

# Piney Branch ES

## FEASIBILITY STUDY

# Community Meeting 1

## MAY 01, 2025







# Piney Branch Team



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# Piney Branch Team



## Meet your Site and Building Systems Analysts

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# Agenda

1. Why We're Here
2. Schedule
3. Communications
4. Feasibility Study
5. Design Options
6. Community Input

*\*The boundary study will not be discussed during this meeting*





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# Why We're Here



# Why We're Here

## 1. Purpose

- We are here today to solicit your input on Piney Branch Elementary School

## 2. Rules of engagement

- We will start with Piney Branch Elementary School followed by feedback on the Piney Branch Public Pool.

## 3. What we're doing

- A feasibility study was completed in 2017 to evaluate the feasibility of increasing capacity due to overcrowding.
- The building has aged since 2017.
- We will compile a feasibility study including multiple options for the facility to help inform the Superintendent's recommended Fall 2025 CIP





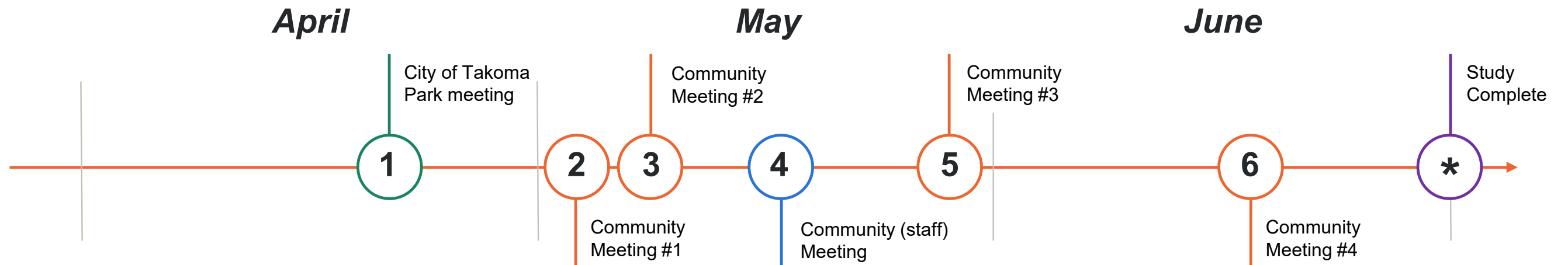
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# Schedule



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1. **April 23, 2025:** City of Takoma Park meeting
2. **May 1, 2025 (today):** Community meeting #1
3. **May 15, 2025:** Community meeting #2
4. **May 27, 2025:** Community (staff) meeting
5. **May 29, 2025:** Community meeting #3
6. **June 4, 2025:** Community meeting #4







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# Communications



# How We Will Notify the Community



Send Over 300  
Mailers With Dates



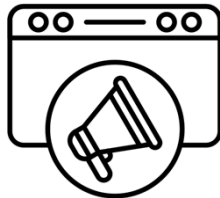
Post  
Signage



Advertise in City's  
Monthly Newsletter



Advertise on  
School's Website



PTA to  
Advertise





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# Feasibility Study



# Background

**An FY23 appropriation was approved to begin the architectural design for a major capital project at Piney Branch ES; however, no construction funds were included in the adopted FY23-28 CIP.**

**During the review of the Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment, it was approved as part of the FY25-30 CIP that planning be postponed until the Master Plan Amendment process was complete.**

**Now that the County Council has approved the Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment, a feasibility study for a major capital project at this school has been recommended.**





# Purpose

**A comprehensive feasibility study will provide a quantifiable set of next steps for Piney Branch thereby taking the guess work out of the design process.**

