

Cool Spring Elementary School Project Update Meeting | April 24, 2024 Questions & Answers

Is there a project committee? Committees bring specific community input on projects. If I'm not mistaken, most current projects have had committees.

Currently, there is no project committee in place. However, the project team is open to having a community project committee and will discuss and consider it with department leadership.

Is Adelphi Elementary just going to be part of Cool Spring Elementary? Will there no longer be an Adelphi Elementary school?

Correct. Adelphi Elementary and Cool Spring Elementary will be combined into one school. However, at this time, we do not know if the school will undergo a name change or if its identity will be modified in any way.

I am concerned that we have non-PGCPS people answering these questions.

Please do not be concerned. The project planning team has vast experience developing new schools, consolidating schools, and modernizing projects. Many members of the team also have a history with PGCPS, so they are well-equipped to handle this project. Rest assured, it is in very capable hands.

So, will this project efficiently address current overcrowding in the area?

Yes, the intent of this project is to address the overcrowding challenges in elementary schools around the Adelphi area. Though we cannot fully predict the future, the school redesign and capacity align with projected population and enrollment trends.

Could you please address the impending traffic issues?

We are very aware of the existing traffic issues at Cool Spring and on Riggs Road, which were a major consideration during the project's planning and design. Through traffic studies completed during the planning phase, it was determined that changes to the access road locations and separate bus and car traffic and entrances needed to be designed. Additional access design changes have been made to mitigate congestion at the intersection of Riggs and Metzerott and the cross street at Apache Street.

Is the school going to be Pre-K to 5th or Pre-K to 6th? Adelphi used to have 6th grade, and if I am not mistaken, Cool Spring has 6th grade.

The school will be Pre-K to 5th grade.

The project is for 900 students. How many students are currently at Adelphi and Cool Spring Elementary?

To address the combined capacity, PGCPS is opening a new Duckworth ES facility. Before the opening of the new facility, which is scheduled to open in SY 2028, there could be temporary program adjustments made for the Cool Spring/Adelphi program.



Teachers are concerned about their jobs. In the past, when schools were consolidated, people lost positions. We all teach at schools we are vested in, so there is a BIG concern about employment and location. Will all the Adelphi staff be employed at the new building? What guarantees do we have as educators from PGCPS? When will we know if Adelphi teachers will be employed at Cool Springs?

No one will lose their job. At this time, the expectation is that all Adelphi Elementary School teachers and staff will move to Cool Springs after the completion of Phase 1. If a teacher or staff member would prefer to be relocated to a different school in lieu of Cool Spring, they may go through the typical PGCPS staff transfer process. The HR and Academic Departments will share more detailed information on the transition as we get closer to the date.