

William Wirt Middle School Project Update Meeting | October 30, 2023 Questions & Answers

This school looks way different than the new Hyattsville and Drew-Freeman middle schools!

Correct! This school is being built using a different, more traditional funding model than the Blueprint Schools P3 model. As such, it has a different architect and design. However, no matter the funding model, all of our schools will have more than adequate spaces and improvements.

When you say finalized in Spring 2025, are we (The staff and students) going to be in the building before that?

We are tracking for substantial completion of the new building in the spring of 2024. The final two phases of the project, including the demolition of the old building and the completion of site work, are scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2025. However, we are still in the process of determining if a spring move-in is appropriate or if the move will wait for the start of the 2024-2025 school year. More information on the move schedule will be shared as it becomes available later.

Will the school be done In January 2024?

The construction of the new building will be completed in the spring of 2024. The project as a whole will be completed in the spring of 2025.

If the school gets done this year, for example, will they move all the students into the new building this year?

No. While we are tracking for substantial completion of the building to occur in spring 2024, other requirements need to be met before occupancy. So, move-in is anticipated for the summer of 2024, before the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

How long has this process been?

The construction process began in October 2022. Construction is expected to last 18 months.

How will they remove the old building while students still go to school or not?

At the end of phase 2, which is the completion of the new school building, students and staff will move into the new building. Afterward, safety fencing and barriers will be put around the old building and site prior to the start of demolition. Demolition is done with excavators to minimize noise and debris.

How much percentage of the construction do you say the school is?

We are about 65% complete with the construction of the new building.

Will the school be safe for students and have good locks?

Yes, the locks will be the same standard locks used throughout the county's schools. There will also be many additional security measures in place, including a secure vestibule and lockdown



system, and security cameras. The building was innovatively designed with security and safety in mind.

Do you think this new building will be done this 23-24 school year?

The construction of the new building will be completed in the spring of 2024. The project as a whole will be completed in the spring of 2025.

What is mostly missing in the school because it looks great since I go to that school right now.

Thank you! There are still many things both in the building's interior and exterior prior to move-in.