

Questions & Comments from Region II CMP Town Hall 10/06/2021



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| Will athletics become decentralized with the K-8 model? How will athletics be impacted? | | With the recommendations of the CMP the goal is to minimize the impact of student academics and activities. The draft CMP presentation will go into further detail regarding implementation, schedules, and timelines of projects. |
| Also, I have reviewed the plans, I see a focus all access to high achievement program. Given that 1 in 5 children have a language processing disorder and Dekalb is currently part of the Dyslexia Pilot program, how can we incorporate programs for our exceptional learners? | | The Student Support Services is actively working to ensure all scholars have access to the proper programs and resources. With any specific feedback please email the CMP mailbox at CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org so the CMP team can contact the proper DCSD staff to ensure all needs are addressed. |
| So that means the children will be relocated to different schools in Jan 2022? | I think "the plan" is for e-Splost and will be implemented slowly. For example, building schools will take a LOOOONG time. I think the next vote for e-Splost is 2022. So this CMP is probably setting up the project list for that e-Splost vote. | |
| Also, with Pleasantdale becoming K-8 and Sagamore moving to Druid Hills, HMS enrollment will decrease, what is the plan here? | | |
| The number of classrooms is wrong in several capacity calculations | | Thank you for your feedback. Please send any concerns you have regarding the Capacity Report to the CMP team via CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org |
| The reports were not vetted by the PACs, so you don't know that they are correct. | | Thank you for your feedback. The CMP team has invited all PACs to have a meetings regarding assessments, reports, and options. Please send any concerns you have regarding the CMP or any reports presented to the CMP team via CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org |
| Is it possible we can look at making a small neighborhood school into a sixth grade academy, to try and hold on to our kids before parents pull them to go private or charter? They'd be more likely to move forward within the district if they can baby step their way into middle school | | Thank you for your feedback. The options for the Comprehensive Master Plan are not finalized and all feedback received will be used to help determine the final CMP. |
| When will the public see the rest of the FCA Draft Scores by Cluster? The slide only shows Region 1 and 3 Region 2 schools. Please post this on the CMP website. | The FCA scores are considered 'Draft' until the Final CMP is published. Final review and re-calibration of FCA scores is ongoing. | All reports including FCAs and ESAs have been revised, reviewed, and reposted to the CMP website as of September 27th, 2021. Visit the Assessment Data tab. https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/data-dashboard/ |
| How does a school with 70 open work orders have the FCA score increase? | | The facility condition assessment does not account for the number of Work Orders at the facility. The DCSD facilities department to diligently working to close work orders in a timely manner. |
| But you are leaving elementary schools in region 1 overcrowded to create a few k-8s. Seems counter productive but a good way to save money -- trailers are cheaper than a new building. | | Thank you for your feedback. Redistricting options are also being considered during the Comprehensive Master Plan which will be presented at the next CMP Town Hall to present the draft CMP. |
| Very much like the K-8 concept | | |
| Dunwoody needs another MS and especially another HS!!! | | |
| This plan doesn't address underutilized middle and high schools | | |
| I sincerely hope the vetting will happen immediately. The fact that the reports are not going to matter greatly is not an excuse to not have them vetted by the PACs because if you are willing to have errors in the data for these reports, what other errors will you tolerate? This is an issue of building trust, given that previous redistricting was based on false information (for example, Evansdale was told they would get 70 more families but ended up with 120 families, and the last round of proposed redistricting was again based on false assumptions). This is not trivial. I know P&W would like to get this vetting done so DCSD is the reason it is not. | | Thank you for your feedback. The CMP team has invited all PACs to have a meetings regarding assessments, reports, and options. Please send any concerns you have regarding the CMP or any reports presented to the CMP team via CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org |
| 1200 ES is an Educational nightmare. | | Thank you for your feedback. The options for the Comprehensive Master Plan are not finalized and all feedback received will be used to help determine the final CMP. |
| NO! Look at the successful elementary schools and you find they are smaller | Vista - Yes I have to agree... the smaller classroom size results in better success. Amen to that. | |
| Do the 900+ seat schools meet all of the size and facility guidelines that the GADOE recommends? | | All recommendations of the CMP meet the requirements and guidelines set by the State and the Dekalb County School District. |
