



CAPITAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT

GRADE CONFIGURATION INVESTIGATION

BOARD PRESENTATION
DECEMBER 14, 2016

HISTORY OF STRATEGIC PLAN TO DATE

- Community Forums (March 2 & 14)
- Co-Labs (April 28, 29, May 12, 13 & 14)
- Development of Strategic Intent
 - SI1- Linear and Streamlined District (July 19)
- Development of Frameworks (SI1 presented – October 18)
 - Working Groups (Facility Master Plan)
 - Working group on Grade Level Configuration
 - Staff Forum (11/17), Community Forum (11/29)

FACILITY MASTER PLANNING

- Current Building Study
 - Physical Plant
 - Capacity
 - Potential Uses
- Population Study
- Historic Preservation
- Grade Level Configuration

WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE

- 75% of Districts have traditional Middle School Model (6-8)
 - All but, Capital, Smyrna, Delmar, Laurel
- 31% of Districts that separate out the Early Childhood programs from the upper Elementary
 - Appoquinimink, Milford, Lake Forrest, Woodbridge, Laurel

11 FACTORS THAT USUALLY INFLUENCE GRADE CONFIGURATION

- Cost
- Space
- Equity
- Geography
- Socio-Economic Balance
- Size
- Demographics
- District Philosophy
- Curriculum/
- Transportation

RESEARCH AND CONFIGURATIONS EXPLORED

Building Configurations Initially discussed included:

Pre-K	K	PK – K	K-4	PK - 4
1-4	PK - 5	K-5	1-5	PK - 8
5-6	7-8	6-8	9-12	

Grade Level Configurations committee researched after discussion

Current	Traditional	PK Center	Early Childhood Center	K-8
PK-4	PK-5	PK	PK-K	PK-8
5-6	6-8	K-5	1-5	9-12
7-8	9-12	6-8	6-8	
9-12		9-12	9-12	

ITEMS AVAILABLE IN BOARD DOCS

- Summary of the Posters and Feedback received in both forums
- Summary of Grade Level Configurations in Delaware
- Summary of Attributes in each of the studied Grade Level Configurations
- We also posted a survey to gather information <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/gradeconfiguration>

GROUP DISCUSSION

From the Forums and Discussion of the Planning group, the Grade Level Configurations were narrowed down to 2 potential for the final confersation

Traditional – Elementary: PK-5, Middle: 6-8, High: 9-12

Early Childhood Center – ECC: PK-K, Elementary: 1-5, Middle: 6-8, High: 9-12

NEXT STEPS

- FAQ will be developed based on the Questions and Feedback and posted on website
- Board decision tonight will inform the Facility Master Plan
- In the end, these are all recommendations, that will be influenced by the work of other groups
 - Facility Review
 - Population Study
 - Grade level configuration
 - Historic Preservation
 - Facility Planning

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Board approve recommendation of Grade Level Reconfiguration Committee to set a goal of the Facility Master Plan to include an Early Childhood Center and Middle School(s). Grade Level reconfiguration of Early Childhood PK-K, Elementary 1-5, Middle 6-8, and HS 9-12.

QUESTIONS?