

# Questions & Comments from CMP PAC Meeting 1/5/2021



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<p>There is \$198 million beyond what was expected. Of this, will Hawthorne receive the \$4.5 million that has been promised in the last three E-SPLOSTs for long overdue maintenance (HVAC, roof repair, plumbing repair, and bathroom fixtures)? If not, what is the reason for denying Hawthorne the money that had been allocated to our school, and how will Hawthorne be expected to function for the next 4-8 years without this urgent, necessary maintenance?</p>		<p>If the CMP recommendations are approved by the Board of Education, schools that are not impacted by the recommendations will continue with current E-SPLOST projects. Any schools that will be impacted by the CMP recommendations the current E-SPLOST projects may be modified and or changed depending on the outcomes of the CMP. District will work to address urgent needs of our facilities to ensure the safest learning environments for our students and staff.</p>
<p>For Chamblee High school: It is recommended that Ashford Park be moved of the Chamblee cluster while Hightower be moved into the Chamblee Cluster. How will this alleviate overcrowding at CHS?</p>		<p>The recommendations of the CMP include building a new Sequoyah Cluster in region 1 which will help relieve overcrowding in the Dunwoody, Chamblee, and Cross Keys clusters.</p>
<p>Why should stakeholders vote to approve this plan, which presupposes a larger school to be built on Hawthorne's site within 4-8 years, without knowing if it is feasible? Lessons learned from the Lakeside High School feasibility study indicate that there is a similar lack of feasibility for a large elementary school at the Hawthorne site.</p>		<p>Thank you for your feedback. The recommendation to rebuild Hawthorne ES on the same site was presented by the team of architects, engineers, and project managers hired by the District to complete the CMP.</p>
<p>Thank you for meeting with us. Please help clarify the current recommendation for the new Chamblee-Dunwoody school. Will this school definitely move into the Chamblee cluster or is this still being reviewed? This is a major point of concern for many people and would help to have clarity.</p>		<p>At this time, the new Chamblee Dunwoody Elementary is recommended to be in the Chamblee cluster.</p>
<p>Why should stakeholders vote to approve this plan when trust has been eroded due to the "bait and switch" tactics over the past several years. The Hawthorne community has repeatedly voted in favor of the E-SPLOST, which included allocations to Hawthorne for necessary maintenance, and has repeatedly seen those promises broken.</p>		<p>Thank you for your feedback. The District is hoping with the extensive information and detail provided in the stakeholder engagement of the Comprehensive Master Plan process, the community will gain more trust in the District to address the needs of our schools.</p>
<p>We are requesting a meeting to be held with the Hawthorne PAC, DeKalb County School District, and Perkins + Will. Are you willing to agree to hold such a meeting?</p>		<p>The CMP team would be happy to set a meeting with the Hawthorne PAC. Please have someone from your committee email the CMP team at <a href="mailto:CMP@dekalbschools.ga.org">CMP@dekalbschools.ga.org</a> so we can schedule a meeting.</p>
<p>For Kittredge Magnet: why isn't KMS on the low FCA list? We have an FCA of 55.4?</p>		<p>The CMP team is recommending Kittredge turn into a K-8 once the space/facility is available to support the increase in enrollment.</p>
<p>We are requesting that Rainbow Elementary be considered for a Performing Arts Pre-K thru 5th Grade Magnet school.</p>		
<p>Can you briefly explain what the Cyber Technology High School will consist of at Towers?</p>		<p>The recommendation to create a Cyber Tech Academy at Towers HS is based on the growing field of information systems. The details of the Cyber Tech Academy and Career Tech Academy are still under review at this time with District leadership.</p>
<p>What consideration was given to turning the current Druid Hills High facility into an IB / high achievers magnet school (without an attendance zone)? Seems like this might solve the problem of inadequate athletic facilities and concerns that some parents have about being zoned a high school that is on the literal edge of the district.</p>		<p>The CMP team has not put any changes to programming in this plan. The CMP team is recommending the District undergo an extensive study of School Choice and Special Programs so that the District can create a clear direction for special programs in the future.</p>
