

# Questions & Comments from Region 6 CMP Town Hall 08/30/2021



Question or Comment	In-Chat Response	Post-Meeting Response
Did he say they may move the kids from Wadsworth to a temporary location while they complete the HVAC renovation at that school? If so, can we confirm that the temporary location is outfitted with proper ventilation and COVID safety measures to ensure the children are safe while in the temporary location?		The District is currently renovating the Green Forrest Drive facility to be used as a temporary facility to serve our students and provide an environment for education. The facility will pass all requirements before opening to students and staff.
Will it be considered to include 7th and 8th grade for Wadsworth?		Thank you for your feedback during this CMP process. All options including school choice and special program recommendations will be presented at the September Town Hall meetings.
For Dr. Alexander, Wadsworth Magnet School parents would like for the school to extend thru 7th and 8th grade. What would it take to make that happen?	<p>Thank you for the question. Please allow me some time to follow up on previous discussion and get back with you. When is the next PAC meeting?</p> <p>Thank you. I will ensure that the invitation is extended for the next PAC meeting.</p> <p>Thank you so much, Ms. Murray; I look forward to the invite.</p>	
What is the driving purpose for replacing our smaller neighborhood schools with 950-seat prototype schools? I assume the large schools are driven for financial reasons. If so, what is the annual operational savings of replacing 2 small schools with one large school?		
How do facilities get selected for the renovation or replacement?		Major renovations and replacements are based on the Facility Condition Assessment (FCA) reports. Renovation and replacement services are based on factors including age and condition of systems that help the selection of facilities and prioritization order.
Can you talk about the security vestibule at Wadsworth. What is that?		Operating as a buffer zone to the entrance of your facility, a security vestibule offers an additional layer of access control.
What contingency plans is DCSD making in the event that voters do not approve SPLOST VI in November?		E-SPLOST has been a major source of funding for capital improvement projects. If the SPLOST VI vote is not approved by voters the District will have to reduce the amount projects due to the loss of funding. In November 2022 the District would send the SPLOST VI again for public vote.
So on the project list, Wadsworth Magnet Knollwood refers to the old Wadsworth? I see Former Wadsworth Facility and Green Forrest Drive Renovation on the project list too.		Wadsworth Magnet (at the former) Knollwood is the current campus. The District is renovating the Green Forrest Drive facility so that it can be used as a temporary facility to serve students and provide an environment for education. The facility will pass all requirements before opening to students and staff.
Yes, support a 7-8 grade at Wadsworth!		Thank you for your feedback during this CMP process. The District is considering several options. Please join us for the September Regional Town Hall meetings to provide feedback on the options and recommendations.
What goals does the CMP have for utilization of schools? Region 6 MS have over 1000 unused MS seats and over 1000 unused HS seats. The CMP forecast shows an enrollment decrease.		The CMP is looking at both overcrowding and under utilization as part of developing recommendations. There are no specific targets for school utilization, however keeping schools below 95% and above 70% utilization is a common general benchmark used when discussing future school utilization.
I am a current Wadsworth parent and would certainly support the addition of 7th and 8th grades. I believe adding those grades would attract more students to the school.		Thank you for your feedback during this CMP process. The District is considering several options. Please join us for the September Regional Town Hall meetings to provide feedback on the options and recommendations.
Agreed. The CMP should include expansion options for Wadsworth		Thank you for your feedback during this CMP process. The District is considering several options. Please join us for the September Regional Town Hall meetings to provide feedback on the options and recommendations.
Please advise how we can note our support of the grade extension at Wadsworth. You said we can lend our support. Please advise how we may do so.	<p>We need to formalize a committee and have a unified voice.</p> <p>Question: How to support grade extension at Wadsworth. Answer: use the 'Feedback' option on the CMP webpage: <a href="https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/feedback/">https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/feedback/</a></p>	
Recommendation for next round of funding: Need of new ES school in Region VI. Reason: buildings are old (1960's old)		Thank you for your feedback during this CMP process. The District is considering several options. Please join us for the September Regional Town Hall meetings to provide feedback on the options and recommendations.
