

Questions & Comments from CMP Public Q&A Session 12/14/2021



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One of the plan objectives is to reduce underutilization. Will any middle schools or high schools be closed to achieve that? If not how do you plan on eliminating underutilization at the middle school and high school level.		The recommendations of the Comprehensive Master Plan are to consolidate two middle/high school clusters.
Good evening, RE: Wadsworth Expansion... If the CMP will not be voted on until February 2022, how will interested rising 7th graders apply for WMS thru school choice, including current WMS 6th graders? Will 7th and 8th grade at WMS be on the school choice application beginning January 7, 2022?		Implementation of the CMP recommendations will first need to be approved by the Board of Education. No design of recommendations will begin until that time.
Question: How will expanding "school choice" actually mean "choice"? How will you address the issue that magnet programs disproportionately serve the privileged, given the enrolment process and the need to be able to transport children on a daily basis?		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.
You talk about Cary Reynolds but you want to merge it. Are we considering the new development in the Doraville area?		With the new development and increase in enrollment the CMP team is recommending to build a new cluster in the Doraville area.
I had a question about Druid Hills High school expansion. myself along with 2 other families were approached last year about Druid Hills taking our home for their expansion. Can I get an update on that? No one will give us an update on that.		The CMP team does not have information on specific expansion plans of Druid Hills HS. Please reach out to DCSD leadership for more information on this request.
What happened to the idea of K-8 for Pleasantdale?		The CMP recommendations request the District consider opening K-8 programs across the District.
Montgomery ES is listed as 142% utilization in the October presentation, but is left off the list of overutilized ES in the December presentation. What is the plan to address overcrowding at Montgomery ES?		Thank you for your feedback. The CMP recommendations are geared to relieve overcrowding across Regions 1 and 2. Even though the recommendations do not mention Montgomery ES the impact of new schools, consolidations, and redistricting, Montgomery ES will be relief in overcrowding over the upcoming years.
Slide 26 of the December presentation shows \$150M in funding from E-SPLOST-V. Where does that money come from? I thought E-SPLOST-V funds were all allocated.		E-SPLOST funding has seen an increase in revenue over the past months and is expected to continue to see an increase throughout E-SPLOST V which accounts for the increase mentioned during the presentation.
Why would you relocate Cary Reynolds to Nancy Creek when Doraville United isn't full. Most parents in this cluster depend on Taxi services and walking.		Thank you for your feedback. The District will have separate redistricting meetings before any moves and changes are made to attendance areas or school locations.
Talking about new construction is important to address overcrowding. Does the master plan talk about specific student outcomes that it's trying to improve and steps to improve these outcomes?		This CMP team has worked closely with DCSD leadership including Academics and Student Support Services to ensure the recommendations of the CMP serve all our students and provide the best available learning environments.
Will Hawthorne get the money back they were promised for esplost IV and get at least some of the maintenance done since they can't be asked to do school in a terrible building for another 5 years? Will Henderson Mill get their esplost IV money back given that that building isn't scheduled for demolition at all?		The CMP team will not designate how previous E-SPLOST funds are to be allocated based on the recommendations. Please attend the DCSD E-SPLOST meeting on February 23 for more information on E-SPLOST updates.
If Midvale ES is merged into Livsey, will the IB designation and curriculum be lost?		The recommendations of the CMP are designed to limit the impact of existing programs within schools. The District will work to preserve the programs what best serve our students.
Did you change the plan for Kittredge K-8?		The CMP team is recommending Kittredge turn into a K-8 once the space/facility is available to support the increase in enrollment.
Will the High Achievers Magnet Program remain at Chamblee Middle for grades 7-8?		The recommendations of the CMP are designed to limit the impact of existing programs within schools. The District will work to preserve the programs what best serve our students.
Suggestion: Add "communication between administrators and parents" to your underutilization study. I know that some principals in middle school in particular could learn how to communicate more and thus decrease the fear that parents have about middle schools.		Thank you for your feedback. The Division of Communications is working to improve our communication and actively engage all stakeholders.
