

Baltimore City Schools Quarterly Coordinating Committee Meeting on School Construction: Notes

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

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Housekeeping

- Review and Approval Minutes of April 16, 2025
- Larry Flynn motion, Fred Mason seconded, reviewed and approved

Agency Updates

School walking routes (DOP/DOT)

- INSPIRE Area Sidewalk Repairs
 - Medfield Heights sidewalk community project completed May 2025
 - Highlandtown EMS #237 in progress and expected to finish in July
 - Commodore John Rodgers is anticipated to start in early August and be completed in November
 - Cross Country to follow CJR and finish in Spring 2026
 - Completion depends on external conditions (weather, materials, etc.)
- Other route improvements
 - a. ADA Ramps
 - Funding held up a bit but curb ramps will be started this fall
 - b. Crossing study for Frederick Douglass at Gwynns Falls Parkway
 - Qiana will follow up by email or chat with what can be accomplished by the time students return in Fall 2026
- Other topics
 - a. Next DOT-BCPSS Coordinating is scheduled for **July 16, 1:30pm**

INSPIRE Planning (DOP)

- Upcoming plans (Patrick/Jaffa)
 - Northwood ES
 - Going to planning commission by end of calendar year
 - Billie Holliday/Katherine Johnson (kickoff late Summer/Fall 2025)
 - Montebello ES (kickoff late Fall 2025)
 - Walter P. Carter
 - Going to planning commission by end of calendar year
 - Oral history project
 - Cross Country EMS
 - Observed issues with stormwater management at some of the 21st Century Schools
 - Fred Mason – Bioretention is a maintenance facility, above ground issues and will follow up later offline

Design and Construction Updates (21st Century/MSA)

School name	Status	Recent updates	Scheduled Opening
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Com. John Rodgers EMS	Construction	- On schedule, construction proceeding - Out of the ground	Mid-year 2026, Still on track
Frederick Douglass HS/Briscoe	Construction	- On schedule, construction proceeding - Building is well into interior framing, mechanical, windows - Briscoe addition is out of the ground	Summer 2026, still on track

- **Built to Learn (Ivy)**
 - Status of new BCPSS website
 - Still in development phase, anticipated being up and running during late Summer 2025
 - Gave over content and information and moving along
- City College (100 percent design development reviewed by City Schools and MSA, CHAP meeting held Jan 2025; approval with some minor conditions)
 - Plan for implementing slip lane at Alameda and E. 33rd
 - Developing plans to better treat that area and redesign to narrow that lane with pavement markings and have better signage to slow folks down and make that area safer (Qiana)
- Poly Western
 - Status of slip lanes at Poly (Falls and Cold Spring)
 - City schools wanted to open a discussion about turn signalization at Falls/Hillside and Falls/Dove
 - Maureen asked if Chris Ryer could be present at the later DOT meeting
 - Qiana asked if the list of requests could be consolidated and asked if there were 311 requests for the turn signalization (Fred said there hadn't and they would appreciate guidance on that)
 - Mikah mentioned the need to pull together a spreadsheet with plan recommendations and tie them to 311 request numbers
 - Ongoing study, no update at present
- Other updates

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	Construction	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	Design	SY 24/25 - SY 25/26	Summer 2026	SY 26/27 – SY 27/28	Summer 2028	Northwestern Building
Baltimore Polytechnic High School	Design	SY 24/25 – SY 25/26	Summer 2028	SY 28/29 – SY 29/30	Summer 2030	Northwestern Building

21st Century Schools Community Outreach

- Upcoming meetings
 - No currently scheduled meetings, but will have a meeting in September for both schools

Next Scheduled Coordinating Committee Meeting: **Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 9:00am**