| Making elementary schools with 8-10 sections creates difficulties with communication and within teams. I used to teach in Fulton and APS where there were that many sections at the elementary level and it was VERY hard to get a grade level team on the same page when there were 8-10 third grades, second grades, etc.....I moved to DeKalb because of the small schools with only 4 sections per grade level. | | |
| Larger schools isn't the same as larger classrooms | | |

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| Since this is the town hall for Region 2, would love if there is time left to address Region 2 school recommendations specifically - for example, the recommendation to merge Midvale at Livsey. There is no info on what will happen with the Livsey facility - it's already overcrowded (at 129% capacity), and has a lower facility score than Midvale. Surely there must be a plan for a new facility there? Clarification would be useful. | | The CMP recommendation is to merge Midvale ES (85% capacity) and Livsey ES (129% capacity with FCA score 59) at the Livsey ES site. |
| I agree, smaller classes work better for children. | | |
| K-8 is proposed because kids are leaving after elementary and returning in high school? That's because the middle schools are too big! And now you suggest bigger schools. | | |
| Regarding school size - Fernbank parent leaders told me that their change to a 900 student school was fine. I don't recommend increasing any given school, just sharing what I heard. | | |
| But why would you redistrict and move kids to a worse facility? I'm asking for clarification on the facility issue. | | Thank you for sharing your feedback. The consolidation at Livsey ES will require upgrades and renovations. The scope and design of this recommendation has not been completed. |
| We could do a school with K-2 and use another building for 3-5 but they're actually the same school, buckhead does this. | | The CMP team has received the recommendation. Thank you for the comment. |
| Even with redistricting, Livsey does not have the capacity for 400 additional students. | Midvale students will be redistricted too | |
| How can you build new facilities at Smoke Rise and Pleasantdale and say they'll still be underutilized in 2031? This shows that building giant elementary schools doesn't solve the problem | | |
| Are these adjusted for the changes do the Pandemic? People are moving. | | The impacts of COVID-19 have been accounted for in the demographic and forecast study. The full Demographic Analysis & Forecast study are available on the cmp website. www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan |
| When would a K-8 at Austin start? | | The draft Comprehensive Master Plan will be presented to the public in early December. The draft CMP will include a detailed schedule of recommended projects. |
| Will there be a new Dresden facility? | | Based on the current recommendations of the Comprehensive Master Plan, Dresden elementary will be consolidated at the Livsey site. Livsey ES will require upgrades and renovations. |
| What would the middle school be for cross keys cluster, then? I don't see new middle school listed..... | | |
| What about the overcrowding at Tucker High? | | The current CMP recommendations and options do not have any additional recommendations for Tucker HS. Please share any comments with the CMP Mailbox CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org |
| I'm not convinced K-8 will change the factors that lead to attrition. | | |
| How much will this cost the tax payers? | | The draft Comprehensive Master Plan will be presented to the public in early December. The draft CMP will include financial analysis and cost breakdown of recommended projects. |
| I would LOVE a K-8 at Austin- great idea and I hope it starts before my kiddo reaches MS! | It does make juggling the kids easier It's also good for community. This would solve some of the underutilization issues at Austin. Kids from Vanderyln and Austin would attend- so there would essentially be 3 options in Region 1 (Austin ES, new Dunwoody ES, and Peachtree MC) Amy, if you add three grades to Austin there won't be room for any other students from any other school. Vanderlyn and DES will still have trailers as the new elementary school is meant to relieve overcrowding from Montgomery as well as Dunwoody schools | |
| This is so ridiculous to merge Middle and Livsey AT Livsey... Livsey is already overcrowded and they cannot handle 400 more students. | Livsey is NOT an underutilized building! It's overcapacity! | The merging of Midvale and Livsey will require new upgrades and renovations. |
| I want to invite the Superintendent and Perkins & Will visit Tucker High between periods and try to walk up or down any stairwell. | | Thank you for your feedback. The District will work the Principal, plant engineer, and/or head custodian to submit work orders any address the facility concerns. |
| The K-8 concept is a cop-out because they already build giant elementary campuses that they can't fill | | |
| All of these changes will most likely not happen while our children are in those schools. I appreciate all of these ideas, but we need to also focus on the present during this pandemic. | | |
| There's lots of peer-reviewed research that has found smaller schools promote higher academic achievement because of an environment that facilitates relationships, belonging, and a sense of community. | | |
| Bigger classes = kids left behind. | | |