<p>Has Stone Mountain Elem been considered for new school?</p>		<p>There is a CMP recommendation to consolidate Stone Mill ES and Stone Mountain ES on the same site of Champion MS.</p>
<p>Kittredge is in dire need of a new HVAC system and a new roof, but is only slated to receive one of these. When will repairs be made to stop it from raining inside the building and have the air and heat work properly?</p>		<p>Thank you for your feedback. DCSD will continue to address the facility improvement needs of all our schools. The District is also looking for different funding sources to address the needs of facilities. Funds via CARES Act, ESPLOST V, and E-SPLOST VI, and state reimbursements are being divided to address capital improvements. Even if a school was not included on CMP recommendations, if possible necessary renovations and repairs will be completed by DCSD facilities and maintenance team.</p>
<p>When do you expect Kittredge to convert to a 4-8th grade?</p>		<p>The CMP team is recommending Kittredge turn into a K-8 once the space/facility is available to support the increase in enrollment.</p>
<p>Will the new Shallowford ES be added to Chamblee High school cluster?</p>		<p>At this time, the new Chamblee Dunwoody Elementary is recommended to be in the Chamblee cluster.</p>
<p>I really like the idea of k-8 and would like to hear more about how it will work.</p>		
<p>Who has the contract for these projects? What was the process for selections?</p>		<p>None of the proposed recommendations have gone under contract at this time. The Board of Education will vote on the Comprehensive Master Plan at the February board meeting. If the Board approves the recommendations DCSD leadership will begin design and implementing the recommendations.</p>
<p>The PAC at Peachtree Middle strongly suggested K-6 for all feeders to address equity in educational, athletic, and extracurricular activity while addressing overcrowding. Why is this not being considered? IF, indeed, K-8 schools offer advantages to students, why would those be isolated to only Austin and the new Dunwoody/Chamblee schools? K-6 feeders seem more equitable.</p>		<p>If the Board approves the recommendations of the CMP, DCSD leadership will begin design and implementing the changes. Stakeholder engagement will continue with public meetings beginning Fall 2022 for K-8 programs. The implementation of K-8 programs at the earliest would begin in Fall 2023.</p>
<p>Thought stone mill was being considered for new school then I saw a consolidation with stone mountain for champion. maybe I missed a section</p>		<p>The CMP team is proposing that Stoneview Elementary is rebuilt on the same site. There is also a proposal to consolidate Stone Mill ES and Stone Mountain ES on the same site of Champion MS.</p>
<p>Will the K-8 conversions also include on campus athletic fields &amp; facilities to support Middle school sports?</p>		<p>The Board of Education will vote on the Comprehensive Master Plan at the February board meeting. If the Board approves the recommendations DCSD leadership will begin design and implementing the changes. Stakeholder engagement will continue with public meetings beginning Fall 2022 for K-8 programs. The implementation of K-8 programs at the earliest would begin in Fall 2023.</p>
<p>With many of these items are years away, the Hawthorne community should have its E-splost dollars back to fix leaking roofs and our bathrooms. The students and faculty should not have to wait until a possible 2030 rebuild. These repairs were approved and overdue in E-splost 4.</p>		
<p>It's inequitable to designate certain schools as K-8 in Region 1 and not others. The community does not support the K-8 plan, but there appears to be a lot of support for K-6 in the entire cluster. Will K-6 be considered and if not, why?</p>		<p>Thank you for your feedback. Stakeholder engagement will continue with public meetings beginning Fall 2022 for K-8 programs. The implementation of K-8 programs at the earliest would begin in Fall 2023. Please plan to join us for more discussion.</p>

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Can you hold an hour meeting by cluster or at least region to get into more details?	I also support the idea of follow-up meetings by group or cluster, if possible. There are specific questions that can be better addressed in a smaller forum.	Thank you for your feedback. The District will review and if plausible will work to meet the request of cluster meetings.
