



Western High School

Post-Feasibility Project Update

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INTRODUCTIONS

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Project Timeline

Swing Plan

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STATUS & OVERVIEW



PROJECT STATUS

The Western High School and Baltimore Polytechnic Institute project has concluded its feasibility study.

The project is in State Approvals/Pre-Design phase to release funds and develop a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to for all partners to sign.

NEXT STEPS



Once the MOU is signed, the project can start procurement for architectural and engineering services and begin Design.

Design is expected to begin mid 2023.

TIMELINE & MILESTONES



School Core Team
(Principal, Teachers, Staff)



Community Meeting
(Open to the Public & Feedback Encouraged)



Students
(Open to past and present students)

Timeline is approximate and subject to change.

***After Design Development specific design feedback cannot be incorporated. However, general feedback & comments will be taken.*

PLANNING

COMPLETED

- Initial Feasibility Study
- Mid Feasibility Study
- Final Feasibility Study

STATE APPROVALS/PRE-DESIGN

IN PROGRESS

- Board Vote (Public Meeting)
- Swing Plan Presentation
- Architect & Engineer Interviews
- Architect & Engineer Selection
- AE Selection Presentation

DESIGN

SY 2023/24 - SY 2024/25

- Concept**
Design Review & Meetings Approvals
- Schematic**
Design Review & Meetings Approvals
- Design Development****
Design Review & Meetings Approvals
- Transportation/Swing Prep**
- Final Design Presentation**

CONSTRUCTION

SY 2025/26 , SY 2026/27, & SY 2027/28

- Construction Kick-Off**
- Construction Updates**
- Swing Relocation Meetings
- Final Construction Update**

SWING SPACE

WHY?

There were numerous considerations reviewed when considering construction options. A renovation was selected for this project based on community request to retain spaces with traditional significance, existing HVAC issues, cost implications, and partner, alumni, community, and District investments made in the existing building. Due to the extensive amount of work required for a project of this size, keeping students onsite during construction is not the safest option.

WHAT WILL WE COVER?

1. Location & Timeline
2. Process
3. Transportation
4. Athletic Facilities
5. Next Steps

SWING SPACE LOCATION

Western High School will relocate temporarily to the **Chinquapin Building** located at 900 Woodbourne Ave, Baltimore, MD 21212.

MOVE IN TIMEFRAME

- School community will move into swing space at the end of the Design phase.
- School must be in swing space before the start of construction for the safety of students and staff.
- **Expected Move-In Date: Summer 2025**



CHINQUAPIN BUILDING

SWING SPACE PROCESS

Western High School at the **Chinquapin Building**.

PROGRAMMATIC & SPACE PLANNING

- Detailed planning will take place with central office and school leadership to prepare Western High School for swing.
 - This planning includes ensuring that program spaces are transferred over. This includes Western's unique program spaces such as:
 - Fine Arts/Music (Keyboard Lab)
 - Science labs (various)
 - Technology Education (Tech Lab; Robotics Lab; PLTW CTE Spaces; Teacher Academy CTE)
- Central office will coordinate swing planning with the necessary internal departments such as Transportation, Education, Food & Nutrition and Academics.

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SWING SPACE PROCESS

Western High School at the **Chinquapin Building**.

FACILITY PREPARATIONS

- Upgrades will be made to create spaces comparable to existing facilities.
 - This includes upgrading spaces to meet the needs of the identified specific programming and to address any health and safety issues.
 - The facilities department and the Maryland Stadium Authority will schedule a walk and develop a recommendation on facility preparations of the Chinquapin Building.
 - This swing space building is equipped with AC.

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SWING SPACE PROCESS

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LOGISTICAL MOVE PREPARATION

- Coordinate monthly check-ins with principal and timelines for packing and moving.
- Walk swing space with Principal/ school leadership.
- Develop move plan (map existing rooms to swing rooms).
 - Ex. Teacher Y is currently in room 2; they will now be in room 12 at swing location.
- Walk Principal/school leadership through swing space with final plan.
- Distribute communications to school community on swing relocation plan.

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SWING SPACE TRANSPORTATION



Western High School at the **Chinquapin Building**.

ROUTINE TRANSPORTATION

- The students who attend Western High School live in a variety of different neighborhoods. The MTA is the primary method of providing transportation to secondary students and will continue to be the primary method for when students are in a swing space.
- Students who receive specialized transportation will continue to have that support.
- Transportation will be in communication with MTA about student transportation needs for swing spaces. MTA typically provides updated schedules for the school year in August.

ATHLETIC FACILITIES



Western High School at the **Chinquapin Building**.

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

- City Schools is still exploring all athletic facilities options, which may include installing some fields at the Chinquapin building, updating the gymnasium, using partner spaces, etc.
- The Chinquapin building does not have a pool.
- Fields at the current Western High School may be available for use.



SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PLANNING

School leadership will be provided with early access to the space to allow time to become familiarized and acclimated.



SCHOOL COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS

Once school leadership has reviewed plans for swing space, the school community will have an opportunity to hear additional details regarding the school's transition to the swing location.

WHAT'S NEXT?

PROJECT ENGAGEMENT

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

FAMILIES

STUDENTS

COMMUNITY

1 PRE-DESIGN

Focus Groups
Monthly Check Ins

Focus Groups
Meetings

Focus Groups
Meetings

Focus Groups
Meetings
Participation in
Community Led
Meetings

2 DESIGN

Surveys
Monthly Check Ins

Surveys
Meetings

Internships
Design Challenge
Lunch & Learn w/ AE
Love Our Schools
Initiative

Surveys
Meetings

3 CONSTRUCTION

Monthly Check Ins
Tours*

Update Meetings

Internships
Love Our Schools
Initiative

Update Meetings

4 OCCUPANCY

Grand Opening
Monthly Check Ins
Onsite Transition
Liaison

Grand Opening

Post Occupancy
Tour Guides
Grand Opening

Grand Opening



QUESTION & ANSWER

CONTACT US

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If you have questions, comments or feedback please contact the Engagement Team. It is City Schools' goal for this to be an **open and inclusive process**.

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