



MELROSE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION - PLANNING PHASE

OCTOBER 12, 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During this Community Input Session, participants engaged with project architects to discuss proposed project options as well as needs at the Maxwell Park Campus. The three options presented were the modernization of the existing building, construction of a two-story middle school building, or a new multipurpose building with a gym and stage for performances.

MAXWELL PARK CAMPUS PRIORTIES

The architects organized the needs of the Maxwell Park Campus into three levels of priority:

- **Priority 1:** Life Safety and Accessibility. This includes work like seismic and accessibility upgrades, fire life safety work, HVAC systems, and campus safety.
- **Priority 2:** Building Systems and Classroom Enlargement. This includes work like covering the right sizing of classrooms, sustainability improvements and building systems upgrades.
- **Priority 3:** Modernization to Non-Classroom Areas or Buildings. This includes upgrades such as updated exterior spaces, play yards, dedicated middle school spaces, and gymnasium enhancements.

SUSTAINABILITY

Meeting participants were informed about how each project option aligns with the District's Climate Change Initiative. Participants gained insights into the environmental impact and sustainability considerations of each choice. To ensure community involvement, participants completed a community survey.

BUDGET

The total budget for the project is \$36.5M. An allocation of \$2M was dedicated to constructing an ADA-compliant ramp from the upper yard to the lower yard, enhancing accessibility. The construction budget itself is set at \$22.2M, with an additional \$12.3M earmarked for mandatory soft costs.

This portion of the soft cost budget encompasses various essential elements such as professional contracts, permits, and inspections, ensuring the comprehensive success and compliance of the project.

NEXT STEPS

- November 13, 2023: MLA Staff Meeting. The meeting will focus on presenting and reviewing options for the Maxwell Campus. HKIT Architects will take the lead in ensuring that teachers and staff gain a better understanding of proposed plans.
- November 15, 2023: Student Visit to HKIT Architects. A chaperoned group of students from the Youth vs. Apocalypse group visit the selected architectural company to review HVAC options and their different cost implications.
- November 28, 2023: Final Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting. Members will discuss poll data from surveys conducted with parents, students, teachers, and community members. PAC Members will weigh in on their final recommendation.
- November 30, 2023: The Facilities Planning & Management Department will make a final decision based on the processed feedback. Following this decision, the team will follow up with the site and public to communicate the chosen project scope. This marks the closeout of the planning phase.

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