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

Summer 2019: Feasibility Study

begins and contract with Studio27 finalized

January 2020:

Preliminary findings presented to School Board

March 2020:

Study put on hold due to COVID-19

June 2021:

Presentations to Community, School Board and PTAS

















Fall 2019: Initial draft completed

January 2020-February 2020:

Community meetings held and initial feedback received

January 2021:

Study resumes

September 2021

Community Meetings on potential Swing Space





Major Outcome of June Discussion

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

Allow for **flexibility** in design

+ the existing open space

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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

2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030



Design	Construction	Used as Swing Space	Conversion

- Design building
- Renovate building

 Conversion of Swing Space to Permanent School





Planning	Design	Construction/ Swing Space Occupancy		No.
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- Finalize programs
- Explore alternatives

- Bring on design team
- Go through DSUP process
- Occupy 1703 N. Beauregard
- Construction Activities



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



Renovated School Example

















Current 1703 Building









Community Engagement

1703 Building



- 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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