



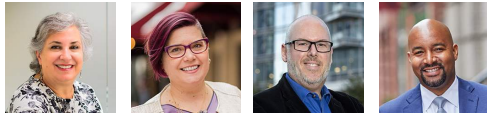
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South Lake Elementary School

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING 01  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

TEAM

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Project Info - <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/construction/project/southlakees.aspx>

NORMS

1. **Sign-in** under the Chat feature. List your name and relationship to South Lake Elementary (student family member, staff, neighbor, etc).  
*Por favor ingrese nombre y relación en la ventana de Chat.*
2. Attendees will have the opportunity to **ask questions or share comments**. Questions and comments may be posted to the Chat window anytime during the Presentation. Questions will be addressed at various points during the presentation.  
*Ingrese preguntas y comentarios en la ventana de chat.*
3. **Online Survey** link will be available on Project Website after this Meeting. *Un enlace de cuestionario estará disponible en la ventana de chat.*
4. This session is being recorded. *Esta reunión se está grabando.*

WHAT WE'RE DOING TODAY

9/21/2020 - 4pm - 6pm

1. Introductions - MCPS / Design Team
2. Project Scope and Status
3. Community Voice - **Activity**
4. Existing Conditions - **Site / Building**
5. Project Goals / Objectives
6. Program / Design Concepts:  
Scheme A  
Scheme B  
Scheme C
7. Feedback Session - **Activity**
6. Conclusion / Next Meeting



PROJECT SCOPE

Major Capital Project - South Lake Elementary School

- Replacement of 1971 structure.
- Update of 2005 Structure (Gym, K Classrooms, Art)
- New site program (Site Circulation, Parking, Play Areas, Field)

ACTIVITIES

- Design Kickoff
- Ed Spec Review
- Meeting with Principal King
- Staff Engagement
- Site and Building Evaluations
- Site Survey Completed

PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Design Completion and Final Regulatory Approvals - **Dec 2021**
- Construction Completion - **July 2024\***
- Occupancy - **August 2024\***





**ONLINE COMMUNITY SURVEY - [Link Provided in Chat Window](#)**

**Please share your Vision for South Lake Elementary School**

**Q1** - What role best describes your relationship to South Lake Elementary School?

**Q2** - What are the opportunities that you see to improve the school facility design?

**Q3** - What might some of the challenges be to improving the school facility design?

**Q4** - What is your biggest hope/priority for the future of South Lake Elementary School?

**Comparte tu Vision para South Lake Elementary**

**[Utilice el enlace en la ventana de Chat.](#)**



View from South



View from West



View from North



View from East



**Project Goals:**

- Provide a **nurturing and effective** learning environment;
- Upgrade to **21st century learning needs**, meeting the MCPS Educational Specifications;
- Provide a **welcoming place** for parents, families, and the wider community;
- Increase the school's capacity to **better accommodate** the school's projected enrollment numbers;
- Incorporate **healthy and sustainable** design thinking into the design of South Lake ES.



**Specific Design Goals:**

- Create a **gathering area** at the front of the school;
- Zone the school for **after-hours use**;
- **Improve connections** to the classrooms on the lower level to the rest of the school;
- **Improve access** to the play fields;
- **Improve vehicular circulation**: buses, staff parking, student drop-off and service;
- Address specific **areas of concern** identified by the school team: Serving/Dining, IMC, Art Room, etc.
- Understand and address **community concerns** (to be explored in this meeting and beyond)



**South Lake Elementary School Major Capital Project**

**Educational Specifications Schematic Design**

Revised September 11, 2020

Montgomery County Public Schools  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Student Capacity: 755**

**Primary Spaces:**

- **PK / Head Start / K** - 5 Classrooms
- **Grades 1-5** - 22 Classrooms
- **Instructional Support**
- **Library Media Center**
- **Multipurpose Room**
- **Gymnasium**
- Administration
- Kitchen
- Health Services Suite
- Counseling / Community Support Suite
- Staff Development Area
- Building Service Facilities



NEXT MEETING / *SIGUIENTE JUNTA*

# THANK YOU! GRACIAS!

**NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING / *SIGUIENTE JUNTA* (Virtual)**

**October 05th, 2020 - 7pm**

**MCPS Project Info Website / *Sitio Web del Proyecto***

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## Bent Bar Scheme (A)

Where do students enter the building  
retaining wall at lower lot?  
concern about morning drop off with student population  
how are staff spaces incorporated  
where are the exits, evacuation plan  
better explain the site circulation

is there a way to add more field space, parking taking up too much space  
Gym does not relate to fields  
The building and entrance of the Bent Bar and Courtyard schemes seem to be a bit too far from the rest of the site.