How will students at the consolidated elementary school sites be accommodated during the 1.5 year long construction period? Trailers? Within the original building?		Each situation is unique as it depends of geographic proximity, enrollment numbers, and size of the facility. As the District consolidates schools or new construction is being completed, options include temporarily add trailers, use swing space, or use the existing facility.
Good evening. Is the Cary Reynolds school moving to Nancy Creek Elementary? And then Cary Reynolds and Dresden move to a new location? I am a bit confused.		Cary Reynolds will temporarily use Nancy Creek and the future recommendation will be to build a school to consolidate Cary Reynolds and Dresden elementary schools.
Will the proposed expansion/renovation of Druid Hills High School involve land acquisition? Specifically the purchase by eminent domain of the three homeowners whose property is adjacent to Druid Hills? If so, what is the process for this to happen and the timeline?		The CMP team does not have information on specific expansion plans of Druid Hills HS. Please reach out to DCSD leadership for more information on this request.
Have you looked at converting all elementary to K-8 in Dunwoody cluster so that Peachtree can be used as a second high school, therefore providing overcapacity relief sooner and keep students closer to their residences for high school.		Thank you for your feedback. The recommendations of the CMP are designed to relieve overcrowding for the upcoming years.
After the two magnet schools convert to 4-8, would the feeder high schools remain the same?		The conversion to 4-8 programs is not designed to change the high school feeder pattern. The conversion is meant to fill open seats in the facility and allow students to continue their academics in the magnet program.
Where will the Students that are currently attending the proposed Magnet Schools (ex: McNair, Towers) be relocated?		The students in those attendance areas will be relocated to the neighborhood schools in adjacent clusters.

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Is the space for the Sequoyah middle and high school really possible? Parking with no high school students is already a nightmare. There is no parking on the city streets surrounding the school. Have you studied traffic patterns in the area?		Thank you for your feedback. The need for the new cluster in Doraville is a legitimate concern for the CMP team and District. The DCSD Design and Construction department will work to ensure the best facilities and sites are built to serve the community.
Executives from major health care organizations in the metro ATL region have made workforce development partnerships at the high school and college levels their #1 priority during the next five years. Is there any chance that a health sciences vocational magnet high school will be created in DCSD during this time frame to align the district's offerings with workforce needs from the local economy?		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.
Can you please explain the plan for the Dunwoody cluster? Will Kingsley remain an elementary or become an ELC? Will the Shallowford school serve as a middle (6-8) for only a portion of the students? This is how the middle school redistricting map appeared in the prior Dec. 8 powerpoint. If so, will these students attend Dunwoody High? Also, the high school redistricting map was incorrect in the prior powerpoint (it was labeled 'middle'), can you please provide a corrected version?		Thank you for your feedback. The CMP team will make the corrections and post the revised presentation on the CMP website. Please visit at www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan
Many of the extracurricular activities at Peachtree Middle are mostly parent sponsored. (for example drama club) There will not be enough 6-8 grade kids at Austin to form their own club and the group meets immediately after school at Peachtree. So, will the Austin kids just have fewer extracurricular opportunities than all of the other students in the region?		The District is working to make sure all K-8 schools have the opportunities that are made available at schools.
Has anyone considered the possibility of selling the Shallowford site and purchasing an alternative site that would be less disruptive to rush hour traffic/safer for walking students/less vulnerable to noise and air pollution?		Thank you for your feedback. The CMP team does not have recommendations of land purchases or sells during this Master Plan.
How will the move of Cary Reynolds affect enrollment of nearby Montgomery Elementary since the schools are so close together? Will there be redistributing of this neighborhood school?		There will be a set of separate redistricting meetings outside of the recommendations presented to Board of Education in February for all new construction and changes to attendance areas.
Stone Mountain high School has the same structural plan as Redan High School. How are we going to expand the school to include more classroom?. I move between three classes due to classroom limitation.		The District will review all recommendations of the CMP with DCSD leadership and operations staff. Changes and expansions to existing facilities include interior modifications to classrooms and additions to the facility.
