



## **New Northern Adelphi Area High School Project Update Meeting | February 18, 2026 Questions & Answers**

### **Will Northwestern close?**

No. Northwestern High School will not close. The New Northern Adelphi Area High School project is intended to provide additional high school capacity in the northern region to address current and projected enrollment needs.

### **Did I hear correctly that professional school counselors would have their offices paired with an administrator and not in an actual counseling suite?**

The design includes both a counseling suite and grade-level counselors. Some counselors will be paired with assistant principals on each floor to support grade-level needs, while the remaining counseling staff will be located in a centralized counseling suite adjacent to the administration area.

### **Where will the video recording for this meeting be posted?**

The video recording for this meeting will be posted on the New Northern Adelphi Area High School project page on the Department of Capital Programs website.

### **Are they planning to start a football program at this school?**

Athletic programming decisions will be determined by the appropriate academic departments closer to the school's opening. The school is being designed with athletic facilities comparable to other Prince George's County public high schools, including a stadium and supporting athletic facilities.

### **It was said in the presentation that public land will be incorporated into the project. Can you elaborate?**

The project site includes multiple publicly owned parcels, including existing school property and adjacent land owned by other public entities. These include land owned by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the University of Maryland. The site is being planned as a coordinated, contiguous campus, with ongoing discussions regarding shared and joint-use facilities.

**Will the access road be a through road?**

No. The access road will serve the New Northern Adelphi Area High School site and will also provide access to the new Cherokee Lane Elementary School and Buck Lodge Middle School. It will dead-end at those school sites and will not function as a through road.

**Can you explain the community space?**

The project includes up to 3,000 square feet of community use space supported by the state. The specific use of this space has not yet been finalized and may include health-related or recreational services that support both students and the surrounding community. Identification of users and programming will continue as the project progresses.

**When is the project timeline for finishing? Also, when will staffing begin?**

The project schedule is dependent on the availability of state and local funding. Based on current assumptions, construction could begin around 2031, with an estimated three-year construction duration and a potential opening around 2034. Staffing timelines will be determined closer to the school's opening.

**What items in the proposed design would change if the University of Maryland chooses not to proceed with shared facilities?**

Discussions with the University of Maryland regarding shared athletic facilities are ongoing. Regardless of the outcome, the high school will include athletic facilities consistent with other Prince George's County public high schools. Any changes would primarily affect exterior athletic facilities and would be addressed through design adjustments if needed.

**What is the projected impact or boundary effect that this will have on Cluster 2 schools?**

School boundary decisions are managed separately by the PGCPs pupil accounting process. No boundaries have been determined at this time. Boundary studies typically occur approximately one year to one and a half years before a school opens and include community engagement.

**Will the access road be locked when the school is closed?**

Yes. Access to the road will be controlled when the school is closed to prevent unauthorized traffic, except during approved after-hours activities or events.



**For students to attend this high school, would it be based on their address, or would they have to apply through testing?**

The New Northern Adelphi Area High School is planned as a neighborhood school. Students residing within the attendance boundary would attend based on their address. Specialized Career and Technical Education programs may require a separate application process in accordance with PGCPs procedures.

**What will happen to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission trail?**

Coordination with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is ongoing. Existing park amenities, including trails and fields, may need to be relocated, restored, or replaced as part of the project. Final determinations will be made in coordination with park planning staff.

**The design would accommodate 2,600 students. Does this number anticipate an increase in student population over the next 15 years in this part of the county?**

Yes. The planned capacity is based on enrollment projections developed by the PGCPs Pupil Accounting Division. Current projections account for anticipated growth in the northern region over the next 10 years and are updated annually.

**Will the bus access road be built sooner than the anticipated 2034 date?**

Yes. Funding for the access road has been secured, and construction is expected to begin before the school's projected opening date.

**Can you tell us how far the access road will be from the intersection of Metzerott and Adelphi Roads?**

The access road connecting Metzerott Road to the rear of Buck Lodge Middle School and Cherokee Lane Elementary School is approximately 3,180 linear feet, which is equivalent to about 0.60 miles.