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| If you keep the buildings don't they still have to be maintained? If the ES students move out, what level of maintenance do you anticipate? | I don't have any confidence unfortunately that less and larger schools would be better maintained. Good point, if part of the motivation of the CMP is to better utilize DCSD resources by reducing the number of facilities to be maintained, why is there talk of keeping old facilities and repurposing them? | |
| Tucker High has an IB program and undersized classrooms. | | |
| Hawthorne and Hamilton Mill Elementary schools have 2 different learning models. The merger won't work for these schools. I have personally spoken on this to the organizers of this meeting for years. | | Thank you for your feedback. Hawthorne and Henderson Mill elementary stakeholders have expressed to the CMP team the desire to remain in the current attendance areas. The CMP team has heard this request and will continue to review options that will best serve the students, optimize facility usage, and address facility improvement needs. |
| DHHS absolutely needs massive renovation and more modernized facilities. | Yes and heating/air upgrades at DHHS. | The prioritization of projects including roof and HVAC replacements which will be future projects ar going to be shared at the draft Comprehensive Master Plan presentation in early December. The draft CMP will included the list of SPLOST VI projects. |
| only 1 of the 6 potentially merged schools qualifies as underutilized | | |
| What is the cost estimate for a Performing Arts Academy? | | The draft Comprehensive Master Plan will be presented to the public in early December. The draft CMP will included financial analysis and cost breakdown of recommended projects. |
| When will we see cost estimates for all of these "recommendations?" | It's not productive to wave all of these projects as possibilities if DCSD can't afford them any time soon. The public must know the cost of various options to give valid input. | The draft Comprehensive Master Plan will be presented to the public in early December. The draft CMP will included financial analysis and cost breakdown of recommended projects. The draft CMP will also be posted on the CMP website. |
| Many of us at Livsey bought homes and moved to Tucker to give our kids the opportunity of a smaller elementary school. I would prefer to see our money go into fixing what we have instead of trying to do too much and fix as well as do new builds for an environment that is not what we moved here for | | |
| What about mainstreaming the special needs students and not segregating them based on disability? | That is why Hawthorne is so important. We need to stay a smaller school to focus on the needs of all students | |
| Agree that higher achievers should be kept at their community schools. | | The CMP team has received the community input for high achievers within neighborhood schools. The CMP team will await District leadership to confirm their vision of High Achiever Programs before making any recommendations to neighborhood schools. |
| And what I have seen - majority of special need students are placed in trailers. That is segregation to me. | | The Student Support Services is actively working to ensure all scholars have access to the proper programs and resource. If there is a specific concern please send message to the CMP mailbox so we can contact the appropriate DCSD staff. CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org |
| High achiever can't be implemented in 10 years? | | The CMP team has received the community input for high achievers within neighborhood schools. The CMP team will await District leadership to confirm their vision of High Achiever Programs before making any recommendations to neighborhood schools. |
| How will the operation of Early Learning Centers be funded? | How will the operation of Early learning centers be funded? Will their operation share K-12 funding? | One of the recommendations of the Comprehensive Master Plan is to introduce early learning centers in each region. The District is reviewing several different methods to fund the recommended projects in the CMP. |
| are traffic studies being done at any of these proposed sites? | | Alongside reviewing redistricting options the CMP team is examining traffic flows and future growth in housing and commercial developments. |
| Sagamore can walk to Lakeside. It is not close to Druid Hills. | | |
| NO! Sagamore Hills is right beside LHS. That is a bad decision. Have any of you ever tried driving from the Sagamore area to the DHHS area? Its ridiculous traffic wise at all times of day. | | |
| So the only reason stated for moving Sagamore to DHHS is that Lakeside is overcrowded? | | The reason for the Sagamore Hills ES split feeder recommendation is to put in place a plan to relieve Lakeside HS in the future years. |
| I live 4 mins from Lakeside. I don't want to triple or quadruple commute | | |
| Sagamore Hills Elementary has NEVER been 100% districted to Druid Hills | Sagamore was split. kids on one side of Lavista went to DH and the rest to Lakeside. | |
| Austin was just built- to make it a K-8, there would be more renovations? | | Austin ES would need upgrades/renovations to prepare for a K-8 transition. |
| I am an educator myself - special education (specifically Deaf/HOH students) but I am seeing »regular« special needs students being placed in trailers and I find that to be an issue to me as an individual who believes in special students being mainstreamed, etc. at least put them in the same buildings instead of putting them outside or in the back or whatever. | I agree. I have two special needs kids- one at Austin, another at Coralwood. My concern is that once my little "graduates" from Coralwood, he may be segregated to a separate Region 1 school that's not his neighborhood school | The Student Support Services is actively working to ensure all scholars have access to the proper programs and resource. If there is a specific concern please send message to the CMP mailbox so we can contact the appropriate DCSD staff. CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org |
