

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: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Presentation of Facilities Assessment with Criteria and Testing Report (School Modernizations)

Beginning in spring 2010, the Facilities Assessment with Criteria and Testing (FACT) Committee, comprising stakeholders from inside and outside Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), participated in the development of an updated assessment methodology to rank schools for modernization. The process, conducted in March and April 2010, led to development of a list of school characteristics, termed "FACT assessment parameters," that should be assessed when a school is being evaluated for future modernization.

Following a public review period and a recommendation by the superintendent of schools in support of the committee report, the Board of Education adopted the FACT assessment parameters at its meeting on July 8, 2010. The Board of Education also approved a list of 53 MCPS facilities to be assessed. Subsequently, the FACT Review Committee reconvened in August and September 2010 to develop the scoring and weighting approach for the areas to be assessed in the facilities. The Board of Education was briefed on the scoring system at its meeting on December 7, 2010.

Following completion of the FACT methodology and scoring system, consultants from EMG, Inc. assessed the 53 facilities and completed their work in June 2011. The FACT Review Committee reconvened to review the results of the FACT assessments and to provide input to the report. In addition, the report was distributed to the principals and Parent Teacher Association presidents of all the assessed schools, the cluster coordinators, the Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Association president, and the Capital Improvements chair for a period of public comment from July 22 through September 16, 2011.

Today's presentation of the FACT Report will include an overview of the process of school assessments, the resulting school scores, and comments received during the public comment period.

Present at the Board table for today's discussion are Mr. Bruce Crispell, director, Division of Long-range Planning, Department of Facilities Management and Mr. James Song, director, Department of Facilities Management.

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