

**Maury Project Update Presented at Nov 17, 2016 PTA Meeting by
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(Minutes prepared by Maury PTA Secretary, with review by Josh)

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Maury Renovation: Still on track. The plan is in place for Maury to swing to Eliot-Hine next year during the Maury renovation. The renovation is expected to last 1 year.

However, DCPS is currently deciding how they want to proceed. The feasibility study looked at enrollment numbers of 457 and 539. The current projection is 516 in five years' time. DCPS is considering whether to build the bigger school or possibly break up Maury and place it into a cluster with another neighborhood school such as Miner. No decision has been made at this point. But, the idea could include 2 campuses and the younger kids could be moved to a different school. Alternatively, DCPS could opt to build a school which could accommodate Maury's projected enrollment. Another change in the Maury boundary is also being considered. It is unlikely that DCPS will go the cluster model without engaging the community. For planning purposes, the initial thought is Miner would have the early childhood grades and Maury would have the upper grades. Expect a decision by the end of the calendar year.

With regard to expanding Maury, the SIT team is looking at trying to preserve one playground area and pushing for DCPS to do it right. DCPS is aware that the building next door is for sale. However, DGS controls the real estate for DC and not DCPS. Mr. Tuch indicated that they are hesitant to add another layer. The RFP for the design architects included both building sizes. Procurement of architecture and construction firms is ongoing. Size of school will not impact the start date.

Next steps: Late 2017, DCPS will award architect/construction contracts. February/March tours of the Eliot-Hone building will begin for Maury community. The co-location plan for E-H and Watkins currently at E-H gives an idea of how it may look for E-H and Maury. However, it may be a bit different as Maury has the PS/PK cohort. DCPS is planning tours earlier 2017 of the site for Maury families.

In response to a question, Mr. Tuch indicated that he would provide contact information at DCPS for the office which actually would make the decision regarding building size and whether to place Maury students into a cluster with another school. That contact is: Teresa Biagioni – director of School Planning. Her e-mail address is teresa.biagioni@dc.gov. Josh has spoken to her and she should be expecting contact.

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