

# **Cora Kelly Modernization Project**

## **Community Meeting**

September 22, 2021

# Essential Questions

- What were the major outcomes of the Feasibility Study?
- Where are we in the Modernization Project Process?
- What Swing Space opportunity is ACPS pursuing?
- How will the Cora Kelly community be engaged and what are next steps?

# Feasibility Study

Given all factors, the school modernization projects **are in the correct order**  
(George Mason then Cora Kelly)



Both schools should be complete replacements



Swing space **is preferable** to maintain George Mason Park and  
limit rezoning of the Open Space at Cora Kelly

# Community Feedback

## Park & Open Space

Community members expressed concerns about losing the park and open space before, during and after construction.

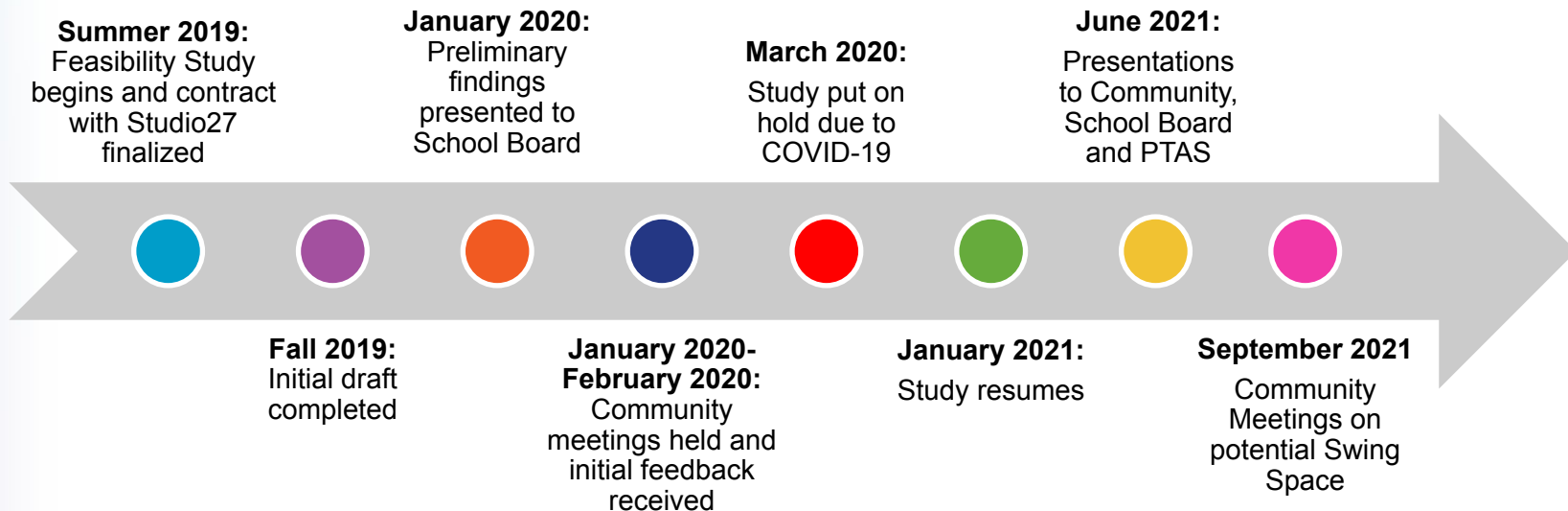
## Neighborhood Impact

Neighbors of the school have concerns about stormwater and flooding, as well as traffic impacts during construction.

## Capacity & Preschool

School community members had questions and concerns regarding the ultimate capacity and need for preschool.

# Feasibility Study Timeline



# Major Outcome of June Discussion

ACPS School Board is favorable to swing space off-site because it would:

Allow for  
**flexibility**  
in design



**Preserve**  
the existing  
open space



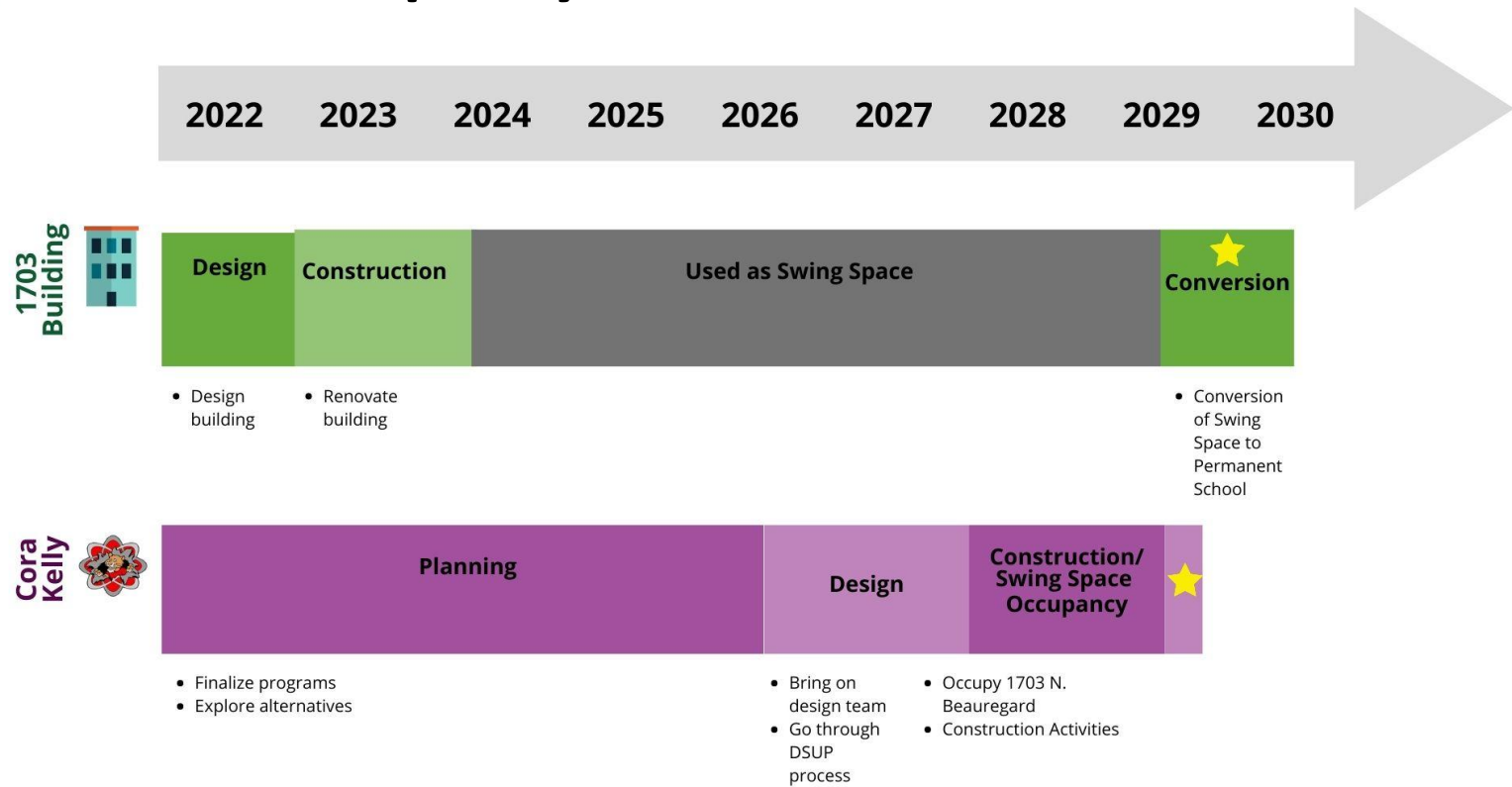
Maximize  
student  
**safety**

# Swing Space Opportunity

- ACPS is in due diligence for purchase of 1703 N. Beauregard to serve as swing space for George Mason and Cora Kelly.
- After construction of the new elementary schools, this building would become a new school.



# Path to Occupancy



\*\*\* Note: Timeline is conceptual and reflects earliest possible dates. It is subject to change.



# Renovated School Example



Ferdinand T. Day

# Current 1703 Building



# Community Engagement

## 1703 Building

- Regular community meetings
- Regular updates to community members via CIP Newsletter
- Coordination with school communities including:
  - Cora Kelly
  - Ferdinand T. Day
  - George Mason

## Cora Kelly

- Regular community meetings
- Regular updates to community members via CIP Newsletter
- Feedback from community via polls, feedback forms, and other engagement tools.
- Advisory Group formed during design stage (anticipated 2026)



# Questions?

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## Web Pages:

George Mason: <https://www.acps.k12.va.us/Page/2363>

Cora Kelly: <https://www.acps.k12.va.us/Page/2364>

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