| Moving 50 kids to Druid hills is not the answer | | |

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| HMS is not overcrowded. If Sagamore and Pleasantdale middle schoolers do not attend HMS then it will be underutilized. To match with the high school, Lakeside needs to be expanded. Adding another story to that school can be done. | | Sagamore Hills Elementary community has expressed to the CMP team the desire to remain in the current attendance area. The CMP team has heard this request and will continue to review options that relieve Lakeside High School in the years to come. |
| Livsey seriously need revelations... and make it ADA more friendly/accessible. | | The CMP recommendation for consolidating Midvale ES with Livsey ES will require upgrades and renovations. |
| neither site at HES or HMES cannot support a large facility | | |
| Also, if you make the new Dunwoody elementary school a k-8 that means fewer spaces per grade level and less relief for current and future overcrowding in the area | I think the new Dunwoody K-8 is a good idea b/c I know a ton of parents that are upset that their kiddos are currently split with the current Dunwoody ES model, as the older grades are at another campus | |
| I dont see how Livsey could accommodate more cars | | |
| PART of sagamore once fed into Druid Hills.. a minority part of it, the majority went to Lakeside 20+ years ago. I was a student then, and one of a handful that went to Sagamore and then went to Druid Hills. We had to sit in Emory traffic everyday to come to and from school, and none of my friends lived nearby... I was put into another community's school and it wasn't ideal. This is what we would be doing to our children and community. | | Thank you for your feedback. Sagamore Hills Elementary community has expressed to the CMP team the desire to remain in the current attendance area. The CMP team has heard this request and will continue to review options that relieve Lakeside High School in the years to come. |
| Does moving Sagamore really lessen the over crowding? It's a crazy drive to Druid Hills vs where some kids can even walk and ride bikes to lakeside now. It's would fracture the community feel we have in Sagamore. | | Thank you for your feedback. Sagamore Hills Elementary community has expressed to the CMP team the desire to remain in the current attendance area. The CMP team has heard this request and will continue to review options that relieve Lakeside High School in the years to come. |
| I do not understand how consolidating Midvale to the overcrowded Livsey building, which by this report has a lower FAC score, is of benefit to anyone. | | |
| They cannot force your child to go to a different school just because the child's needs cannot be met at the local school. IEP - make it noted and stand your ground... | | |
| When merging schools, is there a plan to update the buildings at all? | | The CMP recommendation for consolidating Midvale ES with Livsey ES will require upgrades and renovations. |
| Does consolidating schools also involve increasing the building size? Referring to the Hawthorne and Henderson Mill consolidation. | | For more feedback and details on the merge Hawthorne ES and Henderson Mill ES at Hawthorne site please attend the draft CMP presentation in early December. |
| Did you get feedback from the actual families in these school districts? I cannot imagine anyone that lives in Livsey and Midvale would want to merge their awesome small schools into a large 900 kid school. Most of us moved to these districts particularly for the SMALL schools. | | |
| When do you plan to implement the redistricting? | | All redistricting recommendations will be presented at the next CMP Town Hall which will cover the entire draft CMP. All redistricting changes will have to need separate community engagements outside the context of the CMP. The redistricting recommendations vary depending on the available facilities and completion of future construction projects. |
| Re Sagamore / Lakeside / DHHS- per DCSD demographic data both high school populations are projected to decrease over the next 10 years; lakeside by =11%, DHHS -8% | | |
| why are you planning roof and HVAC repairs/upgrades if you plan to tear the school down the next year? | if you're fixing the building anyway, then just leave the students there and don't merge the schools | |
| where will the new Cross Keys Hs be located? Region 1 or 2? | | The new Cross Keys HS will be a rebuild on the Cross Keys site. |
| would someone please let me know if you all are using these renovations and changes with the funding from the cares act? | | Please attend the draft CMP presentation to find out how the District plans to use several funding options to pay for capital improvement projects and facility needs. Funding sources include CARES Act, Capital Outlay Program, ESPLOST, etc. |
