



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

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Dear J.O. Wilson Elementary School Community,

With the release of Mayor Bowser's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget for Fiscal Year 2024 to Fiscal Year 2029, DC Public Schools (DCPS) is reaching out to ensure you and your community understand the implications for your school's modernization project.

Your project timeline has not changed. Your school will receive a full modernization in line with district-wide best practices and educational standards. DCPS and the DC Department of General Services (DGS) will complete your modernization project in three years, with one year of planning and design, and two years of construction. Your school will begin planning and design in Fiscal Year 2024 and will be complete for School Year 2026-2027.

In the previous budget, funding was allocated to J.O. Wilson to include a Child Development Center (CDC) supporting the expansion of early childhood offerings via a third-party provider. This year, the mayor's proposed budget has removed this scope from your project due to building constraints and consolidations in the city's plan for expanding affordable infant and toddler care. This change does not impact the scope of your modernization project. *lease note, the DC Council will review the mayor's proposed budget and potentially make revisions in the coming months.*

Part of the modernization process includes identifying a swing space, the location where the school will operate during construction. Your school will 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. Your swing space will be the Northeast Swing Campus (850 26th Street NE) which you will occupy for School Year 2024-2025 and School Year 2025-2026.

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,

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Chief Operating Officer