



Walker Mill Middle School Construction Update Meeting | May 4, 2023 Questions & Answers

Can you describe the collaboration space?

There are multiple collaboration spaces throughout the school corridors to provide students with diverse learning environments. These will allow teachers to pull students out for group work. There will be both small and large collaboration spaces, some with whiteboards available for student use. The Learning Stairs have also been designated as a collaboration space.

Will the schedule stay the same for students, such as the bell schedule?

There will be some adjustments made to the during-the-day bell schedule to accommodate for the student body increase, but the school start and end times will remain the same, and students will still have five classes a day.

Can you give us a slight layout of the demo process and time frame

Demolition will begin after school ends in mid-June of this year. School staff will go through a process of packing and moving items into the new building at that time. Demolition of the old school building is expected to take two to three months, and the construction of the athletic fields will follow.

What is the timeline of the athletic fields? Sounds like it will not be ready when school opens.

The fields will be ready and turned over during the winter holiday break this year.

Also, how did the project team decide the types of athletic fields for each of the 6 Blueprint schools? They seem to vary, or am I wrong?

Athletic fields do vary by school due to the size of the school site and the specific educational specifications for each school.

Can students watch the demo?

There will be fencing around the site for safety, but the demolition will likely still be visible.

Will current students have an orientation in the new building before the first day of school? I know this is typically only for 6th graders or new students - but I hope all students will be able to get oriented before the first day.

Yes, school leadership is currently in the process of planning orientation days for new students, current students, and the community. More information will be shared at a later date.

What about the band room? Will there be any changes to those places?

There will be a band room and associated practice rooms and storage spaces.



The current building does not allow for very good cell phone coverage. Will the new building allow for better signals?

Unfortunately, the Program is not able to answer this question. The building will have wi-fi and will not be a completely brick building like the current building, which may contribute to the signal issues, but at this time, we cannot be certain.

What will be bordering the school and fields, such as a fence or something?

The full property will be fenced, with additional fencing at the athletic fields.

Will there be outside working/teaching spaces?

Yes. There is a dedicated outdoor classroom with desks, storage, and a mobile interactive smartboard. Additionally, there are various courtyards with seating around the site.

Is there a cafeteria outside?

No, but there is a courtyard/patio area outside of the cafeteria with seating that can be used for those who would like to eat outside.