Has anyone considered salvaging a school that will be left empty due to "consolidation" and offering it to film & tv studios as a location option for content needing to be shot at a school setting? The DeKalb Entertainment Commission could help broker these deals and it could be a strong source of revenue for the district.		Thank you for your feedback. The CMP team is recommending the District undergo a study of special programs to create a direction for the future. The leasing of property and land was not included in the CMP process and will be for DCSD leadership to decide.
We recently underwent a redistricting in Region 1. The timing/process was community input in the fall, followed by a decision in the spring, for an implementation in August of the upcoming school year. Does that reflect how the timeline/process would be done again where redistricting happens?		Yes, typically redistricting process which includes stakeholder engagement meetings will take a school year before implementation.
How will the expansion of Kirtledge magnet to a K-8 affect the Chamblee MS and HS magnet programs? Where will the Kirtledge school be located?		The conversion to 4-8 programs is not designed to change the high school feeder pattern. The conversion is meant to open seats more seats in the middle schools and allow students to continue their academics in the magnet program. The location of the Kirtledge Magnet program is still under review at this time.
I may have missed something. What is going to happen to Fairington Elementary?		Fairington Elementary school is scheduled for facility improvements in the upcoming years.
Will the WMS expansion for SY 2022/2023 be 7th and 8th grade or just 7th grade?		The expansion will come one year at a time. The rising 6th graders will be attending the new 7th grade addition and the following year 8th grade.
If Kirtledge changes to 4-8 it will need a new building. Does that mean it will move to a new cluster in the county? Or still feed into Chamblee Middle?		The location of the Kirtledge Magnet program is still under review at this time. The District will work to keep programs as they currently exist meaning Kirtledge will feed into Chamblee.
What is the process for children for the new k-8 schools, for example Austin and the new Dunwoody Shallowford. Will redistricting occur as another report?		Thank you for your feedback. The District will have separate redistricting process which includes stakeholder engagement meetings before any moves or changes are made to attendance areas or school locations.
If Ashford Park moves to the CK cluster, will the German Immersion program move with it? Even though CMS and CCHS have German language instruction already in place?		The recommendations of the CMP are designed to limit the impact of existing programs within schools. The District will work to preserve the programs what best serve our students.
With all the many great improvement how can the parents voice concerns pertaining to their child's school. Will they have an opportunity to view these plans?		Please share all feedback during the CMP process to cmp@dekalbschoolsga.org Also, check the DCSD website for more engagement opportunities including stakeholder surveys and upcoming meetings.
This [powerpoint] deck still shows a 'middle school' label at the high school redistricting map		Thank you for your feedback. The CMP team will make the corrections and post the revised presentation on the CMP website. Please visit at www.dekalbschoolsga.org/comprehensive-master-plan
Why are the plans for expanding Kirtledge to 4-8 so vague? It seems like there is absolutely no plan on how to implement that.		The CMP team is recommending Kirtledge turn into a K-8 once the space/facility is available to support the increase in enrollment.
How has Covid has affected school enrollment, Especially since Dekalb county schools were closed to in person learning longer than other districts? Do you think enrollment will increase after COVID ends or people become more accustomed to the new normal? I wonder how this plays in to the "underutilized" schools.		From the Demographic Study & Forecast Analysis conducted by contracting company Cropper GIS and McKibben Demographics, we have seen a decline in enrollment across all of metro Atlanta. The District should anticipate a slight increase but the enrollment to remain steady.

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Can you please help to expand on how the social and emotional needs of the middle school age children who will remain at elementary schools will be met? It sounds like they might miss out on sports and other middle school activities. In addition they will go from elementary school directly to high school while most of their classmates will have gone to a traditional middle school.		Thank you for your feedback. The CMP team is working closely with Academics and Student Support Services to ensure all students have access to extracurricular activities and programs.
My question is technologically related. Chamblee Middle is currently holding an advisement meeting for rising 9th graders. This meeting is on zoom and I tried to join around 6:03 pm . only to find out the meeting is limited to 100 participants on zoom . Does the school not have this sort of arrangement for this meeting with DCSD. And no limits cause I joined this needing after several unsuccessful attempts to join Chamblee' s meeting . Just think maybe things can be done differently. Thank you		Thank you for your feedback. The District will work on ensuring all stakeholders have the opportunity to engagement in meetings. We hope situations like this will not happen in the future.
