

15. Michelle Turner – Einstein Cluster
16. Sharon Strauss – Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster
17. Marney Jacobs – Walter Johnson Cluster
18. Andrea Gates – Wheaton Cluster
19. Lafe Solomon – Whitman Cluster
20. Bill Flynt
21. Dan Shepherdson
22. Michael Wolff
23. Laura Loeb
24. Lou Ann Elerick
25. John Rajotte

Board of Education members asked the following questions and made comments:

1. Mr. Felton asked staff to review and respond to any items raised through testimony at this hearing regarding safety and health issues.
2. Mr. Felton noted the five-year commitment to the maintenance of the special education centers, and he asked for a copy of that commitment and the request that have been made.
3. Mrs. King asked how many more special education students were registered this year than last year. Will that be reflected in the projections for the next couple of years?
4. Mrs. King requested information about the improvements at Poolesville High School, and what would be the cost.
5. Mr. Abrams asked about the six-room addition at Baker Middle School. If the core is increased to 1,200, what are the needs for addition classrooms to accommodate that enrollment? He wanted to know a cost benefit analysis of doing two projects rather than a consolidation into one project. What savings would be achieved? Was there a potential for accelerating the project? Would a project of that magnitude compare favorably with a total renovation?
6. Ms. Signer was told that a 16-room addition could not be sited at Gaithersburg High School. What other options are being explored?
7. Ms. Signer remarked that Ms. Shott's testimony referred to the Upper Rock Creek Master Plan with the development of 225 additional units. The projections for the high school show a decline over the next few years. Are those units included in the projection?
8. Mrs. King asked what the actual cost reduction would be if there was a gym built at Cashell Elementary School at the same time as the school is being renovated.
9. Mr. Lloyd asked about handicapped accessibility issues raised by the Magruder Cluster.
10. Mr. Felton wanted to know the magnitude of the accessibility countywide to playground facilities. His interest was checking school by school to make

- determinations on how that ranks with other issues, and if the county was eligible to receive federal funding for renovations.
11. Ms. Signer noted that Kingsview Middle School has 11 portables with more projected for installation. Please provide a timeline on how many portables and when they would be relocated. Could restroom facilities be provided with this number of portables? Will technology be available in the portables?
 12. Ms. Signer asked if the ESOL students were moved back to Wootton from Quince Orchard, was that move feasible with construction at Wootton, were there additional costs, and how much space would become available at Quince Orchard.
 13. Mr. Abrams wanted to know the work that had been done at Poolesville High School since it was reconfigured to a high school only. What else should be done for that conversion?
 14. When the feasibility study was done for Eastern Middle School, Ms. Signer asked if there was anything done about the science labs and media center.
 15. Regarding the Silver Spring International auditorium, Ms. Signer asked what the school system's share of the costs would be if placed in the CIP, and would the county provide matching funds.
 16. Ms. Signer asked what the plans were to address overcrowding at Montgomery Blair High School. Will there be portables? Please provide a map where the portables will be located if it is available.
 17. Ms. Signer asked staff to respond to the concerns raised by Ms. Turner regarding the reopening of Newport.
 18. Mr. Felton asked for the additional cost on the five classrooms as part of the construction at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School.
 19. Ms. Signer asked the Wheaton Cluster what they preferred (K-5 elementary school or early childhood center) with the reopening of Connecticut Park.
 20. Mrs. King asked about Parkland Middle School, and where it was on the modernization list.
 21. Mrs. King asked the cost of playground equipment for Resnick Elementary School based on Mr. Elerick's testimony.
 22. Ms. Signer noted that she wrote to the Superintendent about improvements at Potomac Elementary School, and she asked for an update on those improvements.

The hearing ended at 9:15 p.m.

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