| Why would you even consider moving Sagamore Hills Elem students out of Lakeside when those students live within walkable distance of Lakeside High School??? Yet you'd keep students living OUTSIDE of 285? | The children "outside of the perimeter" live in walking distance to Henderson Middle and Sagamore is far away. Please keep that in mind. We need to keep the cluster together. Exactly. Distance from a high school greatly impacts a students ability to participate in extracurricular activities and tutoring. It's ridiculous to move close by students and keep distanced students. you are in middle school for three years and it is largely a transitional period. Extracurriculars and Academic performance is significantly more impactful at the high school level. I am discussing the move of Sagamore to DHHS. That distance is unreasonable. | Thank you for your feedback. Sagamore Hills Elementary community has expressed to the CMP team the desire to remain in the current attendance area. The CMP team has heard this request and will continue to review options that relieve Lakeside High School in the years to come. |
| Laurel Ridge also has a leaky roof beyond service life | | |

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| What about the schools with leaking roofs that aren't under 60? | | The prioritization of projects including roof and HVAC replacements will be available at the draft Comprehensive Master Plan presentation in early December. The draft CMP will included the list of SPLOST VI projects. |
| The population projections are ridiculous. Do they not see the development happening around us? | | The Demographic and Forecast Study takes into account Census 2020 information, housing developments, migrations, and births. For the full report see the Demographic Analysis and Forecast on the CMP website. https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/data-dashboard/ |
| I completely respect and appreciate the "Everyone gets something, but no one gets everything,"... What does Sagamore get in this? | Sagamore get NOTHING but HORRID COMMUTES !!! We can walk and now this is terrible to send them to the other side of EMORY. That is insane when kids come 11 miles in. | Thank you for your feedback. Sagamore Hills Elementary community has expressed to the CMP team the desire to remain in the current attendance area. The CMP team has heard this request and will continue to review options that relieve Lakeside High School in the years to come. |
| Avondale needs a new roof and HVAC system. What is the plan for AES? | what is going to happen at Avondale Elementary? The building is almost 100 years old in 2024. Avondale Elementary needs a sprinkler system, roof, and HVAC. How and when will these problems with deferred maintenance be addressed, if not through the CMP? | Thank you for your feedback. For list of SPLOST VI projects including HVAC replacements please plan to attend the draft Comprehensive Master Plan presentation in early December. The draft CMP will included the list of SPLOST VI projects. |
| So with Midvale not getting any updates, it's more than likely they will merge with livsey? Not really a proposal... | | |
| And what does Livsey get out of this? | | The recommendation of the CMP is to provide Livsey ES and the surrounding community a new facility so that the issues within the current facility would stop. |
| I love the idea of K-8 schools. Too much movement and transition is hard for students. We've seen that in CSD. | K-8 seems like a good concept to me as well | |
| Dekalb used to have ES with K-7 and HS 8-12. Worked fine, never understood why they changed it. Here we are back again. | | |
| I'd like more detail on how the Livsey site will accomodate both Livsey and Midvale students. construction or more trailers. Livsey is already overcrowded. | AMEN to Patrace. Livsey is already crowded - specially the parking! There is barely a parking lot as it is now at Livsey For the elementary school mergers, my understanding is that a new 950 seat school will be built on those sites. If the plan is to build new at the merger site, it needs to be in writing. | |
| This is not looking out for the best interest of the students and families and not thrilled that diversity used as a cover. You could have diversified and provided better materials for schools without this interruption. | | |
| "What excites you most?" That's so wonderfully biased. How about balancing that with "what concerns you most?" | | Please share any concerns with the CMP team through the CMP mailbox. CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org |
| Lakeside will not remain over crowded. Someone needs to check those numbers. No need to break it up for no good reason. | | |
| I hope they make Pleasantdale K-8 before our first class of Spanish DLI goes to middle (currently in 3rd). Then the DLI program can make a seamless continuation into middle school at the same site. | | |
| Smaller neighborhood schools are critical for higher academic success and achievement. Eliminating the number of small schools is a detriment to the county's overall success. This allows students to be better prepared for middle and high schools when kids this age are better prepared for larger environments. This has been proven in many academic studies. | | |
| If Sagamore moves to DHHS, when would it happen? | | The implementation schedule and timeline of CMP recommendations will be made available in the draft CMP in early December. |
| I heard a Midvale mom (previously) ask about what happens to their IB program? Would it just switch over to livsey? | | The draft Comprehensive Master Plan will be presented to the public in early December. The draft CMP will include detail review of projects and the recommendations. |
| when will feasibility studies be completes to determine if proposed mergers are possible? | | Redistricting recommendations will be presented at the next CMP Town Hall which will cover the entire draft CMP. All redistricting changes will have to need separate community engagements outside the context of the CMP. |
