

Cross-Sector Collaboration Task Force
Master Facilities Plan Call
October 31, 2017, 12:00 pm

Attendees:

- Amanda Alexander | Deputy Chief of Elementary Schools, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)
- Darren Woodruff | EL Haynes PCS, Benjamin Banneker HS parent ; Chair, Public Charter School Board (PCSB)
- Mary Levy | Independent education analyst, Former DC Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Former Washington Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs
- Mayor Anthony Williams | CEO & Executive Director, Federal City Council; former Mayor
- Irene Holtzman | Executive Director, Friends of Choice in Urban Schools (FOCUS)

Call Summary:

Ramin Taheri [Facilitator] began the call and made introductions, including presenter Alex Cross, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education.

Alex Cross introduced himself and reviewed the meeting agenda, reviewed the purpose of the MFP (slide 3), and went over the goals for the MPF (slide 4).

Task Force: What's the stakeholder engagement with developing the 10-year strategic plan?

Facilitator: That's on the next slide – let's hold all questions until the end.

Alex Cross went over the public engagement process (slide 5) and reviewed data inputs and outputs on slides 6-7.

Task Force: There's still more work we could do for engagement.

Task Force: Can Alex give us an overview of the consequences or ramifications for whatever data emerges from the MFP? Would there be more schools opening?

AC: There will be no specific recommendations for closing and opening. The report will provide a data overview for the next ten years and whether there is a need for more seats based on enrollment trends and population growth. It's a high level look based on the data consultant has.

Task Force: So there will be public engagement at the beginning, then how close to the end?

AC: Three engagement meetings will be at the beginning, then three toward the end to present the preliminary findings of the MFP to the public. Feedback will be incorporated into the final MFP. It's not final or published until we have the three additional meetings to gather feedback for the report.

Task Force: Are you talking to anyone other than the general public?

AC: In the statement of work, it's outlined we will have meetings with charter LEAs and an advisory group, which is a cross-sector group of DCPS, charter LEAs, and other district agency stakeholders. The group meets once a month with the consultant to review intermediate conclusions throughout the process.

Task Force: And review methodology?

AC: Yes.

Task Force: For data inputs, there are demographics, but what are PARCC scores doing in the MFP? And what is MGP?

Jenn Comey: MGP is the median growth percentile metric from OSSE. We include the quality metrics to have an overview of all information about schools and facilities.

Task Force: Aren't there other things you could look at?

JC: Yes, but the OSSE Report Card and 5 Star Rating data will not be available until 2018. You could also send suggestions.

Task Force: Will these slides be available online?

Facilitator: Yes, we are going to post them.

Facilitator: Are there other questions?

Task Force: I haven't explored the DME website, but is there a section on the website about the MFP?

AC: Yes, once the consultant comes on board and begins the process, we'll have a dedicated section of the website for the MFP.

The meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm.