Ms. Julie Henn – January 8, 2023

1. At the November 22nd Board meeting, we received a presentation on the Northeast Area High School study. Board members asked about the proximity of the Loch Raven High replacement recommendation to the needed northeast area high school seats. While the location is close to one of the schools in the study (Parkville), it is not close or even in the same planning area as the others (Kenwood, Overlea, Perry Hall). I asked about an eastern property (LaFarge) that had been donated to BCPS specifically for school development (no site acquisition costs). Mr. Dixit responded he did not know where it is. Presentation and discussion: [https://youtu.be/RpfXvMUK-HY](https://youtu.be/RpfXvMUK-HY)

Before approving the Loch Raven recommendation, I am seeking Board approval to ask staff to study the LaFarge site and to receive a recommendation.

Motion:
"I move to amend line 7 of the FY2024 County Capital Budget Request by deleting the words "Loch Raven" from the 'Northeast Area High' project description and replacing the 'C' under Area with 'TBD.' I further move to ask the Superintendent to have staff conduct a soil study on the donated 221-acre property commonly known as the LaFarge Quarry and prepare a recommendation on the use of the property as the site of a new northeast area high school."

(The property is located east of Earls Road and south of Ebenezer Road by the Amtrak train tracks in Middle River.)


Response:
- Recently, we have been informed of a Resolution being introduced at the County Council regarding the LaFarge property.
- Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) supports site acquisition for all its needs consistent with long-range capital planning and will initiate conversation with the county to evaluate the site for potential use.
- A site evaluation must assess numerous items including, but not limited to, soil conditions, traffic conditions conducive to buses and cars, proximity to existing utilities, site size, environmental conditions like steep slopes, streams, wetlands and floodplains, and enrollment projections for neighboring schools.
- It should be noted that the state funding eligibility for the proposed replacement of Loch Raven
High School is potentially 1,500 students, approximately. The construction of a new school at the LaFarge property will potentially be eligible for state funding of 300-400 seats. The additional burden on county funding, for the approximately 1,000 non-eligible students, would probably be in the range of $40-50M.

- Out of 24 BCPS' high schools, 37.5% of our high schools have a September 30, 2022, enrollment of more than 1,500 students.

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2. I would like to understand the State Capital Request (line 15) for Loch Raven High - $2.3M for 'Open Space and Electrical Upgrade.' Is this essential given the system is proposing the facility be imminently demolished?

Response:

- The project scope consists of upgrading the electrical system to ensure continuous and consistent operation of the plant and enclosing any open classrooms.
- A high school replacement project can be reasonably projected to be completed over a period of the next 8-10 years.
- In the event the replacement of Loch Raven High School is approved, the scope will be optimized to provide the critical infrastructure necessary to continue functioning while the new school is designed and constructed.

Ms. Maggie Domanowski – January 9, 2023

3. I received this email from a concerned parent over the weekend and was also asked this morning by Councilman Kach's staff to follow up on the status of Dulaney High School's replacement process?

I am writing to you because you represent the Dulaney High School Community. Over the past week, there have been images of a potential design of the replacement Dulaney High School circulating. Dulaney High School – Moseley Architects I do not know where this started and if it is legitimate.

I see that on the FY24 County Capital Budget Request to be presented at the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday January 10th, lines 12 and 13 include planning ($0 I think because it was in the FY23 budget) and for FY24 requesting full state and county funding. FY2024 County Capital Budget Request - January 10 2023.pdf (boarddocs.com)

My question is: do you know when the Dulaney community and the community at large will be informed of the status of the process and included in providing feedback related to the design? I know Towson High School is a little further ahead in the process and they have held multiple community session meetings. I have not seen any information about community meetings for the DHS project. My daughter is currently a DHS senior, so I am generally in the loop and looking for information about this topic but recognize that our current principal's strength is not communication with families.

According to the State School Capital Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2024 & Five-Year Capital Program, Dulaney High School is listed as the top priority for "Replacement School" and "Planning &
Funding.” Can we address a proposed timeline of all phases for DHS from Design to Construction with our constituents?

Response:
  • *No final design for Dulaney High School has yet been developed.*
  • *The design is in the early stages and has just been initiated.*
  • *The process of design will be transparent with frequent community involvement.*
  • *A community engagement plan will be developed and shared with the community.*
  • *Any renderings on the architect’s Web site are only concepts prepared for the qualification process and are not the design for Dulaney High School. Any resemblance of the final design to the concepts presented during the architect selection process would be purely coincidental.*