

Woodward High School Reopening and Nontraditional Facilities Study Group Charge

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Purpose

The purpose of the Woodward High School Reopening and Nontraditional Facilities Study Group (study group) is to solicit community input for the superintendent of schools to consider prior to making a recommendation to the Board of Education. The study group's input also will be considered by the Board of Education, as they review the superintendent of schools' recommendation. The study group will not be decision-making or binding nor will it make recommendations. The process is guided by the Board of Education Long-range Educational Facilities Policy Planning (FAA) and Regulation FAA-RA.

Charge of the Roundtable Discussion Group

1. Study the reopening of the former Woodward High School to address the overutilization at Walter Johnson High School and the following high schools:
 - Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School
 - Montgomery Blair High School
 - Albert Einstein High School
 - John F. Kennedy High School
 - Northwood High School
 - Walt Whitman High School
 - Wheaton High School
2. Explore the possibility to address space deficits at these high schools as well as others countywide by offering alternative programmatic, career technology education, or other educational options for high school students through the use of nontraditional facilities, including commercial facilities.

Study Group Responsibilities

Study Group members will generate ideas to address the charge outlined above. During the process study group members will meet with their communities to share ideas under review and to obtain feedback on these ideas. Study group members will share community feedback during meetings.

At the conclusion of the process, a Study Group report will be sent to the superintendent and Board of Education. The report will provide a summary of the process and ideas that were generated during the process.

Scope for Study Group

The ideas generated as part of this study group will be limited to high schools. No elementary or middle school programs, enrollment, or capacity issues will be included in this study group. The study group discussion may include the following:

- Programmatic and instructional implications of ideas;
- Replication of application programs to other schools;
- Transportation implications of ideas;
- Parental engagement issues related to the ideas;
- High school enrollment and utilization issues; and
- High school sizes (Regulation FAA-RA Long-range Educational Facilities Planning indicates a preferred high school size limit of 2,400 students).

Out of Scope for Study Roundtable Discussion Group

- Specific boundary reassignments
- DCC Choice patterns
- Reassignments of special education programs

Facilitators

- Division of Long-range Planning
- Office of Student and Family Support and Engagement