Are there any long term plans to expand the athletic facilities at Chamblee High school? Our practice field is only 2/3 size of the full sized practice fields of most high schools.		Thank you for your feedback. The District will work on providing equity to all grades across the District. The District has prioritized funding to address the overcrowding in our schools and facility improvements needs.
Are there any consideration for Snapfinger Elementary School?		Thank you for your input. What considerations are you referring to at this time? Facility improvements, enrollment trends, or special programs which will be discussed at a later time? Please email <a href="mailto:CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org">CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org</a>
Peachtree Middle is also in dire need of repair to their HVAC. It breaks frequently. The AC was out when school started, and there was no heat in the building today. This is not conducive to learning, and Peachtree is not listed to receive repairs on their HVAC. Please replace these systems that are in frequent disrepair.		Thank you for your feedback. DCSD will continue to address the facility improvement needs of all our schools. The District is also looking for different funding sources to address the needs of facilities. Funds via CARES Act, ESPLOST V, and E-SPLOST VI, and state reimbursements are being divided to address capital improvements. Even if a school was not included on CMP recommendations, if possible necessary renovations and repairs will be completed by DCSD facilities and maintenance team.
Thank you for allocating funds for Laurel Ridge HVAC and Roof repairs. These are long overdue and greatly appreciated.		
We were supposed to have someone come to Panola way elementary. They have a horrible septic system and with covid this is extremely harzard. How can we make an imperative visit for school to be reconstructed?		DCSD Facilities and Maintenance department will need to review and address the septic system at Panola way. Please contact your Regional Facilities Manager and Regional Superintendent to to schedule a meeting and discuss this important matter.
Will the new redesigned performing arts school be K-12 or just a high school? DSA has been on ESPLOST plans several times. Why is the addition/redesign pushed out to the end of this current decade?		The design and implementation the new performing arts center will take time for the District to develop. Due to the major facility improvement needs of the District, DCSD leadership has prioritized the health and safety of all our students.
For Cary Reynolds - Why is Cary Reynolds being pushed out of the building this school year? Has it been considered to move Cary Reynolds to Doraville United instead of Dresden? Doraville has more space than Dresden. Will redistricting happen in the Dresden, Cary Reynolds, Doraville United area to better serve that community and stop more overcrowding at Dresden? Doraville United has the space available.		It is the recommendation of the CMP to rebuild Dresden in the consolidation of Cary Reynolds and Dresden ES.
When will major decisions like recluster, new school buildings, etc. be voted on by the board for final approval? The last meeting made it sound like it would be February, but that has left very little time for PACs to collect feedback from communities given the multiple holidays since these plans have been communicated to the public.		There will be no redistricting for the upcoming semester Fall 2022. The Board of Education will vote on the Comprehensive Master Plan at the February board meeting. If the Board approves the recommendations DCSD leadership will begin design and planning the changes. Stakeholder engagement will continue with public meetings beginning Fall 2022.
Where are the detailed data that document that combining Hawthorne and Henderson Mill is more cost effective, given that this will take at least 7-10 years, and the costs specified in the assessment to maintain the schools in the next 10 years are significantly lower than replacing one and renovating the other (for an unspecified purpose)?		Based on enrollment trends in Dekalb County and the cost to repair or replace smaller schools, the District has moved towards our Prototype elementary schools. These prototypes have served the District very well over the past few years. These prototype schools include: Doraville United ES, Barack Obama ES, Fernbank ES, Austin ES, Smoke Rise ES, Pleasantdale ES, Rockbridge ES, and John Lewis ES.
Where are the plans for a limited expansion of Lakeside or similar adjustment such as a 9th grade academy? It is needed to address the mismatch between HMS and LHS in capacity.		Thank you for you feedback and question. District leadership will review and provide a implementation plan to address the capacity needs of Lakeside.
