

Spanish Immersion Transition Family Fact Sheet

The following fact sheet is intended to answer some of the questions and concerns staff heard after meeting with families affected by the relocation of the Spanish immersion program to William Tyler Page Elementary School.

Relocating the Spanish Immersion Program

- The Spanish immersion program, currently hosted at Rolling Terrace Elementary School, will move to William Tyler Page Elementary School beginning with the 2018–2019 school year.
- The Spanish immersion program hosted at William Tyler Page Elementary School will be a full One-way Spanish immersion program.
- Beginning in the 2018–2019 school year, Rolling Terrace Elementary School will become a whole school Two-way immersion site with Grades K–1 starting Two-way immersion next year.
- The program is being moved from Rolling Terrace Elementary School so that attention can be focused on the significant instructional needs of the Rolling Terrace community.

Implications for Current Spanish Immersion Students at Rolling Terrace Elementary School

- Students currently attending the Spanish immersion program at Rolling Terrace Elementary School, in Grades 3 and 4, will be able to remain at Rolling Terrace as the partial Spanish immersion program phases out of that location.
- Students currently attending the Spanish Immersion program at Rolling Terrace Elementary School, in Grades K–2, will:
 - Be able to continue in a full One-way Spanish immersion program at William Tyler Page Elementary School beginning with the 2018–2019 school year, or
 - Have the option to remain at Rolling Terrace as part of the home school population.
- Transportation will be provided to William Tyler Page Elementary School for students choosing to attend the One-way immersion program at this school next year. For the 2018–2019 school year and onward, all students in Grades 2–5 at Rolling Terrace Elementary School will have some Spanish language experience. As Two-way rolls up through the grades, the Spanish language experience component will phase out.
- Transportation is making Rolling Terrace Elementary School a stop on the bus route to William Tyler Page Elementary School, thereby allowing families who wish to continue their current child care arrangements at Rolling Terrace Elementary School the opportunity to do so.

Implications for William Tyler Page

- William Tyler Page Elementary School will receive the current Grades K–2 immersion students from Rolling Terrace Elementary School.
- The program has 52 incoming kindergarten seats and up to 26 seats are preserved for interested local students.
- Additionally, all students will have access to Spanish language instruction through a language exposure program.

- Students from Rolling Terrace Elementary School who choose to continue in the immersion program at William Tyler Page Elementary School will be provided transportation.
- Facilities is currently working with the school and Parent Teacher Association to develop a plan for the transition of the program.

Frequently asked questions

- *I have a second grader currently in the Spanish immersion program. Will my rising kindergartener have a sibling preference for the full Spanish immersion program at William Tyler Page Elementary School?*

Yes, sibling preference will be applied during the lottery process.

- *What if I have a student currently in the Grade 3 Spanish immersion program and a rising kindergartener, will they go to different schools?*

You have options. You could choose to put your kindergartner in the lottery for the full immersion at William Tyler Page, or you could request that your kindergartener attend Rolling Terrace with their older sibling, provided there is space.

- *When do I have to decide what we will do for next school year?*

You will be mailed a notice of intent soon and you will have until January to notify the school system of your intent.

- *My before/aftercare is located at Rolling Terrace Elementary School. Will I have to change?*

Transportation is making Rolling Terrace Elementary School a stop on the bus route to William Tyler Page and Burnt Mills elementary schools, thereby allowing families who wish to continue their current child care arrangements at Rolling Terrace Elementary School the opportunity to do so.

Next Steps

- Dr. Navarro will meet with the entire Rolling Terrace Elementary School parent community on December 20, 2017, at 7 p.m.

MCPS staff will continue to meet with both school communities throughout the transition process to share information as well as support families and staff to ensure a smooth relocation of the Spanish immersion program.

Suggested chart of options:

<i>2017-2018 Grade at Rolling Terrace</i>	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4
<i>2018-2019 Grade at Rolling Terrace</i>	K	1	2	3	4	5
<i>2018-2019 options: at Rolling Terrace</i>	Two-way immersion	Two-way immersion	English classes, Spanish exposure	English classes, Spanish exposure	Rolling Terrace current partial immersion	Rolling Terrace current partial immersion
<i>at William Tyler Page</i>	Full One-way immersion	Full One-way immersion	Full One-way immersion	Full One-way immersion	N/A	N/A
<i>at Home School</i>	English classes	English classes	English classes	English classes	English classes	English classes