

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

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

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## Housekeeping

- Attendance
  - Eli Pousson
  - Jaffa Weiss
  - Maureen Gershberg
  - Chad Hayes
  - Cyndi Smith
  - Marissa Berk-Smith
  - Larry Flynn
  - Nichole Stewart
  - Debra Brooks
  - Kari Ney
  - Tarek Bolden
  - Renee Stainrod
  - Shay Wireman
- Review and Approval Minutes of July 19, 2023 (see [July Meeting Notes](#))

## Agency Updates

School walking routes (DOP/DOT)

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- 2023 INSPIRE Area Sidewalk Repairs
  - a. Mike Camper retired at the end of August
  - b. Contract should go to BOE ASAP; but may be 6 to 8 weeks or more before notice to proceed issued for contractor; work start delayed to 2024
  - c. Expect that if the work started late winter or early spring that everything would be wrapped up by summer 2024
- Recent Crosswalk Installation/Repair Work
  - a. Completed install for Katherine Johnson Global Academy and Billie Holliday area (August)
  - b. Future upgrades for the Cherry Hill area (design work is ongoing)

INSPIRE Planning (DOP)

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- REACH! + Harford Heights INSPIRE
  - Adoption at 9/21 hearing
  - Final distribution for late October
- Govans ES INSPIRE
  - Expected Planning Commission adoption at 12/21 hearing
- Recent outreach
  - Medfield Heights ES INSPIRE – 10/5 outreach meeting

- Robert W. Coleman ES INSPIRE – 10/12 outreach meeting

Other topics

- Umbra Street Park Improvements (John Ruhrah EMS INSPIRE Community Project)
  - Procurement of trash cans and benches in progress
  - Non-competitive procurement justification form signed and submitted Oct. 3
- Montebello ES Water Infiltration
  - On hold pending additional water testing by BCPSS
  - DOP can support coordination w/ DPW as needed

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

School name	Status	Recent updates	Scheduled Opening
Com. John Rodgers EMS	Design process (Beginning of design development)	UDAAP hearing: Interior demolition/salvage of existing building fixtures is underway; Building demolition to start beginning of 2024; school moved to swing space	Summer 2026
Cross Country EMS	Under construction (on schedule)	Furniture delivery coming shortly	January 2024
Frederick Douglass HS	Design process (completed schematic design phase; on schedule; beginning of design development submission)	UDAAP hearing: 8/3/2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Minutes</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Presentation</a></li> </ul> CHAP hearing: 9/12/2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Agenda</a></li> <li>○ Feedback shared; request return to present for upcoming CHAP hearing;</li> </ul>	SY 2026/27 (see <a href="#">11/1/2022 summary</a> )

- Warranty expirations recent
  - Spring 2023
    - Patterson, Govans, Harford Heights, others
  - December 2023
    - Northwood
  - August 2025
    - Highlandtown EMS 237
- **Built to Learn**
  - City College
    - Architect selected; waiting on MOU w/ city schools
    - Construction manager MOU distributed on Monday
  - Poly Western
    - Revised feasibility study under review by BCPSS

- Frederick Douglass & Joseph C. Briscoe
  - Notes
    - Updates: discussion re: student transportation
    - Updates: re: circulation in building area
  - Additional updates
    - Meeting w/ MTA / BCPSS (Link to notes forthcoming)
      - Winter analysis of potential service adjustments to meet student needs
    - DOT investigation options for Gwynns Falls Parkway (see recent update from Qiana)
      - DOP will seek updates re: design/scope for Mondawmin RAISE grant

#### Miscellaneous topics

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- Update re: close-out process for 21st Century School warranties

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

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- Recent meetings
  - Commodore John Rodgers Project Update Meeting, October 5, 2023 at 05:00 PM
    - Presentation available on website ([presentation](#); [presentation Spanish](#))
    - By January 2024, the “hub” for the student transportation will need to change
    - New community school coordinator recently hired – Mr. Batson (sp?)
  - Design Engagement Focus Group #2: Frederick Douglass Building, October 11, 2023 at 06:00 PM
- Upcoming meetings
  - Frederick Douglass Building Community Meeting October 25, 2023 - 5:30 PM
  - Cross Country - Planning ribbon-cutting for December 13, 2023, 2:00 pm
    - Info has already been shared w/ MOCF and Mayor’s Office
- Other outreach
  - Additional opportunities for feedback on the design and traffic conditions for Com. John Rodgers EMS
  - Additional outreach with Garrison Community building on recent meeting with community association leadership
    - Tarek can support outreach w/ Garrison community associations
- Additional topics
  - Councilman Schleifer sponsoring a possible name change to the Ben Cardin Building (Cross Country)
    - Renee is interested in getting info re: when the bill to change the name is introduced to share notice w/ feedback from school community
    - Councilman requested info re: location w/in the building to display the building name (if adopted)
    - Nichole will follow-up after checking w/ Council staff

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