What are the plans for Pleasantdale? If the K-8 expansion is off the table, why not add an Early Learning Center? Or increase the capacity for the dual language program by actually adding funds and supports?		For the moment the recommendation to add a K-8 program at Pleasantdale ES has been removed from the CMP list.
Will the Henderson Mill be move too?		One of the recommendations of the CMP is to consolidate Henderson Mill ES and Hawthorne ES on the Hawthorne ES site.
Where will Champion Middle be going?		Changing the location for Champion Middle School is still under review by District leadership.
Champion is in dire need of upgrades and repairs ... HVAC, restrooms, classroom structures (space/storage)		Changing the location for Champion Middle School is still under review by District leadership.
With all this future redistricting/rezoning are measures being put in place to ensure equitable quality of teachers are at high-needs schools?		If the recommendations of the CMP are approved by the Board of Education, the District will begin the next steps of planning/ designing the projects and also the allocating staff and resources.
For Cary Reynolds - If the current plan is approved, where will Cary Reynolds be housed for the 2022-23 school year? We have heard about moving to Nancy Creek and moving to Dresden. The families in the school are very pedestrian relying on the walkability to cary Reynolds and use of taxis to travel to and from school. While being housed in our own facility is ideal, Nancy Creek is far from the Cary Reynolds community. Again, please consider using Doraville United to serve best serve the students and families in the Cary Reynolds community with the distance and space available.		Thank you for your feedback. We will bring this suggestion to DCSD leadership for review and consideration.
General question about the scope of P&W's objectives in the CMP. Did that include recommendations and specific plans for academic programming, faculty recruitment, etc., particularly in the new middle/high schools that will ultimately affect the feeder elementary schools that are redistricted? Or was P&W's scope limited to facility improvement/construction and addressing overcrowding? If the latter, how and when does DCSD plan to share those academic plans after the CMP recommendations are ultimately accepted?		The goal of the CMP is an evaluation of all school and administrative facilities, as well as the infrastructure to support the educational mission of the District that will be used to develop priorities for the next E-SPLOSTS. If the recommendations of the CMP are approved by the Board of Education, the District will begin the next steps of planning and designing the projects. This will include stakeholder engagement through the process.
Regarding redistricting: in region one in particular, we did a redistricting not long ago and have ended up with a lot of underutilization (austin in particular). are we looking at the mistakes from last time and learning from them?		Thank you for your feedback. Based on the enrollment trends and forecast conducted by the outside contracting companies of Cropper GIS and McKibben Demographics the CMP recommendations are aligned to meet the needs of our students and maximize the usage of our facilities.
Since Peachtree is OVERutilized, will you consider adding the addition that was drawn for the school when it was constructed as part of the CMP? This would include an auditorium and additional classrooms to address overcrowding....		Many of the redistricting recommendations from the CMP are geared towards providing relief starting at the elementary grade level and with grade progression reduce overcrowding in the middle school and high school grades. These recommendations include changing Austin ES to a K-8 program and building the new Chamblee Dunwoody ES as a K-8 school.



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I see that the CMP is trying to be fair in redistricting in various regions. What support is available for Theme schools like Oakcliff that also need to be updated?		The CMP team is recommending the District undergo an extensive study of School Choice and Special Programs so that the District can create a clear direction for special programs in the future. This study will include theme and magnet schools.
If there's school needing work why are we waiting to repair that school with major problems?		Thank you for your input can you clarify which school you are referring to. Please email the CMP team at <a href="mailto:cmp@dekalbschoolsga.org">CMP@dekalbschoolsga.org</a>
Can someone please explain the benefits of k-8? especially how they will handle extracurriculars; especially since dekalb county will not let 6th graders play sports, k-6 seems much more logical.		The Board of Education will vote on the Comprehensive Master Plan at the February board meeting. If the Board approves the recommendations DCSD leadership will begin design and implementing the changes. Stakeholder engagement will continue with public meetings beginning Fall 2022 for K-8 programs. The implementation of K-8 programs at the earliest would begin in Fall 2023.