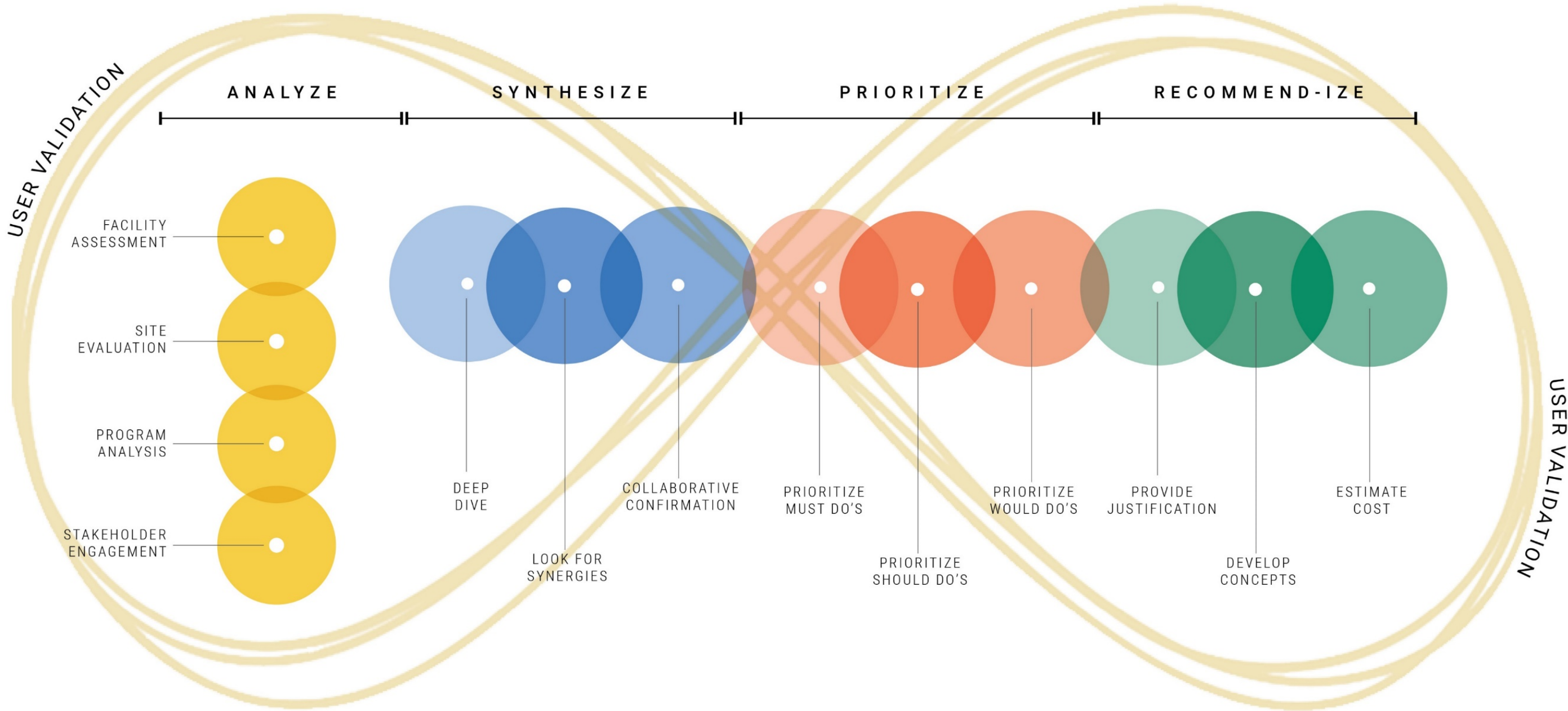
**The study will explore multiple options for the facility and provide cost estimates for each that will help to inform the Superintendent's recommended CIP in the fall of this year.**



# Feasibility Study Process



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# Design Options

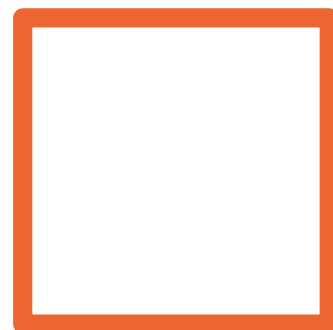


# Existing School and Site



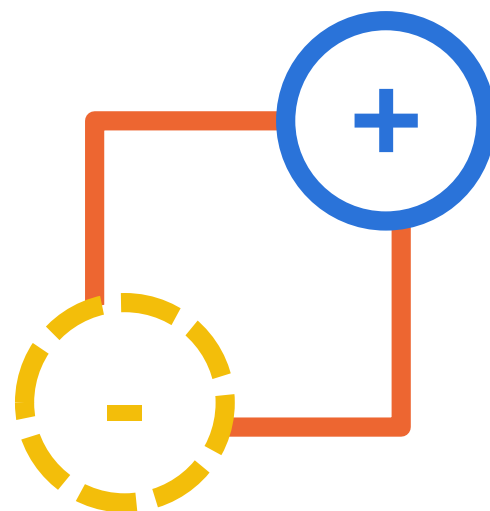


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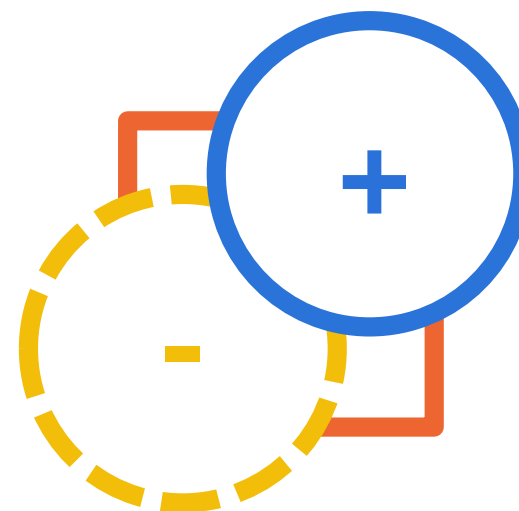
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Full Renewal  
of the Existing  
School



