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**DC Public Education Master Facilities Plan 2018
Frequently Asked Questions
(revised 6/21/18)**

What is the DC Public Education Master Facilities Plan 2018?

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME) is required by [DC Code § 38-2803](#) to publish a 10-year master facilities plan that considers the facility planning needs of each local education agency (LEA) in the District of Columbia. Earlier iterations of the MFP, in 2006 and 2013, focused almost exclusively on DCPS facilities and had five-year planning horizons. A complete understanding of the needs of all of our public school students, however, requires an analysis of the entire public education landscape. Accordingly, this MFP will include both DCPS and public charter schools and will look at both 5- and 10- year planning horizons.

The DC Public Education Master Facilities Plan 2018 (MFP) will examine the adequacy of our current public school facility conditions, the current and future population of public school students, where public school students live and which schools students are most likely to attend, and if additional school facilities will be necessary to adequately serve those students. The MFP will address growth and modernization needs and requirements while affirmatively advancing equity and excellence in public schools in the District.

The DME has contracted with AECOM and Miramar Ponte Mellor of DC to develop the report, which will include significant LEA and community stakeholder engagement. AECOM and Miramar Ponte Mellor DC have extensive, nationwide public education facilities planning experience and specialize in assisting school systems to maximize their contribution of real estate holdings to institutional and academic goals and objectives. The DME expects the MFP to be released in the fall of 2018.

How will the MFP be used?

The MFP will provide up-to-date comprehensive information about the physical conditions of our current public school facilities while also analyzing future facility needs based on estimated population growth and enrollment growth. The MFP will address growth and modernization needs and requirements while affirmatively advancing equity and excellence in public schools in the District.

District policy makers and school leaders will be able to use the MFP in the formulation of key decisions regarding the future of public school facilities in our rapidly growing city. The MFP will also serve as a resource to members of the community, providing comprehensive, transparent data on the District's public school facilities.

What are the goals of the MFP?

The goals of the MFP are to:



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- Advance equity and excellence across public education by providing an understanding of the current landscape of our current public school facilities – DCPS and public charters.
- Provide current facility conditions and future facility needs.
- Identify schools that are currently underutilized or overcrowded and provide recommendations on how to address these imbalances
- Identify potential gaps between future facility needs and anticipated public school enrollment growth.

What data will be included in the MFP?

The MFP will include a combination of current and projected data on public school facilities, public school enrollment, and population. The data will be available in the MFP as well as online in an interactive, web-based platform.

The MFP contractors will rely on data from such agencies as the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education, DCPS, the DC Public Charter School Board, public charter LEAs, the DC Department of General Services, the DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education, the DC Office of Planning, and the US Census (to name a few data sources).

Information in the MFP will include:

- Current data
 - Current enrollment of public schools
 - Current student capacity of each public school facility
 - Current student utilization of each public school facility
 - Current physical conditions of public school facilities
- Projected data
 - 5- and 10-year enrollment projections for DCPS schools
 - 5- and 10-year growth plans for public charter schools
 - Projected utilization of public school facilities
 - Future capital improvement needs for public school facilities
 - Projected population growth of school-aged children in the District

What are some of the expected analyses and recommendations of the MFP?

The MFP will include the following analyses and recommendations, at a minimum:

- Determine the current physical condition of public school facilities in the District.
- Identify current patterns and estimate future patterns of the capacity of existing public school facilities.
- Estimate the demand for public schools in the next 10 years.
- Develop a 5- and 10-year enrollment projection methodology for DCPS schools.
- Examine the processes and challenges of securing facilities that DCPS and charter schools face.
- Recommend ways to align forecasted population growth, school enrollment growth plans, and future availability of public school facilities.



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- Recommend ways to address underutilized and overcrowded schools, identify areas in the District with the greatest need for more public school seats, and provide creative financial mechanisms to secure future space.

Which District agencies are participating in the MFP under the leadership of the DME?

The following District agencies are participating in the MFP:

- District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)
- DC Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB)
- DC Department of General Services (DGS)
- DC Office of Planning (OP)
- Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED)

In addition, the DME consultants will solicit feedback from the public charter school leaders operating in the District.

How can members of the community get involved?

Community engagement and feedback are critical to the success of the MFP. The DME held three community engagement meetings in early April in locations throughout the District and the DME will hold another three community engagement meetings across the District during September 2018. Originally, DME planned on holding the second round of meetings in July 2018, but April meeting participants were concerned about low attendance at summer meetings so the DME is now holding the second round in September 2018 instead.

The purpose of the April meetings was to better understand community priorities and gather feedback about facilities planning in the District. The goal of the summer meetings is to present the DME consultant’s preliminary analysis to community stakeholders.

In addition, residents are encouraged to submit feedback on the DME’s MFP website. All information submitted will be reviewed by the DME and provided to the DME consultants.

When and where will the community engagement meetings be held?

The schedule for the April meetings is below. The same materials and engagements will be provided at all three April meetings.

Tuesday April 10, 6:30pm

3101 16th St NW
Metro Station: Columbia Heights (Green/Yellow)

Thursday April 12, 6:30pm

Center City PCS – Capitol Hill
1503 East Capitol St SE





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Metro Station: Stadium-Armory (Blue/Orange/Silver)

Saturday April 14, 10:00am

C.W. Harris Elementary School

301 53rd St SE

Metro Station: Benning Road (Blue/Silver)

Three additional community engagement meetings will also be held in September 2018 to share preliminary findings of the MFP analysis. The locations and times of these meetings will be announced as soon as possible.

I am unable to attend the community engagement meetings. How can I provide feedback?

Residents are encouraged to provide comments and feedback using multiple ways. Residents can provide feedback on the topics discussed during the April meetings by completing [this form](#) on the DME website. In addition, residents may also e-mail the DME at MFP.2018@dc.gov with questions; please allow 2 business days for a reply.

