

Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Rockville, Maryland

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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Charles W. Woodward High School Reopening Update

The purpose of this update is to provide the Board with a status report and project overview of our work to date in the initial design stages of the project to reopen Charles W. Woodward High School.

The project to reopen Charles W. Woodward High School is complex due in part to the multiple objectives and interests embedded in the project scope. These include the need for increased high school capacity across many of the Downcounty Cluster areas; the interest in incorporating a significant programmatic focus in conjunction with work on secondary arts programming in Montgomery County Public Schools; residential housing development pressures in the surrounding areas; and the need for Charles W. Woodward High School to serve as a temporary holding center for Northwood High School during its construction.

We anticipate bringing the preliminary plans presentation for the Charles W. Woodward High School reopening project to the Board in fall 2019. Given the scope of this project and these multiple project objectives, it will be beneficial to discuss the initial conceptual direction of the project prior to the full preliminary plan development. This presentation will allow us to share with the Board and the community several of the major design elements and concepts we are working through for this facility and for the use of the site.

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