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/feedback/