

# SWING SPACE LOGISTICS FREDERICK DOUGLASS AT NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL



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**Q: Is transportation being provided by the MTA from Douglass to Northwestern?**

A: MTA transportation will not run from Douglass directly to Northwestern High School. We are going to look to assess where the students are coming from and what routes can be used to accommodate those students. Once we get closer to the beginning of the year we will have a better idea of the routes for our students.

**Q: Students who live further than 30 minutes, what option are there?**

A: The student rides the 29. MTA responded and noted that the 29 will continue to run so the students on that line should be able to get all the way to the swing space in one seat ride.

**Q: Will you reassess the needs of student transportation on a periodic basis?**

A: During the school year MTA does two schedule changes; one at the beginning of the year when school starts based on student data and the second takes place in early February where schedules will be updated/change based off of student usability.

**Q: The free MTA passes are for students who live more than 1.5 miles away. Will students also be able to put their employment location for transportation? Mondawmin Mall is a hub for working students. What are we doing for our employed students?**

We will discuss with the team and get back to you at the May construction kick-off meeting.

**Q: How has the community embraced new students in the Park Heights community? Are there things we should be bracing our students and staff, in reference to the community surrounding the Northwestern Building?**

A: We are working with the greater community to have those conversations. We encourage school partnerships with the community, and we want to ensure the safety and security of our students and staff. We will be having a community conversation with the Northwestern community to open up the dialogue and address any concerns.

**Q: Has transportation been a concern for other schools who have experienced moving to a swing space, and what solutions have been put forth?**

A: Transportation is a concern for all of our swing schools. Over the years we have been able to grow our partnership with the MTA to figure out how to best route students. We know yellow bus and MTA resources are limited, so we are pulling our resources in the most efficient and effective way.

**Q: There is no transportation coming from Frederick Douglass High School to the Northwestern building, correct? If Douglass was a hub, busses could provide a direct line to Northwestern.**

A: There will not be a direct line from Douglass to Northwestern. Depending on where students are coming from, Douglass may not be the best hub for buses. For example, because students are coming from all over the city, if students live closer to Northwestern, it doesn't make sense for them to come all the way to Douglass. Looking at student data will be most crucial to figuring out the best MTA routes.

**Q: It sounds like the swing space is Northwestern High School and it is no longer the Garrison Building, is that correct?**

A: The swing location for Frederick Douglass will be Northwestern High School. This change was made in Summer 2023. Because Northwestern is a high school building, the facility will better accommodate the school's academic and athletic programming.

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