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May 16, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

On April 18, 2022 our team presented an update on North Springs High School at the District 3&7 joint community meeting. At the meeting Mr. Noel Maloof, Chief Operations Officer, made a presentation that included the construction process and timeline, construction advisory committee, and an update on the replacement project for North Springs High School.

Mr. Maloof shared that the project is currently in the discovery portion of the pre-design phase. The pre-design and design of the building will be led by Collins Cooper Carusi Architects. They have done a number of successful projects for Fulton County Schools. The team is currently working to complete the necessary site testing, site design and phasing plan which is hoped to be shared with the community in the coming months. This plan will lay out a footprint for the building which will help inform the design work to be done later in the year. It will also develop a construction phasing plan that allows the current school to remain open until the new building opens. The Fulton County Schools Operations team will also work with the Athletics department to provide alternative practice and competition sites while the campus is under construction.

The Fulton County Schools Operations team will work with Principal Scott Hanson and the School Governance Council to establish a Construction Advisory Committee for the project. The committee will be made up members from varying backgrounds. This will include a student, industry professional, middle school representative, community member and others. This group will be instrumental in vetting ideas and providing input to the team as representatives and a conduit for the community.

Fulton County Schools uses the Educational Specifications and the Design Requirements to guide our design work for schools. The design team will also get direction from the instructional team to guide the scope of work for design of specialized classroom spaces. This ensures that the school will continue to support the academic programs at the school. Once conceptual design is completed and approved it will be shared with the community and more details will be provided around the construction schedules. The Fulton County Schools Operations team is committed to working with Principal Hanson to provide continued updates on the project and provide opportunities for community input as appropriate.



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Mr. Maloof also shared the tentative construction schedule at the meeting. He shared that the timeline considers the fact that it is a very complex construction project, as well as appropriate times for design, procurement, and construction. Below is the schedule he presented:

Design and Construction Schedule:

- Pre-Design work *November 2021-August 2022*
- Programming and design *August 2022 – September 2023*
- Procurement / bid process *October 2023 – January 2024*
- Anticipated construction period *March 2024-May 2026*
- Anticipated move into new building *June 2026*
- Demolish old building and complete site work and athletic fields *June 2026-July 2027*

The overall allocation of funding for the construction is \$107,000,000.00. This will include the construction of the building, site work, design work, furniture and equipment and any additional costs related to the project. This allocation of funding includes funding from both Capital Plan 2022 (\$17,000,000.00) and Capital Plan 2027 (\$90,000,000.00). Use of the funding previously allocated for the renovation of the existing facility allowed the team to start their pre-design work in November of 2021. The team will continue into the design work this fall and prepare documents for the procurement of the contractor who will do the work.

The design team is aware of work that was done during previous efforts around concepts for the facility. This community input will be available to the design team to inform their work on the new facility. As mentioned there will be opportunities along the way for additional community input on the project. The Fulton County Schools Operations Team will schedule meetings through the school to facilitate these community sessions.

We look forward to bringing a new facility to the North Springs High School Community. Our work has begun and we will continue to partner with the school to communicate updates on the project.

Sincerely,

Julia Bernath

Gail Dean

Michael Scott Hanson

Noel Maloof