Am I correct that making Wadsworth a K-8 school would remove the MS High Achiever Magnet from Chapel Hill MS?		If Wadsworth becomes 4-8, it would most likely, but not absolutely, take the place of the Chapel Hill MS program. Both options could be considered.
Sorry, Wadsworth would be 4-8. If this happens, then is it correct that the High Achiever Magnet path would be Wadsworth and then Southwest DeKalb HS?		
What does the educational research surrounding K-8 and other student grade configurations say about student achievement, emotional well-being, and parental involvement vs. DeKalb's current grade configurations?		Thank you for your feedback during this CMP process. The District is considering several options. Please join us for the September Regional Town Hall meetings to provide feedback on the options and recommendations.
Are we sure that ALL the students in the program at Chapel Hill are Magnet kids?		All students in the program are "magnet" kids, but some live in the attendance area.
Have there been sufficient issues at elementary / middle schools to necessitate the use of funds for security vestibules? What data supports this?		The priority of the District is to ensure the safety of all our students and staff. The need for vestibules at schools comes from the evaluation and recommendations of our District leadership and by request of school stakeholders via Principals and PACs.
Economies of scale with larger schools sounds a lot like larger class size instead of investing in improving hiring of teachers		Thank you for your feedback during this CMP process. The District is considering several options. Please join us for the September Regional Town Hall meetings to provide feedback on the options and recommendations.
Are vestibules less expensive than an officer?		The priority of the District is to ensure the safety of all our students and staff. The need for vestibules at schools comes from the evaluation and recommendations of our leadership and by request of community stakeholders.
Wadsworth students would have to apply to Arabia or Chamblee, right? Magnet program continuation would take them to Southwest DeKalb, right?		All Magnet programs have an application process.
I find mega schools a peculiar choice when school violence has been an ongoing concern and now a pandemic which calls for smaller number of students in larger spaces.		Thank you for your feedback during this CMP process. The District is considering several options. Please join us for the September Regional Town Hall meetings to provide feedback on the options and recommendations.
Will adequate parking for staff and parental involvement and large separate bus and car pool lanes be provided for larger schools?		The need for additional parking and transportation space has been accounted for during the design and construction of our new facilities. Please visit any our new schools to see the design and parking additions that now better serve our communities.
but magnet eligibility should be automatic at SWD for WMS students.	All Magnet programs have an application process.	As long as academic eligibility is maintained, there is automatic matriculation from Wadsworth Magnet to magnet program at Chapel Hill MS and then to magnet program at SWD HS
When are we going to see repairs?		SPLOST V only 31% complete and completion in two years: Most SPLOST V projects will be complete by end-2023. A small number of projects (6 or 7) are currently scheduled by the Board to finish in 2023 or 2024.

DAS (DeKalb Alternative School) was approved for roof during the last budget meeting are we a priority?		The DAS roof project is in the construction/procurement phase and on track to be completed by next year.
In the Cross Keys cluster we have Sequoyah Middle School - 44 portable classroom, built 1965, with 750+ over populated. No other middle school in the county, except for Peachtree MS (19 portable classrooms) ALL other MS have zero, nada portable classrooms. Our neighbors, 3.7 miles away, Chamblee MS has zero portable classrooms and underpopulated, built 2005, all according to CMP. There is no comparison with the inequalities, danger in which 750 students with no SRO only security cameras. We were promised a school 10 years ago. This is ongoing problem, not NEW to DCSD. Many mails from the community and we are in limbo		Thank you for your feedback during this CMP process. One of the major goals of the CMP is to relieve overcrowding and repair/replace facilities in poor condition. The CMP team appreciates your feedback and will work to address the concerns of the District.
We have funded SPLOSTs for 24 years, and we still have \$2Billion in facility needs. Why is the district not getting ahead of these needs? How can taxpayers feel confident that DCSD won't need extra penny sales taxes forever?		DCSD will continue to work to address facility needs as they arise. All projects listed in SPLOST V will be completed by 2023. It is our goal to provide all students and staff across the District with great facilities.