So you are saying that Hawthorne won't get anything that has been promised because in 2030 you may build a new school?		With the recommendations to build a new school for Hawthorne and Henderson Mill elementary schools, the current E-SPLOST projects maybe modified. The necessary renovations and repairs will be completed by DCSD facilities and maintenance.
What project improvements are for Stone Mountain High School?		The recommendations of the Comprehensive Master Plan are to add an addition to Stone Mountain HS.
So will the Livsey, HMES, and Toney E-SPLOST-V projects move from the DELAYED status that they currently have in the E-SPLOST Monthly Status Report? Work on these projects has been stopped almost all of 2021, waiting on CMP outcomes. Now Mr. Williams seems to be saying that these projects will resume.		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.
This is a question in respect of Idlewood Elementary. Thank you for the plan to give us a new school. However, I am thinking we need a new building even earlier than proposed. How can we get one sooner so the money being spent on repairs can be saved, and the discomfort experienced by students and staff can end? Leaking roofs, uneven heating/cooling system, puddle outside after rain, and I can go on and on. Thank you so much.		Thank you for your feedback. The District will work to address the needed facility improvements. The timeline of implementation is based on the available funds to complete projects across the District.
What's up for briar vista elementary school?		At the moment there are no recommendations from the CMP team for Briar Vista. Please await the list of E-SPLOST VI projects for more information on facility improvements at Briar Vista ES.
What is meant by moving Oakcliff Theme ES to the Sequoyah cluster? Oakcliff has no attendance zone. Instead, Oakcliff draws from Hightower, Dresden, and Doraville United. Does this mean that Hightower residents who attend Oakcliff will go to the Sequoyah MS and HS?		Geographic location Oakcliff currently resides in the Cross Keys cluster. The CMP recommendation of a new Sequoyah cluster will move Oakcliff and the other schools mentioned into the new cluster.
While a long time away, is the location for a potential Clarkston Middle School considered yet? I know there are several DCSD owned properties around Clarkston...the old admin building land, the community center, etc. Is one being considered more than others?		At this time a location for the Clarkston Middle school is still under review. The District has not decided on using an existing location or new space.
what were the 3 largest change from the prior preliminary CMP, and what was the reasoning for the change? This will help us understand how you are thinking about the issues.		Thank you for your feedback. Are you referring to the previous CMP process or updates since the last presentation. So the CMP team can be of further assistance in answering your question please email CMP@dekalbschools.ga
I just wanted to comment that I feel this has been a very thorough and thoughtful process. I appreciate that the data and underlying assumptions have been shared along the way and feel that feedback from my community was taken into consideration. I do wish DCSD had better data to support their 950 seat elementary school model. Are these schools actually cheaper to run? What are student outcomes at these schools vs smaller neighborhood schools? And why can DCSD never answer these questions? But otherwise, I am satisfied with the recommendations for my cluster. I hope implementation can follow as smoothly and competently as planning has.		Thank you for your feedback on the Comprehensive Master Plan process. We hope the recommendations will best serve the District moving forward.
Smoke Rise Elementary PAC requested a formal meeting with the CMP team and have not yet heard back from the committee; we want to have the opportunity to address the recommendation options regarding the redistricting process and to weigh in on those options as the leadership of SRE. Please consider responding to our meeting request.		The CMP team will be happy to speak with any PAC that is interested in a meeting. Please reach out to mailbox CMP@dekalbschools.ga so that our team can set up a time.
We continue to hear that proximity will be the primary determining factor in any redistricting. With that in mind, can a split-feeder plan make the most sense for the new Chamblee-Dunwoody Elementary so that local Dunwoody residents can remain part of the Dunwoody community and Dunwoody HS cluster?		Thank you for your feedback. The CMP team will provide this information to DCSD leadership so that when the separate redistricting process begins all options will be considered and reviewed.
Can you confirm that Hawthorne ES will keep their Esplost V funding and projects on track, since it has lowered in the CMP priority list.		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.
Please confirm that Peasantdale K-8 is off the table.		As of the January 10th Committee of Whole presentation, there is no recommendation to turn Pleasantdale ES into a K-8 school.