Is the k-8 still being discussed for Austin and the new Shallowford Elementary or is that decision final?		The Board of Education will vote on the Comprehensive Master Plan at the February board meeting. If the Board approves the recommendations DCSD leadership will begin design and implementing the changes. Stakeholder engagement will continue with public meetings beginning Fall 2022 for K-8 programs. The implementation of K-8 programs at the earliest would begin in Fall 2023.
How will schools not on the list for major renovations receive needed repairs like a new roof? At Lithonia High, every time it rains, trash cans are throughout the building to catch flowing water. It is not conducive for learning nor safe for the scholars and staff.		Thank you for your input. DCSD will continue to address the facility improvement needs of all our schools. The District is also looking for different funding sources to address the needs of facilities. Funds via CARES Act, ESPLOST V, and E-SPLOST VI, and state reimbursements are being divided to address capital improvements. Even if a school was not included on CMP recommendations, if possible necessary renovations and repairs will be completed by DCSD facilities and maintenance team.
Can you confirm that all Life-Safety Projects (\$3.5M) and Capital Renewal projects (\$3.6M) been completed at LHS and Lakeside cluster schools before these funds and the Revenue Reserve (\$13M) are reallocated for other projects? (SLIDE 12)		The Capital Improvement Program shows the monthly status of all projects. Please use the DCSD E-SPLOST page to check on specific projects. <a href="http://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/e-splst">www.dekalbschoolsga.org/e-splst</a>  The attached report is the latest DCSD capital improvement program <a href="https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/documents/e-splst/2021/msr-dec-2021.pdf">https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/documents/e-splst/2021/msr-dec-2021.pdf</a>
Is any of the \$198,000,000 in extra tax revenue, state reimbursements, and previous ESPLOST close-outs going to be used to address ongoing facility problems at Lakeside (broken gutters, broken windows, broken curb, missing ADA ramp, leaking roof, malfunction HVAC, lack of window treatments for energy saving and life-safety purposes, etc...) and Lakeside cluster schools (60 year old plumbing and bathroom fixtures at Hawthorne)? (SLIDE 13)		Thank you for your input. DCSD will continue to address the facility improvement needs of all our schools. Even if a school was not included on CMP recommendations, the necessary renovations and repairs will be completed by DCSD facilities and maintenance.
Why is the CMP proposing new projects for ESPLOST V before reinstating the funding that was taken away from Lakeside Cluster schools when DCSD anticipated a budget shortfall in ESPLOST V several years ago? This feels like a bait and switch. (SLIDE 15)		If the CMP recommendations are approved by the Board of Education, schools that are not impacted by the recommendations will continue with current E-SPLOST projects. Any schools that have been impacted by the CMP recommendations the current E-SPLOST projects may be modified and or changed depending on the outcomes of the CMP.
Why is the CMP proposing a renovation and partial rebuild of Druid Hills High School?		The CMP recommendations are geared to address facility needs and providing adequate space to our students.
Why is the CMP proposing a renovation and partial rebuild of Druid Hills High School in ESPLOST VI when that campus is land-locked, lacks parking to facilitate dual enrollment and work study opportunities for high school students, has no athletic facilities for students, and could potentially be annexed into City of Atlanta like Emory and the CDC if neighborhoods requested it? Wouldn't it make more sense to switch the Middle and High Schools, as DHMS used to be Shamrock High School, is large enough to accommodate the high school enrollment, has ample parking and athletic fields, and is at no risk of being annexed into City of Atlanta? (SLIDE 16)		Thank you for your feedback. If the Board of Education approves the CMP the design and implementation of the plan will begin. The District will continue to consider options and use the CMP as a guideline.
DCSD's failure to adequately maintain facilities and replace building systems at the end of their useful service life is necessitating expensive building replacements in our ESPLOST programs. How does this CMP justify these expensive, disruptive, time-consuming new construction projects, instead of investing in less-expensive, less-disruptive, less time consuming maintenance programs and system replacements?		Thank you for your feedback. The Comprehensive Master Plan is was conducted by an outside group of contractors including architects, engineers, demographers, and construction professionals. The recommendations of the CMP are geared to address the needs of the District.
