

Radnor Center Community Meeting February 9, 2026

The following is a summary of questions, comments, and concerns raised at the meeting along with the accompanying responses from MCPS.

Q: What modifications will be needed to get the facility ready to be a holding school (for Burning Tree Elementary)?

A: Additional classrooms will be required and MCPS would prefer to place a modular building as opposed to individual relocatable classrooms. If additional funding is available additional upgrades and improvements may also be made.

Q: In a previous CIP there was a proposal for a two-story addition because it would be hard to fit an MCPS elementary school into the facility. Is that the CIP you are referring to (in the presentation)?

A: Many years ago in a previous CIP cycle there were feasibility studies conducted for holding center improvements however they were not recommended nor funded to move forward. That CIP is no longer valid. The current and not-yet funded FY27-32 CIP recommendation called for holding center improvements, not an addition project.

Q: The property lights are too bright and out of compliance with MCPS standards.

A: MCPS will investigate and take care of the lighting issue.

Q: Who can the community contact if there is suspicious activity at the property?

A: The MCPS Division of Safety and Emergency Management makes rounds to all MCPS sites and may be contacted during normal business hours at 240-740-3066. The community should call the Montgomery County Police for true emergencies.

Q: Will MCPS upgrade the exterior so neighborhood kids can play?

A: MCPS has removed relocatable classrooms and made upgrades including blacktop restoration where the basketball court is and installation of playground equipment. We will look at what other beautifications and improvements could be made. The site does have the benefit of a lot of green space.

Q: Is the plan to keep the facility as is or make upgrades for swing space/holding space? Is that the end goal or temporary plan?

A: The Radnor Center is a closed school and MCPS does plan for it to be used as a holding school for the long term foreseeable future. We need to look at what the next schools are that will need it and we plan out the next six years each CIP cycle. In the short term we are considering leasing the facility.

Q: Is there any consideration to giving this property back to the county to make it into a community center? How did Leland do that? What went into consideration to get Leland converted into a community center?

A: As a Board of Education owned property if we ever did give the property back to the county it would be up to them to decide how to use it.

Q: Property capital improvements would be welcome. It's an eyesore. Can exterior improvements be part of the plan? We want MCPS to be a good neighbor and not neglect the property and should take pride in it.

A: MCPS will consider improvements depending on scope, cost, and compatibility with future use. Regular upkeep including mowing should take place.

Q: Some of the problems include unsecured space after Potomac Elementary School moved out, side doors left open, animals stuck under relocatable classrooms, window units falling out of the windows.

A: MCPS staff walked the building on February 3, 2026 and compiled a list of actions needed at this facility. MCPS will address maintenance issues through placing tickets in our work order system. For maintenance and operations this facility falls under the Midcounty Service Center.

Q: If Burning Tree Elementary comes would modular be needed?

A: Yes, this facility only has 16 classrooms and Burning Tree will need about 28 classrooms based on their current enrollment. If funding is approved MCPS desires to add larger modular buildings with multiple classrooms that better relate to the existing facility and not single classroom buildings like what was there previously.

Q: Previous schools have tried to shut out neighbors from the property and we want to maintain access to the site. How will the neighbors know we can use the exterior?

A: MCPS agrees and will work with future schools and tenants occupying the property to ensure that they are welcoming to visitors using the site outside of school hours. We can be more explicit in future leases in terms of exterior signage.

Q: If neighbors want to weigh in to the CIP, when is the time to do it?

A: The CIP recommendations come out in the fall, October, of each year, and CIP input is primarily gathered during the spring and summer to inform the fall recommendations. The Board of Education does hold public hearings year round and there are dedicated public hearings specific to the CIP held each November.

Q: There had been a discussion of adding a gymnasium so the neighborhood could rent it out. It would make it more viable financially for MCPS to have the ability to rent it out. We want it to be an asset to our community.

A: There is not currently a plan to add a gymnasium at this facility. Schools have been using its all purpose room as both a cafeteria space and a gymnasium.

Q: Who are the current points of contact for our elected officials?

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