Why does seem that the Clarkston cluster plans keep changing? The last plans spoke of expansion and it never happened.		Thank you for your feedback. The overcrowding in the Clarkston cluster alongside the facility condition scores of the facilities has made many schools in the cluster a priority. The District is working with all stakeholders to provide the best learning environments the students.
What are the future plans for Kingsley Elementary school? And what will be the new boundaries in Region 1?		The CMP team does not have a recommendation for Kingsley ES at this time. If the Comprehensive Master Plan is approved by the Board of Education the design and implementation process will begin.
Will Cary Reynolds' PreK relocate along with the rest of the school or will the early learning facilities begin as early as 2022-2023 school year?		All preschools will relocate with schools when new construction and consolidations begin. Early Learning Centers are planned to begin 2026-2030.

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Someone in the last board meeting raised the question if Dunwoody HS and Peachtree middle school might "swap" buildings to address space and facilities issues for both groups. Was anything like this considered with this assessment?		Thank you for raising this suggestion. The CMP has met with Principals and PACs of our schools. At this time based on all stakeholder input there is no recommendation to swap the Dunwoody HS and Peachtree MS sites.
In light of Towers HS., until the transition to The Cyber Tech. & Science Academy, what have you done to upgrade the culinary dept. for those students until that happens?		Many capital improvement projects were put on hold until the results of the CMP were delivered to the Board of Education. 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.
Where can we see the research that was used to show that merging smaller elementary schools into mega elementary schools is beneficial for the children's overall well-being and education?		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. We encourage all stakeholder to visit our schools!
Hawthorne is slated for consolidation with Henderson in the latest draft for 2026 or later, possibly as late as 2030. It also has HVAC and plumbing in serious need of upgrades. I saw some funding for HVAC in there, but what will be done to keep it livable for students the next 5+ years? There are probably other schools in a similar situation if you want to answer more broadly...		The District is reviewing all facilities and allocating funds via CARES Act, ESPLOST V, and E-SPLOST VI, and state reimbursements to address capital improvements.
Can you please elaborate on the new Cross Keys Middle & High school plans. What's the location? Will it redistrict students from the Brookhaven area currently zoned Chamblee MS & HS? Thanks		The Cross Keys HS will be rebuilt on the same site as the current facility. A location for the new Cross Keys MS has not been confirmed and is still under review. A separate redistricting process will be conducted for more information and detailed on each project that requires redistricting.
For any of these new projects, when will traffic studies be conducted? For example, there are already several issues with additional traffic with the surrounding schools at Lakeside, Globe Academy, and Shallowford Pres. as well as excess speeding within the neighborhood as that is often used as a cut-thru for Shallowford and Briarcliff and I don't think that the CMP committee hasn't considered when proposing a merger of Henderson Mill ES and Hawthorne ES on the Hawthorne site.		Thank you for your feedback. The District will work on communicating how traffic studies are taken into account when redistricting and new construction is begin planned.
What happened to the Ashford Park K-8 plan that was discussed by the superintendent at the previous meeting? Was it replaced with the new Cross Keys MS?		The CMP has met with Principals and PACs of our schools. At this time there is no recommendation to turn Ashford Park into a K-8 school.
Has the District thought about how the School Choice application process and timeline will be adjusted if the Board approves the expansion of Wadsworth in February?		The conversion to 4-8 programs is not designed to change the high school feeder pattern. The conversion is meant to fill open seats in the facility and allow students to continue their academics in the magnet program. The expansion will come one year at a time. The rising 6th graders will be attending the new 7th grade addition and the following year 8th grade.
How does the construction of K-8 schools at some schools in Region 1 but not others address the equity concerns that are supposed to be solved by the CMP?		The recommendation to add K-8 programs at some of the schools is being proposed to relieve overcrowded middle schools. The CMP has met with Principals, PACs, DCSD leadership, and staff to present the proposals.
Where will the Idlewood location sight be located? Will there be redistricting to accommodate the large numbers?		The new Idlewood ES will be rebuilt on the same site as the current facility. There will be a redistricting process for the new school.
