

## **Suitland High School Project Update Meeting | October 25, 2023 Questions & Answers**

### **Can you give more details about any upcoming student engagement?**

We will be having site tours for the students so they can see the before and after of their new school and give them a look at construction in real time.

### **What is the timeline for obtaining all needed permits?**

We are tracking for January for when we expect to receive the rest of our permits so that we can proceed with the construction of the Phase 1 building.

### **Where will the CTE be housed?**

The southern CTE hub will be at Crossland High School. So, Suitland students who chose CTE programs will be moved to Crossland High School.

### **Can you repeat the estimated dates for the different phases?**

Phase 1 is expected to be completed in December 2025. Phases 2 and 3 are a bit fluid right now in terms of schedule, but we anticipate Phase 2 to be completed in spring 2027 and Phase 3 to be completed at the end of 2027.

### **Will there be an opportunity for students to produce artwork for the new spaces?**

From a construction standpoint, students will have another competition and a chance to design hard hat stickers. As for permanent artwork, the architect and project team are currently looking into how best to incorporate student artwork.

### **Any update on when the auditorium will no longer be able to be used by the students, and where they will be able to perform once that takes place?**

Demolition of the auditorium will occur in early 2026. At that time, performances will occur in the new high school auditorium, completed as a part of Phase 1.

### **When is the project delivery date for completion?**

Anticipated completion is scheduled for 2027.

### **Will there be any significant changes to the existing traffic patterns to access the school?**

Yes, the entire campus is being renovated and revised. The entrance and exit for the campus will still be on Silver Hill Road. Upon entering from Silver Hill Road, you will encounter a traffic circle whose exits will take you to different areas of the campus. The right exit takes you to the back of the school, the straight exit takes you to the bus loop in front of the school, and the left exit will take you to the student parking lot and admin area.

### **Will the annex building remain open throughout the process?**



The annex building will remain open until the end of Phase 2 in the spring of 2026. At the end of Phase 2, the annex building occupants will move into their new building, and the annex building will be demolished, making way for the new athletic compound.

**Are there any internship opportunities for recent Suitland Graduates on this project?**

Turner-Corenic is working on opportunities to allow Suitland students to intern and work on the construction site. They are currently engaged in a summer internship program with Prince George's Community College, which they plan to continue moving forward.

**Will there be entry points near the athletic fields?**

No, all traffic entry and exit will be through the main entrance on Silver Hill Road.

**Is the use of the current tennis courts still prohibited?**

Yes, the existing tennis courts are still blocked off for safety as they are in an active construction zone.

**So, no tennis for how many years?**

There will still be tennis, just not on the existing tennis courts. The Suitland administration and athletic staff will determine an interim tennis practice and match location until the new tennis courts are complete.

**Can you clarify the Phase 2 timeline again for CVPA building? You mentioned Spring 2027.**

Correct, the new CVPA building is scheduled for completion in spring 2027.

**If there is one way in and out, will the time for the light on Silver Hill Road be extended?**

The traffic patterns and light times are currently being discussed with the county's transportation authority.

**Is the newsletter going to be in addition to these town hall meetings?**

Yes, there are two newsletters, one quarterly on the Suitland project and one bi-monthly on all Department of Capital Programs news and projects. To sign up for the Capital Programs mailing list, please visit [bit.ly/PGCPS\\_SchoolConstructionNotification](https://bit.ly/PGCPS_SchoolConstructionNotification).

**Will we receive a copy of this recording? Thank you.**

The recording of this meeting and a copy of the presentation will be available on the Suitland project page at <https://bit.ly/SuitlandHS>.

**Will the fences in the back be fortified, or will new ones be put in? Especially the ones leading to the apartments around the school.**

There will be new 6-foot high fencing around the perimeter of the campus.

**Are the students still slated to remain at Suitland throughout the new construction?**

Yes, students will remain in the existing facilities until the end of Phase 1. When Phase 1 is complete, students and staff will move into the new building to allow for Phase 2 activities to begin.



**Which permits are still needed?**

The main permit that we are waiting for and trying to obtain is the fine grading permit, which will allow us to begin foundation and concrete work.