## Courtyard Scheme (B)

media on field level?  
Point out bathrooms on plans  
more modern and preferred, but need more space  
gym should be better located (next to media/outdoors)  
is the courtyard functional? Rain, kids  
SLES may need to support umbrellas for Pk, K and K. How is that handled?  
outside access to the multipurpose room a good idea

Courtyard is confusing  
you could extend the media center and gym spaces and put the gym towards the fields  
is there a way to expand the size of the multipurpose room  
Cafeteria does not look big enough  
I agree - it would make more sense regarding the gym to be closer to the field. I agree with the cafeteria. Is it possible to add another level to increase the amount of space in the building vertically?  
we found the courtyards typically go unused in elementary schools. Think more indoor spaces would be a more practical option, since so many are commenting about lack of space

what safety and security measures are in place? How do we ensure the courtyard is safe?  
is there a walk way along side the building by the media center?  
what's the student capacity for this layout?  
Egress for completely closed courtyards could be tricky for elementary schools  
seems like a whole lot of land is not being utilized for a building that accommodates the students, can more of the property be used for building more school space?  
How does the existing gym compare to today's educational specifications? Agree it makes sense to have closest to the fields.

They're a fun idea, but are often an afterthought and end up overgrown and not kept up.  
The location of the School Based Health Center is not clear on this Courtyard Scheme.  
courtyard is surrounded by buildings, no exterior access - correct?  
I agree with additional indoor space - correct?

The building and entrance of the Bent Bar and Courtyard schemes seem to be a bit too far from the rest of the site.  
we have teams together as much as possible  
I like that the multipurpose room and gym are near each other and the play area  
we could use the Multipurpose room for staging of concerts - then the music teacher

Recommend the School Based Health Center be on the Courtyard Scheme if it fits after school use.  
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## Folded Bar Scheme (C)

quick work on reworking the existing gym and relocating the gym to the field side of the building  
Courtyards are not needed. In the incorporation of the courtyard would be to reduce occupied footprint?  
Will there be a door to the multipurpose room so students can go right out to the play field for recess  
courtyards add light and can be a very useful space for outdoor learning  
Can you explain a little more about the entrance from the library? Not sure that would be good if the library isn't open so students don't wander.  
The Folded Bar Scheme does seem to best separate the after-hour functions from the rest of the school but uncertain of the pedestrian connection between the media center and the gym/multipurpose room.

I like the gym and multi-purpose room being located near the field  
should it be the pavilion scheme?  
This scheme does not seem ADA accessible in the use of courtyard and sidewalk drop off  
I like the option because it solves the sidewalk drop off and student drop off  
I think that's always the idea, but they tend to be abandoned. A precedent study of MCPS schools (specifically elementary) with courtyards would be helpful.  
Is the Academic Area on this perspective - 3 stories? The front part of the building 2 stories? Looks like they are not connected on the top floor?

From the other options, this one looks much better, but still needs improvement  
Can you talk a little more about the garden space?  
this is my favorite option  
we have a lot of single stacked corridors on this scheme  
Does this plan support a building with 3 floors to avoid the patios being used as an amphitheater?  
Can a third floor be added?  
concern about the sound from gym vs sound from cafeteria - if there needs to be a great idea to open up the space  
will there still be a connection to the multipurpose room...  
Concerned that the Courtyard of the Folded Bar Scheme is not to be easily accessed outdoors.

Highly suggest a design to develop that has responsive but doesn't drop the entrance of recess & play  
But when the primary school was designed, we were a part of the school and we were not there when the design was done. We were not there when the design was done. We were not there when the design was done.  
Please keep in mind the large number of walkers...  
Thank you for this presentation.  
This seems to be a better option than the other two. We are not sure if we can do this, but we are not sure if we can do this.

to build a new school and did not have the capacity to hold all our students  
what are the student reduction procedures coming out of the existing school? Are there any other options?  
Educationally, can you please explain the reasoning for why doing 740? Is that not understood that there are a lot of other options?  
we understand the guidelines - 740 kids will go elsewhere or whatever will be on the site.

Could South Lake get the school used as a community center? We are not sure if we can do this, but we are not sure if we can do this.  
What is the face of the building to the community? Is that not understood that there are a lot of other options?  
Does anyone know the percentage of single family housing in our neighborhood?  
to what would happen with all of our population increase that is not in our neighborhood?  
But the capacity is really the issue. Southlake needs space.

## General Comments

still have 800+ students, not enough space  
health room or health center  
will cafeteria be larger than it is now  
Consider staging and entry points for student arrival and dismissal  
Is there a list of square footage in the 3 schemes?  
All the options are using the same space requirements for spaces  
we have teams together as much as possible  
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will HVAC in old wing be replaced  
add or keep portables  
how many students in the health room at one time  
is there space for School Based Health Center?  
Do all the options have the same student capacity  
have you thought of emergency exits/staircases for higher floors?  
Just keep thinking about the school's safety. We are not sure if we can do this, but we are not sure if we can do this.

morning drop-off hectic, consider revision to layout  
what is SQ of health room  
don't limit school to less than 1000 students  
How does this other part of the school layout affect recess when the multipurpose room is used?  
agrees with the security measures of keeping students out by locking in the property.  
having should be an advocate for any layout, considering our area has lots of liability.  
If one of the rooms are not needed, we can use them for other purposes. We are not sure if we can do this, but we are not sure if we can do this.

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