Referencing Ms. Kelly's comment re: unused MS and HS seats, will the CMP be able to address offering transportation for ex. North end students who desire to attend a school in the South?		Thank you for your feedback during this CMP process. The District is considering several options. Please join us for the September Regional Town Hall meetings to provide feedback on the options and recommendations.
DeKalb High School of Technology South has been long overlooked. Can it be assessed for maintenance and upgrade needs since it serves a host of other high schools?		Thank you for your feedback during this CMP process. The District is considering several options. Please join us for the September Regional Town Hall meetings to provide feedback on the options and recommendations.
Let's allow Dr. Alexander an opportunity to hear our voices in another forum.		Thank you
Good afternoon, my name is Gisela, she studies at John Lewis in kindergarten and the overcrowded classrooms have between 20 to 25 children per classroom and only one teacher per classroom takes charge. I don't understand what happens or if the teacher can handle all the children? How is the treatment of this problem that teachers do?		20 to 25 students is within the typical range of class sizes for elementary school classes in the District. As such, the classroom management resources and standards within the District are targeted to be effective at these class sizes.
Can we have a committed date for the discussion about Wadsworth grade expansion?	Ms. Tribble let us gather and extend an invitation.  Re: Marci Tribble - I will make sure Dr. Alexander gets the invitation.  Please schedule a meeting for just the 7-8 grade conversation. Too many topics get to be cluttered. Thank you!	
Is the district still in need of bus drivers? Won't it be difficult to transport students who want to attend schools outside of their neighborhood schools?		The District is currently in need of bus drivers, and a shortfall of bus drivers does make delivering transportation to all schools and programs more difficult.
ALL (except for three MS). Have been built between 1997-2007, ALL in the south end of the county. CrossKeys built in the 60's and SMS 1965.		
In the 2016 Secondary Schools Facility Planning and Feasibility Study we were told that the goal was 85% - 100% utilization. Is that still true? Thank you.		Factoring in the impact that COVID-19 pandemic has had on education across the globe enrollment has declined. The target goal for students in our facilities is still 85-100% utilization but District leadership understands that it is difficult at this time to keep that standard.
Please use the CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org mailbox to provide feedback and suggestions for the CMP Team		
When will a decision be made on a permanent Region 6 Superintendent? Giving all that is going on right now, we need stability.		Region 6 - We recognize the importance of this instructional leadership role for the district and we are thankful for Dr. Alexander's leadership. In the coming weeks we will share next steps permanent appointment.
When so many schools throughout the district are 50+ years old, why did the district decide to fund turf, track, and lighting at all 18 high schools? Shouldn't the priority be safe classroom spaces, cafeterias, restrooms, etc... for all students over athletic fields used by only a fraction of students?		In response to a sharp increase in construction costs and other emerging budgetary concerns, the E-SPLOST V budget and project list was revisited in 2019. After weighing several options, the board voted to fully fund a majority of the projects in the program by deferring a few very large projects. The projects funded include a new elementary school, safety upgrades including retrofitting fire-sprinkler systems, security vestibules and fencing, major renovations, HVAC and Roof replacement, and more. For the next SPLOST the District will be considering several options. Please join us for the September Regional Town Hall meetings to provide feedback on the options and recommendations.
I hope that Region I is also on the table. 750+ students no cover among 44 trailers at Sequoyah Middle School. We are addressing HVAC systems and water leaks... how about 750+ students whose lives are in question on a daily basis. Folks in a middle of a Pandemic? I guess HVAC is more important than children's lives, on a daily basis.  In the Cross Keys cluster we have Sequoyah Middle School. 44 portable trailers, built in 1965 with 750+ over populated. No other school in the county, except for Peachtree MS (19 portable classrooms) ALL other MS have zero trailers, nada. Our neighbors across the track, Chamblee Middle School, zero trailers and underpopulated. 3.7 miles apart. Built in 2007 (give and take) according to CMP. No SRO only security cameras. No cover for the children.... Are you serving all children equally? The way our community was segregated in 2016, has taken a huge tow in our community....This is no news to DCSD, you can not get to overpop[ulation of over 750 students in one year... How much longer after 10 years of being promised a new school must we have to wait? Does tragedy needs to happen before DCSD is going to look at the safety and equality of Cross Keys clusters schools...		Thank you for your feedback during this CMP process. All options including facility additions and replacements will be presented at the September Town Hall meetings.  The CMP team will use all feedback from stakeholders when developing options. Please use the CMP mailbox or CMP Feedback page to provide more specific feedback and concerns in the coming weeks. Mailbox: CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org <a href="https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/feedback/">https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/feedback/</a>
Thank you for providing this opportunity to interact. Will there be online surveys in the future for stakeholders who cannot participate at 6pm on a weeknight? If so, can surveys be set up so that stakeholders can only complete the survey once?		There will be a CMP survey for stakeholders to share feedback and concerns. This survey will be made available the first full week of September.
