

# Baltimore City Schools Quarterly Coordinating Committee Meeting on School Construction: Agenda

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

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## Housekeeping

- Attendance
- Review and Approval Minutes of January 17, 2024 (see [January Meeting Notes](#))

## Agency Updates

School walking routes (DOP/DOT)

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- INSPIRE Area Sidewalk Repairs
  - a. Re-bidding this spring due to issues w/ bid selected in summer 2023
  - b. Bidders on previous contract were ineligible
  - c. Re-advertising the contract in May 2024
- Other route improvements
  - a. Crosswalks
    - i. Design complete for Cherry Hill Rd. and Seabury crosswalk near library; waiting on follow-up ADA Division
    - ii. Recent installation at Mary E. Rodman ES (Mulberry and Allendale)
    - iii. Identifying additional crosswalks in INSPIRE areas for refresh in 2024 (e.g. Patterson HS) - [see map for locations](#)
- Other topics
  - a. DOP is coordinating w/ DOT re: Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) CSX bridge work re: REACH! Partnership HS
  - b. BCPSS is coordinating w/ DOT through new monthly meeting
  - c. Parking restrictions school bus stop near Comm. John Rodgers EMS
  - d. Traffic study around Medfield Heights ES area

INSPIRE Planning (DOP)

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- Upcoming plans (Eli/Jaffa)
  - Robert W. Coleman ES – expect plan adoption spring/summer 2024
  - Northwood ES – expect recommendation report completion spring/summer 2024
  - Medfield ES – expect plan adoption fall/winter 2024
- Recent outreach
  - 4/4/2024 – Medfield Heights INSPIRE Plan outreach event (Marie/Jaffa)
  - Coordination re: Herbert Street Park (Tarek)
    - 3-13-24 site visit w/ RW Coleman Community Assoc, the Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council (GMCC), District 7 CM Torrence, a representative from the West North Avenue Development Authority (WNADA), and the West District Planner from DOP at Herbert St. Park

- Community associate and partners are planning to add improved fencing, playground equipment and string lights. They have community parks partner who is willing to fund the improvements
- City is still in the process of acquiring and consolidating the parcels of land and once that process is complete they should move forward with acquiring the lots from the city to formally control the space.
- The District 7 CM and WNADA staff are looking into avenues for supporting the lighting project and additional planting on site, while the DOP is coordinating with DHCD on tracking the progress of the site consolidation.

**Design and Construction Updates (21<sup>st</sup> Century/MSA)**

School name	Status	Recent updates	Scheduled Opening
Com. John Rodgers EMS	Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RFP for construction manager and first GMP is going out today in coordination w/ MDE permit process (expected by end of June at the latest)</li> <li>- Expect building demolition to start late June/early July</li> </ul>	Summer 2026
Frederick Douglass HS	Design process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Design process is complete</li> <li>- Coordinating w/ CHAP re: small exterior changes and site work</li> <li>- RFP for GMP going out next month</li> <li>- Expect to start construction in early July (starting demolition on interior as soon as students leave the building)</li> <li>- CHAP hearing in Jan. 2024</li> </ul>	SY 2026/27 (see <a href="#">11/1/2022 summary</a> )

○ **Built to Learn**

▪ City College

• **City College CHAP Review**

- 2/8/24: CHAP staff discussed general proposal and CHAP review process with staff from Samaha Architects and Maryland Stadium Authority
- 2/22/24: CHAP staff had a site visit at City College with staff from Samaha Architects, JRS Architects, Maryland Stadium Authority, and the Maryland Historical Trust to discuss the conceptual proposal for the school
- Next steps
  - Scope of possible demolition of gym/portions of auxiliary buildings determined
  - MHT will complete review through Sec. 206 process

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- MSA and/or the design team will submit their application for demolition, which will require one or more hearings at CHAP
    - CHAP is willing to meet to discuss the application prior to submission.
  - Concept design submission is expected to be delivered by the end of the week
- Poly Western
  - Status of RFQ and RFP for architect selection
  - As of Jan 2024, BCPSS was working on edits to MOU on City before releasing RFQ/RFP
    - In final stages of MOU coordination w/ BCPSS staff and legal department
    - Hope to complete MOU by late April or May
- **Frederick Douglass & Joseph C. Briscoe**
  - Recap from 4/10 Northwestern Building meeting
    - Kari participated as community planner
    - Residents shared racially charged comments and concerns Black students and “students who aren't from the neighborhood” present in the area around Northwestern Building; BCPSS facilitators handled tense conversation well
    - BCPSS shared long-term plans for ongoing use of the Northwestern Building for use as high school swing space in future HS building upgrades
    - BCPSS noted that up to 40% of students live w/in 1.5 miles of the school building
    - City schools will stop issuing permits during the duration of construction; on-site parking will be within the fence; gate on Pulaski Street side will be kept locked to minimize interference with construction
    - Next steps
      - Create a reference map for student enrollment distribution for Kari and Tarek
      - BCPSS will be organizing a community coordinating group w/ principals, students from each school, BCPSS staff, and community representatives to meet quarterly and have public meetings twice a year
      - BCPSS is in the process of setting up a new website with information on the Built to Learn schools
      - BCPSS should share more information w/ DOT re: any changes to planned circulation w/ additional parking lot to inform sign placement
      - Fred will follow-up w/ Office of Real Estate re: communication related to new restrictions on field access (copy Tarek and Larry)
  - As of January, DOT was in progress re: investigating options for Gwynns Falls Parkway
    - Expect to do a replace in-kind for existing markings and signage
    - Plan to optimize signal to ensure sufficient pedestrian crossing time

**High Schools from February 20, 2024 - Baltimore City Quarterly Meeting on High School Planning and Construction**

Building Name	Status	Design	Relocation to Swing	Construction	Grand Opening	Swing space
Frederick Douglass High School	Design	SY 22/23 - SY 23/24	Summer 2024	SY 24/25 – SY 25/26	Summer 2026	Northwestern Building

Baltimore City College	Design	SY 23/24 - SY 24/25	Summer 2025	SY 25/26 - SY 27/28	Summer 2028	University of Baltimore
Western High School	Pre-Design Procurement	SY 24/25 - SY 25/26	Summer 2026	SY 26/27 – SY 27/28	Summer 2028	Northwestern Building
Baltimore Polytechnic High School	Pre-Design Procurement	SY 24/25 – SY 25/26	Summer 2028	SY 28/29 – SY 29/20	Summer 2030	Northwestern Building

21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Community Outreach

- Recent meetings
  - o 3/4 – [Frederick Douglass Swing Space Logistics Meeting](#)
  - o 3/6 – [MOU Executive Committee Meeting](#)
  - o 4/10 – Northwestern Building Meeting
  - o Com. John Rodgers EMS
    - BCPSS hosted meetings with school leadership reviewed design changes (that do not impact exterior or building appearance) that are now incorporated into the design
- Upcoming meetings
  - o 5/9 at 6pm – Frederick Douglass Construction Kick-off Meeting
  - o Com. John Rodgers EMS
    - Planning for design workgroup meeting and community meetings still in progress
      - Ivy is taking over lead in organizing meetings

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Next Scheduled Coordinating Committee Meeting: **Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 9:00am**