

Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Rockville, Maryland

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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Facilities and Boundaries Work Session Follow-up Questions (02-25-19-07-A-B)

During the Facilities and Boundaries Presentation and Preliminary Work Session, Board members requested the following information:

**Question A**

Mrs. O'Neill requested information regarding the enrollment projections for Walter Johnson High School if Northwood High School is moved into the renovated Woodward High School Holding Center.

**Response**

The *Superintendent's Recommended FY 2020 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2019–2024 Capital Improvements Program* includes the six-year enrollment projections for all schools in Montgomery County Public Schools. With respect to Walter Johnson High School, the enrollment projections indicate that the school will be overutilized in the six-year planning period with approximately 400 seats overutilized in the 2019–2020 school year to approximately 680 seats in the 2024–2025 school year. During the modernization for Walter Johnson High School, approximately 40 relocatable classrooms were sited at the school to accommodate students during the construction process. Therefore, if necessary, relocatable classrooms can be accommodated on the site until the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School.

**Question B**

Mrs. Smondrowski requested information regarding the timeline for each school under each proposed scenario having to do with the Northwood High School possible holding center facilities plan. (Please include information regarding Northwood, Woodward, and Walter Johnson high schools.)

**Response**

To date, the option that has been explored with a proposed time line is the option to relocate Northwood High School to a newly constructed Charles W. Woodward High School for two years while the expansion and facility upgrades to Northwood High School are implemented. This is one of two options that is included in the *Superintendent's Recommended FY 2020 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2019–2024 Capital Improvements Program*. Based on this option, it is anticipated that the newly constructed Charles W. Woodward High School would be available to house Northwood High School in September 2023, for two years, and Charles W. Woodward High School then would reopen as a new high school in September 2025. Should the Board approve a relocation plan for Northwood High School other than the one noted, a construction time line will be developed for that holding facility, as well as for Charles W. Woodward High School.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Andrew M. Zuckerman, chief operating officer, at 240-740-3050 or Ms. Adrienne L. Karamihas, director, Division of Capital Planning, at 240-314-1053.

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