If the Board approves the CMP's recommendation in Feb/March, does that mean that the K8 will happen for Austin ES? The Austin PAC would like to meet with the Superintendent to discuss what this would look like for the 6-8 children as we are fielding a lot of questions from parents but we do not have the answers. Thank you.		The Board of Education will vote on the Comprehensive Master Plan at the February board meeting. If the Board approves the recommendations DCSD leadership will begin design and implementing the changes. Stakeholder engagement will continue with public meetings beginning Fall 2022 for K-8 programs. The implementation of K-8 programs at the earliest would begin in Fall 2023.
Why is the CMP suggesting a GO Bond after DeKalb citizens rejected this additional taxation in 2019? (SLIDE 9)		The option was proposed and brought to the public for community input. The District was reviewing all options for funding sources.
DCSD previously projected \$31,000,000 in state construction reimbursements. Why is this reimbursement only \$26,000,000? What efforts is DCSD taking to increase the opportunity to receive the full amount of state reimbursement? (SLIDE 13)		With the unfortunate circumstances of the pandemic, DeKalb County School District and metro Atlanta have seen a decline in enrollment. This decline has impacted the number of open seats across the District. To address the open seats across the District the CMP team has but together several recommendations take seats out of the District.  The consolidation of middle schools and high schools are included in the recommendations of this Comprehensive Master Plan. The repurposing of our schools including McNair HS to a Career Tech Academy and Towers HS to a Cyber Acacademy will bring the District closer to achieving this goal.
How long does DCSD anticipate the need for trailers at LHS? When the trailers are removed, will DCSD replace the tennis courts? This is technically a PE classroom, to which LHS should be entitled, since our gym is undersized for our enrollment and no auxiliary gym has been provided.		Many of the redistricting recommendations from the CMP are geared towards providing relief starting at the elementary grade level and with grade progression reduce overcrowding in the middle school and high school grades.  Also many recommendations to consolidate middle schools and high schools are included in the recommendations.
Will any Capital improvement funding be allocated to address pool issues (leaking, mechanical room improvements, pool restrooms, etc...)?		With the needs of capital improvements in DCSD facilities E-SPLOST funding is prioritized to address the needs across the District. District leadership alongside the Division of Finance are working to explore other revenue sources.
Equity across the district has been communicated as a priority for DCSD. Is a K-6 program at each Dunwoody cluster elementary school being considered in addition to just Austin transitioning to a K-8 to create more equity across the cluster?		Thank you for your feedback. The District will work on providing equity to all grades across the District. K-8 programs will be discussed further at the Fall 2022 public engagement meetings.
Will Champion Middle get a new building?		Changing the location for Champion Middle School is still under review by District leadership.
Thank you for elaborating on the upgrades to DHHS. It does sound like parking and athletics will continue to be challenges.		

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Austin has capacity because you redistricted improperly when done last despite extensive feedback from PACs.		
Please do continue to consider equity in academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities when determining grade configuration when moving forward. Thank you		Thank you for your feedback. The District will work on providing equity to all grades across the District. K-8 programs will be discussed further at the Fall 2022 public engagement meetings.
There is a lot of brainstorming at this point, what are next steps in the process? Are their current target milestones to execute any of tonight's discussed actions? Please consider the undue stress and anxiety placed on parents as they learn more about the possible outcomes. Thanks!		The Board of Education will vote on the Comprehensive Master Plan at the February board meeting. If the Board approves the recommendations DCSD leadership will begin design and implementing the changes. Stakeholder engagement will continue with public meetings beginning Fall 2022.
Yes! A bilingual meeting in the Cross Keys Cluster meeting for Dresden and Cary Reynolds PAC, parents, and community would be appreciated.		Thank you for your feedback. The District will continue to provide public engagement to all members of our DCSD community.