| So, you are rebuilding Dresden and merging Cary Reynolds in 2 years? | How can you merge Cary Reynolds & Dresden without adding trailers? | |
| How do the new HVAC and roofs affect the FCA scores for the elementary schools receiving them? | | The FCA scores account for the facility condition as it is rather than expected projects to be completed. |
| Are there any redistricting plans outside of those listed? As in, will the only redistricting in Region 2 be moving the whole of Sagamore Hills or will there be other smaller changes to school attendance zones? | | Redistricting recommendations will be presented at the next CMP Town Hall which will cover the entire draft CMP. All redistricting changes will have to need separate community engagements outside the context of the CMP. |

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| Both Livsey and Middle are part of amazing small communities, where teachers know all students' names, kids and families know each other, and this community fosters growth and education. That environment will change tremendously. There will be a loss of learning and community feeling where more focused costs could keep both facilities functioning rather than rebuild an entire facility. | | |
| Will any region 2 students be impacted by the proposed new Sequoyah cluster? | | Redistricting recommendations will be presented at the next CMP Town Hall which will cover the entire draft CMP. All redistricting changes will have to need separate community engagements outside the context of the CMP. |
| The traffic study for Lakeside rated Briarcliff as a "F", there was no plan for buses, but the planning department didn't care. They moved forward anyway. | | |
| I really like the K-8 idea- thanks! I want to know that if/when it's implemented how will special needs students be incorporated with this plan? As of now, students with various disabilities are segregated by school (e.g.- students who are in exceptional ed may not go to Austin-- they may have to go to Kingsley or Chesnut). If you move forward with this plan, do you also plan on ensuring that all students- regardless of their disability- can stay at their neighborhood school? | | The Student Support Services is actively working to ensure all scholars have access to the proper programs and resources. With any specific feedback please email the CMP mailbox at CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org so the CMP team can contact the proper DCSD staff to ensure all needs are addressed. |
| Please look at what Laurel Ridge needs. We have a very low FCA score and were only mentioned for an HVAC, which was already promised to us, prior to the CMP. | Laurel Ridge also has an FCA below 60. It feels like our needs are being ignored. Our school, Laurel Ridge Elementary, had low scores in the evaluation but per the list only is getting the HVAC replaced. Our report included several critical areas to be replaced. What is the status of the work for those critical needs? Laurel Ridge ES is a candidate for additional improvements based on the results of the CMP research and assessments. | |
| Splost is up for a vote this November. That extra \$0.01 funds many of these infrastructure improvements. It's SO important for everyone who cares about DeKalb schools to support the SPLOST and vote. | | |
| For schools with FCA scores at/around 60, how will they be prioritized if not specifically called out in the CMP or on the list of current Roof projects that Barbara highlighted? Asking specifically about Avondale ES. | | The prioritization of projects including roof and HVAC replacements will be available at the draft Comprehensive Master Plan presentation in early December. The draft CMP will included the list of SPLOST VI projects. |
| So disappointed to hear that you all are not utilizing the cares funding and our tax dollars to build new roofs, upgraded hvac's, plumbing with our current school system while our children aren't vaccinated and we are in a pandemic. This will just encourage families to leave the schools. | | Please attend the draft CMP presentation to find out how the District plans to use several funding options to pay for capital improvement projects and facility needs. Funding sources include CARES Act, Capital Outlay Program, ESPLOST, etc. |
| I think redistricting is a major concern for most parents. Merging or new schools, it's where we end up getting shipped to. | | Redistricting recommendations will be presented at the next CMP Town Hall which will cover the entire draft CMP. All redistricting changes will have to need separate community engagements outside the context of the CMP. |
| Are current impacts on the global supply chains for materials that would be needed to address the short term critical needs of schools identified for work in the short term (ie hvac and roofing) being factored into maintenance timelines in the next 6-12 mths? | | The CMP team also included hired contractors from Perkins & Will Architecture Firm, AECOM, and our DCSD project managers. The schedule and timeline put into the CMP has been reviewed by the team. |
| But are you confident that a 4-8 space exists for Kittredge and Wadsworth? It needs to be realistic before it's discussed. | | The CMP recommendation to expand Wadsworth to grades (4-8) can be done in the current facility. Kittredge Magnet will need a larger space to accommodate the expansion. |
