



### Discussions from the Community

The notes below summarize the comments and questions received during Murch Community Meeting on December 17, 2015. If a response is not provided below, it will be included in subsequent postings. Comments on the scenarios can be sent to [SIT.INFO@dc.gov](mailto:SIT.INFO@dc.gov) or submitted in the following comment form: <http://goo.gl/forms/UgPilrMte8> . Comments will be accepted through 12/31/15.

#### For all Scenarios

- Request for a “baseline” to determine pro and con list
- Effects on Extended Day and other non-DCPS affiliated after & before care programs
- Why is this project 2 years and Lafayette and others were only 1 school year of swing space?

#### Scenario 1 – 100% On Site

- There are traffic concerns with additional construction vehicles, especially if drop off is limited to Ellicott.
- Request for an understanding on how crossing would be made safe across Reno Road to playspace
- Can cafeteria space be made available after Phase 1?
  - Response during meeting: It will be reviewed as the builder analyzes project phasing
- Hazmat control if students and staff are on site
  - Response during meeting: There are several legal requirements to do hazmat abatement safely for safety of people and the environment. Safety is DGS and DCPS’ number one priority.
- Noise and dust concerns with being on site during construction
  - Response during the meeting: This is a con of this scenario
- Possible need of phase 4 should be a “con”
- Access to big-box spaces (cafeteria, gym) would be a “pro” to this scenario. How can we be sure?
  - Response during the meeting: It will be reviewed as the builder analyzes project phasing
- What if timing for phases isn’t met?
  - Response during the meeting: The builder is contractually bound to meeting specific dates. If this scenario is selected DGS and DCPS will coordinate with the builder to ensure these phasing timelines can be met.
- Can double decker trailers be used here?
  - Response during the meeting: This will be reviewed with the builder.
- Limiting parking on Davenport for construction staging should be a “con”
- What happens to the New Bike Program?
- Where will specials and gym space be?
  - Response during the meeting: The existing multipurpose room remains active during several phases as proposed. Maintaining programmatic space will be reviewed with the principal
- Walkability for community should be a “pro”



### Scenario 2 – Split with PK/K at Capital Memorial Church and 1-5 at Murch

- Can double decker trailers be used?
  - Response during the meeting: This will be reviewed with the builder
- Usability of classrooms with requirements to take down posters should be a “con.” Should think about using classrooms at the Church for upper grades because PK/K has the most classroom posters, tackboards, etc
- Parking better in this option than scenario 1.
- Can all trailers be used instead of Church classrooms?
  - Response during the meeting: This impacts playspace, but can be reviewed
- There are challenges for special education and general education teachers with this option.
  - Response during the meeting: Agreed
- Walkability should be a “pro”
- If cafeteria space “given up” can the whole school fit at Capital Memorial?
  - Response during the meeting: This can be reviewed

### Scenario 3 – Lafayette Trailers

- What happens if the Lafayette construction is not complete?
  - Response during the meeting: The construction at Lafayette is currently on track to complete on time.
- Is it a possibility to have some grades go to Lafayette and some stay at Murch?
- Will there be buses?
  - Response during the meeting: Yes, but the logistics need to be evaluated further.
- Less access to public transportation than other options should be a “con”
- Is time saved by swinging off site? Is there a possibility for Murch to be done in one year?
  - Response during the meeting: Murch’s project timeline for construction will not lessen to one year regardless of swing option chosen.
- Can start/end times for Lafayette and Murch stagger?
- There are traffic and safety concerns during pick up and drop off if both schools are there.

### Scenario 4 – Swing with Trailers on Partial of UDC Soccer Field

- Status of negotiations with State Department?
  - Response during the meeting: They will begin in the coming days as negotiations and discussions with UDC are continued. UDC has contacts with the State Department.
- Will there be a fence?
  - Response during the meeting: Yes
- Will there be buses?
  - Response during the meeting: Yes, but the logistics need to be evaluated.
- Can DCPS security protocols be maintained here?
  - Response during the meeting: Yes

### Comments and Questions Received on Notecards

- “Option 4 is best but there are a lot of variables”
- “Please consider all operating budget solutions to the issues you identify as cons”



- “What is DCPS’ policy on disposing of former school site? How did we get into a situation in which we have no swing school available in Ward 3/NWDC?”
- “If UDC option is selected (\$6M) how will that impact the building quality choices? Will the design still be the same since swing costs are taken from building budget?”
- “Huge problem for parents of young children to pick up drop off at two different sites. UDC is best option – one site, not near construction, lesser community impact”
- “It is impossible to evaluate the UDC option because there are no specifics or answers yet about space, security, traffic, or parking. It may be the best but we need more information. Lafayette is also a good option for Murch”
- There are many issues with Lafayette including pickup/drop off safety.
- “These are four flawed options and the decision timeline is short. Can the decision deadline date be extended and more options evaluated?”
- “I would like to suggest that you have a conversation with the students (maybe the student council) for suggestions and ideas.”