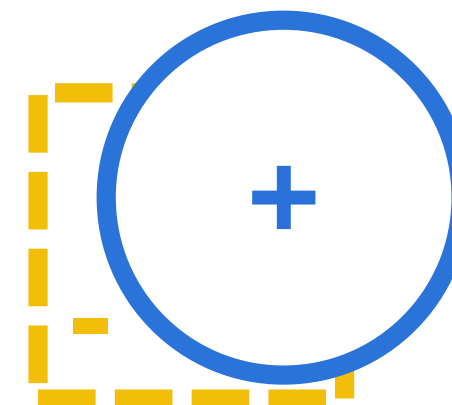
**2.**

Full Renewal of Existing  
School + Addition  
(<50% demolition)



**3.**

Full Renewal of Existing  
School + Addition  
(>50% demolition)



**4.**

Demo Existing School  
+ Build New School  
(on existing site)





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# Community Input





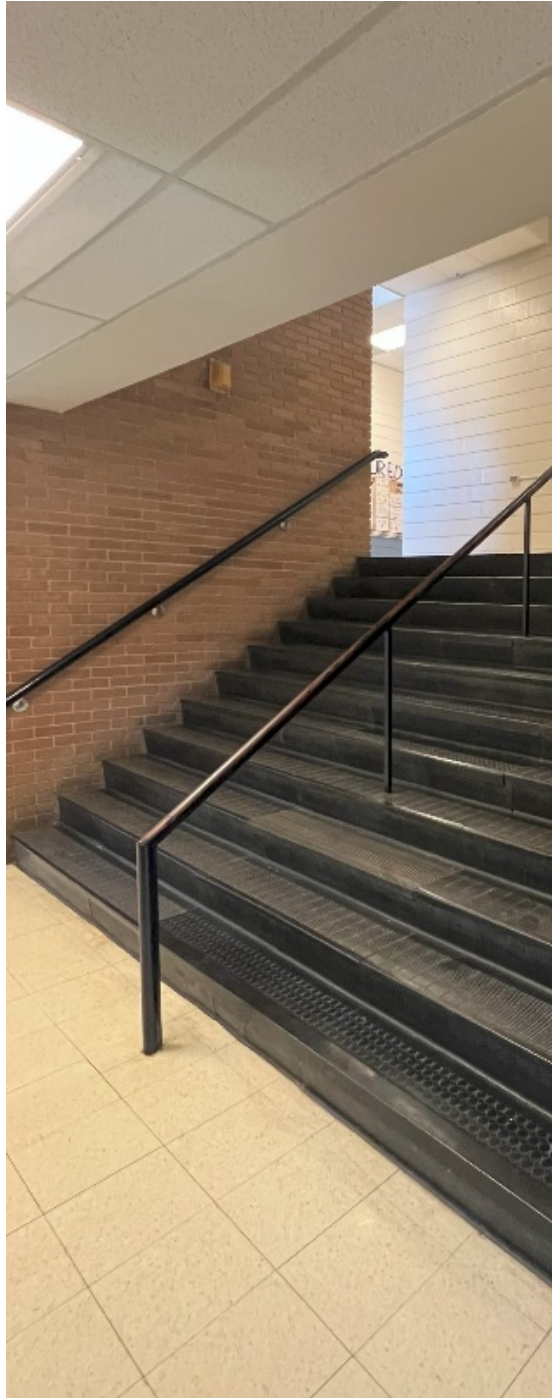
# What We Saw + Heard



- More Parking
- Safer Drop-off / Pick-up
- More Secure Entrance
- Accessible Access to Playground
- Clear Circulation Inside School
- Natural Light in All Classrooms
- More Fixtures / Bathrooms
- Teacher / Adult Bathrooms
- Teacher Planning Area(s)
- More SGIs / LGIs
- Library as Heart of the School
- Student Work Display
- More Efficient Mechanical Systems
- Fewer Leaky Pipes / Roof
- Upgrades Per Code / Regulations
- What's Up With the Pool?







## Limiting Factors

What are the biggest limiting factors of the Piney Branch building/site?

Parents / Students



Staff



Neighbors





## Favorites

What are your favorite things about the Piney Branch building/site?

Parents / Students



Staff



Neighbors







## Opportunities

What opportunities for improvement to the building/site excite you the most?

Parents / Students



Staff



Neighbors





## Piney Branch Public Pool

Please scan the QR code provided using your cell phone camera to access the survey.





THANK YOU  
**QUESTIONS?**

