

Questions & Comments from Region V CMP Town Hall 10/04/2021



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Any programs in a financial literacy focus through the schools?	Good evening! Thank you so much for lifting the financial literacy question. Personal financial literacy is a newly introduced course. Our high schools are beginning to offer the course. The District offered the course during summer 2020 to gauge the interest of our students. The course was in high demand. We received favorable input from our pilot group. Feel free to email me at stacy_e_stepney@dekalbschoolsga.org	
Please no to Rainbow as early learning center. I'm a parent, resident, and in Greek organization.		
You mention transitioning Kingsley to an early learning center but do not discuss what would happen to Kingsley's elementary students. Also, why would you place an early learning center for the entire region at a site that is so far from major access roads?		Thank you for your feedback. We will be reviewing locations of regional early learning centers throughout the District.
What happens to the staff at Rainbow when it becomes an early learning center?		Thank you for your feedback. Students would be redistricted to other schools and teachers would follow the students. Any redistricting in the District will have separate community engagement meetings that are conducted outside the context of this Comprehensive Master Plan.
Where will Cross Keys cluster MS students go, if there is a new Sequoyah cluster?		Middle school students of the current Cross Keys cluster will be split between the new Cross Keys and Sequoyah clusters.
Will the magnet program remain at Chamblee High given the overcrowding?		At the moment the Comprehensive Master Plan does not have any recommendations to move the magnet program at Chamblee High.
Does DCSD receive QBE funding for Early Learning Centers? If not, how will this be funded both for instruction and operation?		Based on the recommendations of the Comprehensive Master Plan early learning centers are needed across the District. The planning and design phase of these projects have not started and will not start for some time.
Where would the Rainbow Staff and students go if Rainbow is chosen for the Literary Center?		Thank you for your feedback. Students would be redistricted to other schools and teachers would follow the students. Any redistricting in the District will have separate community engagement meetings that are conducted outside the context of this Comprehensive Master Plan.
Are we looking at adding Pre-K Programs?		The Comprehensive Master Plan is looking to add early learning centers across in each region.
What would be the advantage of turning Rainbow ES into an Early Learning Center?		Thank you for your feedback in regard to preschool classes in existing facilities. The Comprehensive Master Plan wants to provide an equitable avenue for everyone interested to send our young scholars to school early. Many schools do not have space to hold additional classroom for preschool. The recommendation for early learning centers provide a centralized location in each region.
Has the land to build the 5-10 year NEW elementary schools been identified? Specifically, Chapel Hill ES?		It is the recommendation of the Comprehensive Master Plan that Chapel Hill ES is rebuilt on the same site.
Thank you for sharing the reason Rainbow ES is being considered as an Early Learning Academy. As a parent of a RES student, I do hope it remains as a community school, which the community needs.	Rainbow is a staple elementary school in the District..I think there are other options	
What is the age group of students that would attend the Early Learning Center at Rainbow?		Early Learning Centers will serve ages 3 and 4 years old.
For the proposed K-8 schools, can you explain after school enrichments like sports, etc. How would those happen for middle schoolers? will those students have access to the same opportunities?		Thank you for your feedback. The Comprehensive Master Plan has recommended K-8 schools in the District. The programs, various activities will be defined by the District at a later time.
Southwest Dekalb High school if memories serves received a very low FCA score. The school was built in 1967 and needs improvements in infrastructure and technology. What resources are directed to address those issues at SWD HS?		Thank you for your feedback. The prioritization of facility improvements is still be conducted. The prioritization list will be presented alongside the Draft CMP at the Town Hall in December.
With the plan to build an Early Learning Center in each region, will this dissolve school based PreK programs?		At this time the Comprehensive Master Plan has no recommendations to dissolve PreK programs in schools.
Have you explored the idea of adding additional preschool classes in existing elementary schools instead of early learning centers? If so, why not? It seems to have a similar benefit at K-8 of building community and continuity of services.		Thank you for your feedback in regard to preschool classes in existing facilities. The Comprehensive Master Plan wants to provide an equitable avenue for everyone interested to send our young scholars to school early. Many schools do not have space to hold additional classroom for preschool. The recommendation for early learning centers provide a centralized location in each region.
Please provide more detail on funding for Early Learning Centers. Thank you.		Based on the recommendations of the Comprehensive Master Plan early learning centers are needed across the District. The planning and design phase of these projects have not started and will not start for some time.
Have you analyzed the number of students and families that will go to private schools or otherwise move out of district if Ashford Park is moved out of the Chamblee cluster?		Thank you for your feedback. The Region 1 Town Hall to present options will be held October 26th for more discussion and detail.
When will cost estimates for these projects be available, so it is known whether these recommendations are affordable?		Thank you for your feedback. Cost estimates for capital improvement projects will be presented at the next CMP Town Hall where the CMP will go over the draft Comprehensive Master Plan.

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Would it really be feasible for Rainbow ES to become an Early Learning Center since SWD High School is directly next door. There could be primary students w/parents and High School Students crossing paths before or after school. Would this be a good idea?		Thank you for your feedback on Rainbow ES being an early learning center. The options for the Comprehensive Master Plan are not finalized and all feedback received will be used to help determine the final CMP.
Why couldn't Rainbow ES become a K-5 Performing Arts School especially since SWD High School is next door, which can serve as a Big Brother Mentor in Music.		Thank you for your feedback on Rainbow ES being an early learning center. The options for the Comprehensive Master Plan are not finalized and all feedback received will be used to help determine the final CMP.
I think I heard Chapel Hill in Region 5 overview. Could you elaborate on the plans for that school?		The recommendation of the Comprehensive Master Plan is to build a new Chapel Hill elementary school with future funding.
Have you analyzed the number of students and families that go to private schools or otherwise move out of district if Ashford Park is moved out of the Chamblee cluster?		Thank you for your feedback. The Region 1 Town Hall to present options will be held October 26th for more discussion and detail.
You didn't mention what would happen with the German program at Ashford Park ES. If it doesn't feed to Chamblee, will it be discontinued? Will German students remain with Chamblee HS to get full benefit of the program?		Thank you for your feedback. The Region 1 Town Hall to present options will be held October 26th for more discussion and detail.
What about schools that are not mentioned in the plan? Does that mean they will remain the same (re-districting)?		Thank you for your feedback. If you a question pertaining to a specific school please send the question to CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org 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.
Will there be any re-districting for the 2022-2023 school year?		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.
If Kittredge becomes 4-8, where will it be located?		Thank you for your feedback. The Region 1 Town Hall to present options will be held October 26th for more discussion and detail.
K-8 combined sites posed social issues that made us abandon this school format in the past. Young students such as 6/7 year olds and 13 yo pose specific issues. What physical facility considerations, lunch, bus logistic...		