| There is one small thing that excites me about the plan - having Pleasantdale as a Spanish dual immersion program as a K-8 is a great idea. If only it solved the numbers problem, which it does not. | | |
| We need to understand impacts to Hawthorne Elementary esplost funding that is already approved. | Will Hawthorne still receive the splost 5 work as promised? | |
| I imagine this proposal would be exceptionally costly. Will there be an assessment of cost for the final plan? Will the intent be to budget for everything or to create a budget and see how much of the proposed plan will be covered in the budget? | | The draft Comprehensive Master Plan will be presented to the public in early December. The draft CMP will included financial analysis and cost breakdown of recommended projects. |
| I am curious about the population forecasting because in healthcare we are forecasting growth outside of the metro ATL area due to professions having all or partial virtual/remote work conditions. Plus the cost of housing is increasing. That drives families further out into the suburbs. How old is your data? | | Thank you for your feedback. There are many clusters in the District that are forecasting to see decline in enrollment while some clusters have shown an increase in housing developments in the coming years. Please visit the Assessment Data tab of the CMP website for the full report of the Comprehensive Master Plan. https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan/data-dashboard/ |
| How are you going to address an addition and parking at DHHS? The school is already land locked. | | The CMP team including DCSD staff are examining options to increase parking at several school sites across the District. Please stay tuned for the draft Comprehensive Master Plan that will be presented to the public in early December. |
| Stress increased student access for high achievers. 1 in 5 children have a language processing disorder and DeKalb is part of the Dyslexia Pilot program, how can we incorporate programs to support your exceptional learners? this would also help the loss of students to private specialized schools | | Thank you for your support. The Student Support Services is actively working to ensure all scholars have access to the proper programs and resource. |

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| What is the plan for the decreased enrollment at HMS with Sagamore moving to Druid Hills and Pleasantdale becoming K-8? | | The current CMP recommendation to split feed Sagamore Hills into the Druid Hills and Lakeside cluster is proposed to assist in relieving overcrowded Lakeside High School. |
| Sagamore was moved to Lakeside from Druid Hills because it did not make sense to have students traveling to further away for high school when a high school was less than 2 miles from their homes. Most live within a mile. We fought for years to get that change. Just because a wrong decision was made 30 years ago does not justify making the wrong decision again. Isn't geographic proximity the Superintendent's #1 criteria for redistricting? | | Thank you for your feedback. Sagamore Hills Elementary community has expressed to the CMP team the desire to remain in the current attendance area. The CMP team has heard this request and will continue to review options that relieve Lakeside High School in the years to come. |
| What happens to the middle school "centralized" athletics with the rollout of K-8? Will the k-8 campuses have their own? | | The draft Comprehensive Master Plan will be presented to the public in early December. The draft CMP will include a detailed schedule of implementation and more information regarding the design of projects. |
| So there will not be multiple k-8 schools only 1 per cluster? | | The recommendations of the CMP will be to introduce several K-8 schools across the District. Based on the recommendations the CMP there may be more than one K-8 school in a cluster. |
| How would the attendance at the region k-8 schools be determined? Just for those within the k-5 boundary? | | The draft Comprehensive Master Plan will be presented to the public in early December. The draft CMP will include a detailed schedule of implementation and more information regarding the design of projects. |
| I'd just ask that you talk to our educators before potentially making larger elementary schools. Please let's see what they think when it comes to creating larger teams and more sections of each grade level. Communication with our teachers is enormously important! THEY know better than anyone else here what works and what doesn't | | |
| When is this slated to begin? | | The final Comprehensive Master Plan will be presented to the BOE for approval in January. If approved the planning and design for prioritized projects will begin. |
| Are there any redistricting plans outside of those listed? As in, will the only redistricting in Region 2 be moving the whole of Sagamore Hills or will there be other smaller changes to school attendance zones? | | All redistricting recommendations from the Comprehensive Master Plan will have to undergo separate community engagement meetings to discuss redistricting options. |
| When would the mentioned redistricting take place? In 2031 or sooner? Will it be a gradual process as new schools are built? Also, is there space for Kittredge expand to 4-8 in its current facility? | | At the current facility there is not enough space to expand Kittredge from grades (4-8). The redistricting recommendations provided by the CMP will be for different time periods over the 10 year plan depending on the completion of new construction and consolidations. |