Will students that start 6th grade at a middle school in 2022 be reassigned to a K-8 school for 7th grade in 2023?		Public engagement for K-8 schools will begin Fall 2022 and the earliest implementation will be Fall 2023.
Where did you say that Cary Reynolds Elementary School may relocate to for next school year?		The Former Nancy Creek Elementary School faculty will be the temporary Cary Reynolds ES location.
what will happen to the existing schools as they are being rebuilt? for example, Ashford park?		If a school is being completely rebuilt the students and staff will be temporarily relocated. Sometimes renovations allow for a portion of the facility to be used while the other is closed down.
My follow up question to the statement "we will continue to maintain buildings" is that (as a Hawthorne parent) we have seen SPLOST funding for basic maintenance promised and removed several times. What is different this time?		Thank you for your feedback. District Leadership alongside the CMP team have allocated specific funds for each project. Risks may come from unexpected increases in construction supplies or other factors that may delay the completion of a project. In the past, as the needs of the District change the projects have been modified. It is the District's plan to use the guidelines of the Comprehensive Master Plan to set and implement the capital improvement projects.
If equity and diversity are priorities Why not make all Dunwoody elementary schools k-6?		Thank you for your feedback. DCSD will begin the first round of public engagement in Fall of 2022 as it pertains to K-8 schools.
If schools that are already approved for funds for HVAC repairs from previous SPLOST budgets but is also considered for consolidation and or/closing, will they be removed from the 2026-2030 project list? It would make sense to repair the schools that already have money assigned to them and not spend more future tax payer money to build a new school as it would cost less to repair than to build new.		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. The necessary renovations and repairs will be completed by DCSD facilities and maintenance.
Is consideration gone into keeping the schools within a cluster consistent? For example, keeping all elementary schools k-5 or moving them all to k-6 instead of changing one to k-8.		The recommendations for K-8 programs in the District come from the need to relieve overcrowding in the middle schools. DCSD will begin the first round of public engagement in Fall of 2022 in regard to K-8 schools.
Will DCSD consider providing bussing to magnet/school choice programs? Without transportation, these opportunities are limited to children whose parent's already have resources.		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.
Not sure if this has been asked, but how would a K-8 school function in the community? What would happen to International Baccalaureate MYP programs or PYP programs that would get affected with consolidations and shifts?		DCSD will begin the first round of public engagement in Fall of 2022 in regard to K-8 schools.

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<p>Hawthorne and Henderson Mill have been promised funding to address needed systems replacements, only to have that money taken away and used for other projects. Since DCSD does not have \$45,000,000 to construct a consolidated school until SPLOST VII or later, what is DCSD going to do to provide adequate facilities and fully-functioning systems for the next 7-10 years?</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 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. The necessary renovations and repairs will be completed by DCSD facilities and maintenance.</p>
<p>How long will virtual learning student continue? Underpopulated schools are effected by lack of face to face learning.</p>		<p>Thank you for your comment. Unfortunately this Q&A session is directed toward the options and recommendation of the Comprehensive Master Plan study that will help guide capital improvement program and E-SPLOST funding for the coming years. Please reach out to DCSD leadership for information of virtual learning.</p>
<p>regarding Austin. are you expecting the enrollment to stay at its current level? it seems that as turnover continues in the homes, more young children will move in and will create a larger k-5 population that with the 6-8 addition will overcrowd the school.</p>		<p>According to the demographic study conducted by Cropper GIS and McKibben Demographics, Austin ES enrollment is forecasted to drop by 4 percent over the next 10 years. Based on the size of the school and available space the CMP recommended a K-8 program.</p>
<p>Will the proposed expansion/renovation of Druid Hills High School involve land acquisition? Specifically the purchase by eminent domain of the three homeowners whose property is adjacent to Druid Hills? If so, what's is the process for this to happen and the timeline?</p>		<p>The CMP team does not have information on specific expansion plans of Druid Hills HS. Please reach out to DCSD leadership for more information on this request.</p>
