

**Marie Reed Swing Questions Received on Swing Space  
DCPS Responses: January 14, 2016**

**Comments Related to Off-Site Scenario**

**1. Students “work day” significantly extended.**

**DCPS Response:** If the off-site option is selected, adding transportation could extend the day of the student. The bus will be more like a shuttle between two locations, so the extra time will be minimized as much as possible.

**2. Less Flexibility in drop-off times**

**DCPS Response:** If this is the selected option, DCPS will work to form a subgroup consisting of Marie Reed leadership and parents to help us create a survey to determine the transportation needs. The information gathered from parents/guardians will be evaluated to determine the best times for dropping-off students to their the designated bussing areas.

**3. Less Flexibility in pick-up times**

**DCPS Response:** If this is the selected option, DCPS will work to form a subgroup consisting of Marie Reed leadership and parents to help us create a survey to determine the transportation needs. The information gathered from parents/guardians will be evaluated to determine the best times for pick up.

**4. No Bus Stops, (waiting for buses exposed to weather)**

**DCPS Response:** If this is the selected option, there will be dedicated pick-up and drop-off locations for students. DCPS will work with the transportation company to ensure that students will not be standing in extreme weather conditions.

**5. Loss of “before care” option**

**DCPS Response:** Before & After Care will be available and will keep its current schedule. Before Care begins at 7am. After Care is from 3:30-6pm.

**6. Chaos at drop-off/pickup**

**DCPS Response:** DCPS and school leadership will evaluate the drop-off and pick-up locations. DCPS’s main goal is to provide a safe environment for students transporting back and forth from school during the modernization. We are working with our Operations team to ensure drop-off and pick-ups are handled in an orderly manner.

**7. Unchaperoned, mixed-aged busing**

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**DCPS Response:** In addition to the driver, the transportation would include adult supervision.

## **8. Students off-site for full year**

**DCPS Response:** If the off-site location is selected, it would be for the full school year. We understand that this has an impact on families. Our goal would be to minimize that by providing transportation. Our ultimate goal is to provide the best learning environment as possible for students, and there are some negative aspects to remaining on the site for a year.

## **9. Significantly limited opportunity for parents to interact with administration**

**DCPS Response:** Yes, the proposed off-site location is outside of the Marie Reed Community, but we would work closely with the school to ensure there are ways to continue interaction with staff at the school.. There will be dedicated administrative offices located near the main entry to allow for this interaction.

## **10. Very limited recreation space at swing location**

**DCPS Response:** The off-site swing location has ample green space in front of the school for recreational activities. During the summer, building modifications will be made to accommodate the Marie Reed population, which will include play areas for the students.

## **11. Swing school possibly shared with Roosevelt STAY (high school and older students returning to school after an absence to get a high school degree)**

**DCPS Response:** Roosevelt STAY will not occupy the proposed off-site swing location. Roosevelt STAY will move into their new space within Roosevelt High School. There is a new MacFarland MS that will open next school year, which will have a small number of 6th graders. There is a dedicated wing of the building for this program.

## **12. Clinic lost all year long**

**DCPS Response:** Yes. The Marie Reed modernization will disrupt The Community of Hope, WIC and UPO spaces. Each partner will need to vacate the premises due to the construction activities in those areas. Each community partner has been notified of the schedule and are making arrangements for temporary locations.

## **13. Status of WIC and daycare?**

**DCPS Response:** Each partner will need to vacate the premises due to the construction activities in those areas. Each community partner has been notified of the schedule and they are making arrangements for temporary locations.

## **14. Teacher parking significantly reduced all year long**

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**DCPS Response:** The proposed swing space location will have parking available to teachers, staff and visitors. The off site option actually provides the more parking opportunity than the on-site options.

**15.Admin/staff would have to move to second swing space for the summer 2017**

**DCPS Response:** Marie Reed’s front office staff would relocate during the summer of 2017. The off-site swing option

**16.Total number of moves: 3 (a. -Reed to swing space b. -swing space to summer swing space, c.- summer swing space to Reed)**

**DCPS Response:** The proposed plan to swing off-site would include (2) moves. The first move would occur before construction (June 2016). The last move would occur after Marie Reed’s modernization is completed. The contractor will be responsible for the movement of materials.

**On-Site Swing Comments**

**17.New School would be available for use for half of school year.**

**DCPS Response:** Yes, this is certainly a pro to this scenario.

**18.New rec center would be available for use for half of the school year**

**DCPS Response:** Yes, it is anticipated that this area will be completed. Staff of the center is the responsibility of DPR.

**19. Only 2 of the 8 class levels (4th and 5th grade) in portable classrooms**

**DCPS Response:** The determination of which grades that would be in the trailers would be up to the Marie Reed leadership.

**20.Allows clinic to remain in place for half a year**

**DCPS Response:** In the on-site option, this area would be very near the construction area, which is still being evaluated by the builder. If this is the selected option, we would work with the builder to evaluate if the clinic could remain open for any part of the year.

**21.Would likely allow WIC and daycare to remain in place for half a year**

**DCPS Response:** In the on-site option, this area would be very near the construction area, which is still being evaluated by the builder. If this is the selected option, we would work with the builder to evaluate if the WIC and daycare areas could remain open for any part of the year.

**22.Would allow teacher parking to remain in place for half a year**

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**DCPS Response:** Yes, in the on-site option it is likely the parking would remain in place. The challenging part would be getting from the parking area to the school during construction.

**23. Total number of moves: 3 (Move out of west wing, transfer from east wing to west wing, move back into east wing).**

**DCPS Response:** Yes, this on-site option would require the moves indicated in the comment. Timing of these moves is the difficult part of the equation. Moving during winter break provides a very short window to complete the necessary moves.

**24. Takeaway: Virtually all inconvenience falls on the contractors. Inconvenience to students, parents likely but intermittent.**

**DCPS Response:** The contractor will be receiving direction from DGS and DCPS. Construction and swing space decisions are difficult for everyone, but the goal of DCPS is to provide the best learning environment for students as possible.