

DORA KENNEDY FRENCH IMMERSION

Relocation Town Hall
June 11, 2025



AGENDA

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INTRODUCTIONS



Introductions

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BACKGROUND

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- The current Dora Kennedy French Immersion facility has exceeded its useful life
- Feasibility study 15 years ago determined most of the building should be demolished
- Capital funding for the next 6 years is already earmarked
- A school system goal is to reduce the inventory of schools/offices to better match available resources to maintain them.
- The final use for this facility will be two years of swing space for Springhill Lake Elementary School, after which non-historic portions will be decommissioned and/or the building transferred to the city of Greenbelt.

RELOCATION OVERVIEW



RELOCATION OVERVIEW - LOCATION



Dora Kennedy French Immersion will **permanently** relocate to **Robert Goddard Montessori School** located at **9850 Good Luck Road, Seabrook, MD 20706**. This will be a **co-location not a merger**.

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AT-A-GLANCE

- 133,631 Sq. Ft.
- 998 Student Capacity / 464 Enrolled
- 48 Classrooms
- Shared spaces:
- OUTDOOR FEATURES - (1) Playground,(2) Softball Fields, (1) Softball field serves as a soccer field
- (1) 10-Classroom Modular that is being replaced by a Two-story - (18) classroom modular w/ an elevator
- Security features: Cameras



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Building Improvements

- In the summer of 2020, the Robert Goddard Montessori School received a series of major renovations to improve the building's air quality and overall environment and security. The scope of work included:
- Complete replacement of the building's HVAC system.
- Replacement of all exterior windows, doors, and storefronts.
- Installation of new hardware in the storefronts including panic devices, lock hardware, closers, pulls, door sweeps, and thresholds.
- Replacement of all ceiling systems.
- Installation of new LED lighting throughout the building.
- Installation of a new sprinkler fire protection system.

RELOCATION TIMELINE

- MONTH/SEASON 2025 - Activity
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- MONTH/SEASON 2026 - Activity
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ENGAGEMENT ROADMAP

UPCOMING COMMUNICATIONS

TOWN HALLS

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NEWSLETTERS

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ADDITIONAL OUTREACH AND INFORMATION

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SCHOOL INTRODUCTIONS



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- Principal - Deatrice Womack
- Grade Configuration - PreK to 8
- Number of students - 473
- School Identity and Culture - Self-directed learning and freedom with responsibility.
- Program Overview: *What is Montessori Education?*

Dr. Montessori wrote: “To aid life, leaving it free, however, to unfold itself, that is the basic task of the educator.” The guiding concepts of Montessori schools include the following:

- Learning occurs best in a nurturing, prepared environment that promotes spontaneous cooperative inquiry.
- Children are naturally driven to learn. Through hands-on activities and interaction with other people, children instinctively work to construct their inner selves.
- Children should be respected as whole, unique, and valuable individuals.

Physical, emotional, social, spiritual, aesthetic, and cognitive needs are inseparable. The Montessori curriculum provides an orderly framework that frees children to progress according to their individual capabilities.

- Montessori schools aim to assist children in developing habits of concentration, initiative, persistence, and joy in learning.
- By fostering security, self-confidence, and independence in children, Montessori schools enable children to develop into people who respect and care for themselves, others, the environment, and all life.

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Principal

James A. Spence II

Grades

Kindergarten-8th

684-
student
population

Dora Kennedy French Immersion is a diverse, high-performing public specialty school that fosters global citizenship through rigorous academics, French language immersion, and a strong culture of excellence, respect, and community.

In **DKFI**'s K–8 program students learn core subjects in French, developing bilingual proficiency while engaging in a rigorous academic curriculum aligned with Maryland State Standards. The program emphasizes critical thinking, cultural awareness, and prepares students for success in highly competitive high schools, colleges, and global careers.

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DKFI VISION

“DKFI will be a multilingual learning community guiding students to become culturally competent, open-minded, critical thinkers for a just world today tomorrow, and beyond”





UPDATES

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CAPITAL PROGRAMS

- Modular -
- Disassembly of the modular on the Goddard campus to start the week of 6/24/25 with a scheduled completion of 8/5/25 (the end date includes staging at Potomac Landing.)
- FF&E items scheduled to be relocated the week of 6/24.
- IT removal of network items, etc. (Aruba Switches, Racks) tentatively scheduled for week of 6/24/25.
- BGE Power Shut-off Scheduled for June 30, 2025.
- Contract Document Permitting in process.

ACADEMICS

- TEXT

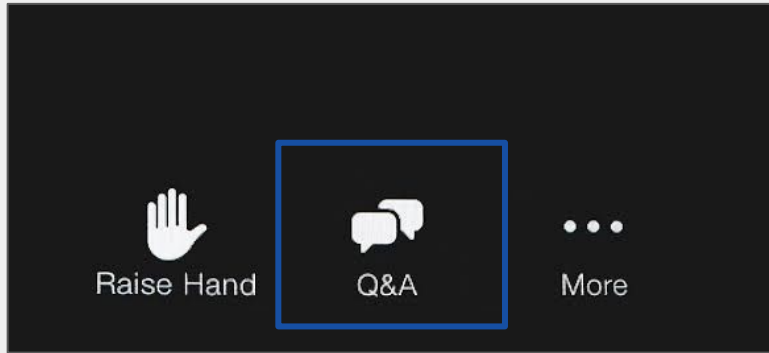
TRANSPORTATION

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QUESTIONS




Question & Answer



- Please type your questions/comments in the Q&A area of Zoom.
- Questions and answers from this town hall will be posted on the New Northern High School project page at bit.ly/DCP-NewNorthern.
- If you have additional questions, please email them to capital.programs@pgcps.org.

Project Information & Documentation

Northern Adelphi Area High School




Status	Architect/Trade/Trade/Trade	Project Type	Budget	Contract	Awarded/September	Project Manager
	Tom Construction	Tom Construction	\$20,000,000	Click here to view details		Robert J. Smith

School Information

District	Address	Neighborhood	School Board District	County School District	Municipal School District
180	4000 180th Street, Adelphi, VA 22024	Adelphi	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary

Project Timeline



Project Scope

Information for 2023-2024 High School in the Adelphi area will be available to the public on the project website at [http://www.northernadelphi.org](#) and on the project website at [http://www.northernadelphi.org](#).

News & Announcements

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Project Updates

June 2024	+
April 2024	+

Documents & Presentations

- [Project Information Report \(1/1/2024\) \[Click here to view details\]\(#\)](#)
- [Project Planning Open House Meeting \(10/10/2023\) \[Click here to view details\]\(#\)](#)
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