<p>What would happen to Druid Hills High School students if the surrounding neighborhoods requested annexation into the city of Atlanta?</p>		<p>In the past, as annexations have occurred over the District will need to update attendance areas and boundaries of the school district to reflect the changes. This same procedure will occur if homes or neighborhoods in the Druid Hills community were to be annexed to city of Atlanta.</p>
<p>When 2 schools merge, isn't the teacher/extra resources allocation based on the number of students. So if we go from 2 elementary schools of 450 students, wouldn't the resources really be the same. If not, please explain how the extra resources would be allocated.</p>		<p>Major factor in moving from building smaller facilities to the prototype elementary school is cost for new construction, repairs, and renovations. District leadership decided prototype schools was the best use of taxpayer dollars.</p>
<p>What programs are currently being offered in the 900+ seat prototype elementary schools that are not offered to 450-seat schools?</p>		<p>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.</p>
<p>For the new Dunwoody-Chamblee school, it's suggested that it feed into the Chamblee cluster. So many nearby neighborhood students walk to DHS, not requiring bus transportation - why would it make sense to go to another cluster that is equally as crowded and farther away? Wouldn't we want students to remain in the communities they live, work and serve - and one that's closest in proximity?</p>		<p>Thank you for your feedback. The redistricting meetings for the new Dunwoody Chamblee Elementary school will be a separate process. Stakeholders will be informed when public engagement begins.</p>
<p>The new Shallowford K-8 school will likely have students from Montgomery and Dunwoody elementary. The CMP states this entire school will feed into Chamblee High. Would you all consider making this a split feeder so that kids than can currently walk to Dunwoody High are not moved miles away contributing to more transportation needs?</p>		<p>Thank you for your feedback. The redistricting meetings for the new Dunwoody Chamblee Elementary school will be a separate process. Stakeholders will be informed when public engagement begins.</p>
<p>How many empty seats exist in DCSD now, and how do these empty seats impact DCSD's ability to receive state construction reimbursements? How much of the \$31,000,000 DCSD was predicted to receive in SPLOST V will be received?</p>		<p>The goal of the CMP process was to address underutilization in the District. Many recommendations like consolidation of schools in Regions 3 and 5 or the conversion of Towers to a Cyber Tech and McNair to a Career Tech academy will remove seats. It is the goal of the District to use our facilities in the best way to serve our students.</p>
<p>what do you view as the biggest risk (s) from the CMP being successfully implemented?</p>		<p>District Leadership alongside the CMP team have allocated certain funds for each project. Risks may come from unexpected increases in construction supplies or other factors that may delay the completion of a project.</p>
<p>Druid Hills High School currently has serious maintenance issues. What will be done to address much needed repairs to Druid Hills High Schools?</p>		<p>Even if Druid Hills High school or another school was not mentioned in the CMP recommendations, the District is reviewing all facilities and allocating funds via CARES Act, ESPLOST V, and E-SPLOST VI, and state reimbursements to address capital improvements.</p>
<p>Are school zones being redrawn in addition to the reassignment of the clusters?</p>		<p>The CMP team has put recommendations together for new clusters and consolidations. There will be separate redistricting processes over the upcoming years which will include stakeholder engagement surveys, meetings, etc.</p>
<p>If SPLOST pays for the creation of Early Learning Centers, how does DCSD play to pay for the daily operation? What is the annual cost per pupil for students at the existing ELC?</p>		<p>Thank you for your feedback. The District leadership is working with the Division of Finance to explore other funding options for early learning centers.</p>
<p>Do you believe it is necessary to replace the 60 year old bathrooms at Hawthorne elementary school?</p>		<p>The District will work to address the necessary facility repairs while the plans for the CMP are underway. The Facilities and Maintenance team will work on improvements as needed.</p>
<p>When will the research regarding smaller vs. larger elementary schools be done in the process?</p>		<p>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.</p>
<p>Just wanted to echo the need for traffic studies. Traffic concerns is the main reason my neighborhood feels it could not support a 950 seat elementary school. Would like to see greater (and ongoing) collaboration between DCSD and DeKalb Transportation Department regarding school traffic needs.</p>		<p>Thank you for your feedback. The District will work on communicating how traffic studies are taken into account when redistricting and new construction is begin planned.</p>