I'm sure the incident at McNair Elem in 2013 played a role in the security vestibule projects decision in 2016.		This is very likely true.
Are mental health resources for our schools included in this funding?		E-SPLOST funding can only be used for capital improvements (e.g. new construction, facility improvements, technology upgrades, etc.) The CMP team would like to hear from all stakeholders. Please use the CMP mailbox or CMP Feedback page to provide more specific feedback and concerns. Mailbox: CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org <a href="https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/feedback/">https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/feedback/</a>
How do you make sure traditional schools get the attention they deserve when the choice schools have a more vocal advocacy group		Recommendations from federal, state, District leadership and request of community stakeholders the CMP team is reviewing air quality and distribution across the District.
What lessons has the district administration learned during this pandemic, and how will these experiences impact the CMP and future SPLOST projects?		
los autobuses no tienen aire acondicionado? de la escuela John Lewis elementary y la secuya intermedia por que los niños llegan bien sudados [the buses do not have air conditioning? from John Lewis elementary school and Sequoyah middle school because the kids come in sweaty]		Gracias por sus comentarios durante este proceso de CMP. El Distrito está considerando varias opciones. Únase a nosotros en las reuniones regionales del ayuntamiento de septiembre para brindar comentarios sobre las opciones y recomendaciones.
Some of the previous HVAC projects in our schools have not been satisfactory and have required constant repairs. Does the district require that contractors guarantee their work or provide a warranty?		DCSD is working diligently with contractors to address our roofs, and other items under warranty including parts of recently installed HVAC systems.
Given that the school district has no authority over road construction, will the district even consider building larger schools or expanding schools until traffic studies are completed? If schools have failed traffic studies, will DCSD look for creative solutions?		Thank you for your feedback during this CMP process. The District is considering several options. Please join us for the September Regional Town Hall meetings to provide feedback on the options and recommendations.
One other point -- we cannot school choice our way out of the enrollment imbalances -- there are not enough DeKalb students to fill all the schools in DeKalb. If you had more choice, you are simply adding kids to one school while likely removing them from a school just moves kids around		Please use the CMP mailbox or CMP Feedback page to provide more questions and concerns. Mailbox: CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org <a href="https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/feedback/">https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/feedback/</a>
I don't recall tracks, turf fields, and lighting being part of the SPLOST V planning in meetings held in 2016. Was that something that previous leadership, Dr. Greene or Ms. Tyson, made a priority?		Projects 301 & 302 were on the first SPLOST V project list approved by the board in March 2017 and were scheduled to start in 2021.

<p>Ms. Harris and all, as a parent advocate for a voiceless community, our community is getting tired. This is obvious segregation and discrimination. Be true to ALL children, not according to their zip code</p>		<p>Please use the CMP mailbox or CMP Feedback page to provide more questions and concerns.          Mailbox: <a href="mailto:CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org">CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org</a>  <a href="https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/feedback/">https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/feedback/</a></p>
<p>Has the CMP considered moving some administrative offices to half empty schools and putting students at AIC?</p>		<p>The District is considering several options. Please join us for the September Regional Town Hall meetings to provide feedback on the options and recommendations.</p>
<p>For those of us whose children are in overcrowded schools, can we count on some redistricting to happen for the 22-23 school year?</p>		<p>All options including redistricting and feeder-pattern recommendations will be presented at the September Town Hall meetings.</p>