

Questions & Comments from Region 7 CMP Town Hall 08/26/2021



Question or Comment	In-Chat Response	Post-Meeting Response
Under Task 3 it says options development. What possible school choice options are being considered for Region 7?		All options including school choice and special program recommendations will be presented at the September Town Hall meetings.
What metrics are being used to determine whether a program is successful?		A review of the data for the past 5 School Choice enrollment cycles is being conducted and will be utilized to determine the status of each program.
In the next townhall will you all be discussing FLEX academy?	Yes, let us know more about Flex Academy https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/flex-academy/	
Will split feeders be considered in the options? Prior to E-SPLOST-V project selection this was not considered, as I recall.		Redistricting and feeder patterns are being considered with all options which will be presented at the September Town Hall meetings.
Many parents are choosing to send their children away from their zoned schools. Is there anything the CMP can do to help re-brand schools that have a more negative community perception?		The CMP team is working collaboratively with the Division of Community Empowerment, Innovation, and Partnerships (CEIP) to address concerns such as re-branding and external engagement with community members and local businesses. Over the next year CEIP will work with neighborhood schools to continue highlighting the positive events in the community.
Planning's Facilities Map shows an Environmental Studies Center Facility in Region 7. What is this used for?		Environmental Studies Center was previously used by the University of Georgia (UGA) as a study site. The property is currently vacant.
Will McNair MS get athletic lighting or does it already have lights at its football field?		McNair MS alongside other middle schools across the District are being considered for track and field renovations in the CMP which will transition to SPLOST VI.
Is there an update for when the Forecasts for School Choice will be posted?		It is the goal of the District and CMP team to have all reports posted before the September Town Hall meetings.
How do you convince families to ignore the negative stigma associated with the McNair cluster?	Please contact our school Principals and find out what's good that's going on in the schools and let others know what you've learned.	
When will the roof at Oakview be fixed?		Any immediate issues will be addressed by DCSD Facilities and Maintenance Department. If major renovations or a roof replacement is needed, this will be considered during the CMP process.
Does school improvement require a new "Program" instead of strengthening the basics of a traditional school?		School improvement can be in the form of enhancing a school program through the implementation of a new program of interest for the community, as well as strengthening the components of the existing traditional program. "New" is not a mandatory component of improvement.
How long will PACs have to review the updated FCA, send in comments, and have at least a phone call to resolve any issues? If for some reason the updated FCAs still have problems, how will that impact the options that were based on FCAs that still need correction?		The CMP Team encourages feedback community stakeholders through this process and will continue to make revisions to all reports as needed to ensure accuracy.
https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/		
How do we propose projects / strategy for the strategic plan?	You can send your proposals and strategies through the comprehensive master plan website form here: https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/feedback/ Please take advantage of the Page on the CMP website to provide that as 'Feedback' https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/feedback/	
Thank you, all. Just feels like we're being asked to make a leap of faith when it comes to the McNair cluster. My child's education isn't something I care to gamble with.		
When is a school added to the list for a new roof?		Major renovations and replacements are based on the Facility Condition Assessment (FCA) reports. Services based roof factor in age and condition of roof to prioritize the order replacements.
What is the process for giving recommendation? Ie Cedar Grove is receiving a well deserved turf field but I am partial to Arabia Mountain because my child is there...lol		Please take advantage of the Page on the CMP website to provide that as 'Feedback' https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/feedback/ You can send your proposals and strategies for the CMP Team to review
Does current SPLOST funding include maintenance of facilities that are in need of major renovations until they make "the list" or does that come from district general funds?		E-SPLOST funding is a major funding source for Capital Improvement but it is not the sole source of funding.
Will there be more Choice Middle schools in the area close to Narvie?		All options including school choice and special program recommendations will be presented at the September Town Hall meetings