



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

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Dear J.O. Wilson Elementary Community,

With the release of Mayor Bowser's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget for Fiscal Year 2022 to Fiscal Year 2027, DC Public Schools (DCPS) is reaching out to ensure you and your community understand the implications for your school's modernization project.

In the Mayor's proposed budget, funding for your project has increased. Your school will receive a full modernization in line with district-wide best practices and educational standards. Also, part of a comprehensive city-wide effort, your modernization will include the expansion of early childhood offerings at J.O. Wilson. Funding will be used to construct a space to serve a limited number of infants and toddlers. This space will be managed by a third-party Child Development Center. *Please note, the DC Council will review and potentially make revisions in the coming months.*

DCPS and the DC Department of General Services (DGS) now complete modernization projects in three years, with one year of planning and design, and two years of construction. Based on this schedule, your project will start planning and design in Fiscal Year 2024, and construction is slated for Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026. Therefore, your school will be complete for School Year 2026-27.

Part of the modernization process includes identifying a swing space, which is the location where the school will operate during construction. Your school may need to relocate to a different school building or swing space. This temporary relocation of students and staff ensures that students continue to learn in a safe and productive environment and that the builders can complete the school's modernization in a timely fashion.

Throughout the modernization, DCPS will continue to share information with the community and offer opportunities to provide feedback. We appreciate your continued engagement in this process. We look forward to partnering with you in the coming years to support DC students with a world-class education in modernized facilities.

Sincerely,

Patrick Davis  
Chief Operating Officer