

Phyllis E. Williams Spanish Immersion Project Update Meeting | October 10, 2024 Questions & Answers

Will Phyllis E. Williams students stay in the Robert Goddard building for the 2024 - 2025 school year?

Yes, they will remain for the full school year.

To clarify, will PEWSI students be at Goddard for the entire school year?

Yes, they will remain for the full school year.

Why are some of the items in phase one listed as things that will *possibly* be done instead of definitely being done?

The items listed in phase one will definitely be completed. Everything is in one phase, so we will turn everything over next summer. Originally, it was a two-phased project, but now it will be a single phase. All the work will be completed while you guys are at Robert Goddard, and at the point of completion, you guys will be relocated back.

So, will the students remain at the current location for the entire school year?

Yes, they will remain the entire school year.

For clarity I am requesting an opportunity to engage other than placing questions in the chat. This way of engagement does not foster the appropriate level of interaction.

This is the form we have had for our town hall meetings. It allows the community to ask as many questions as possible and for them to be collectively answered.

There is increased difficulty reaching someone at transportation. Do you have any suggestions for an easier way to reach them to get proper transportation for our students?

It is recommended to submit a Transportation Resolution System request and/or call 301-952-6570.

Will the phase 2 construction have any impact on the following school year (25-26)

There will be no impact on the start of school. The project will be done, and you guys will be relocated before the beginning of the school year.

It is extremely disappointing that transportation is not on this call. They were not present at the last call either. Can we make sure they are represented every time? It feels like their absence is intentional at this point.

Yes, we can be sure to include Transportation in the next update.

Sorry, I don't know if it's been answered, but are they returning in January?

No, they will remain in place for the rest of the school year.



Is transportation really looking into solving transportation issues? I think it's fair to the kids who suffer due to this construction. My child doesn't get home until 2 hours after closing.

You will have to direct your questions to transportation.

How sure can we be about the timeline?

The timeline for phase one was always a tight window. The timeline to deliver the total project was more than appropriate, so we are definitely going to be hitting that target date for next summer.

The original timeline was a year, right?

Yes, the original timeline was an overall year that included phases 1 and 2.

The original timeline was a year. Is everyone who is the decision maker's child part of this project? You all should be inconvenienced just like we are. THIS IS DISGUSTINGLY AWFUL

We will communicate a longer time period in the future to ensure it is all captured. If there are any potential schedule implications that we can foresee, we will share them. Unfortunately, we had a short time window, so we made the best-informed decision based on the information we had at that time.

We were originally told one year, then a year and a half, and now 2 years. The kids are the only ones losing here.

The original one year was before we started construction during design. Once we got a contractor on board to look at the schedule, things shifted to a year and a half. A bulk of that was due to the heavy up which was a lead item that pushed us to phase 2. Now that the phase 1 work was delayed slightly, that is now what is encompassing the full year and a half duration for the project.

Did the roof construction add to the timeline?

The roof construction contributed some of the lay that is pushing us through January. Part of the roof project needed to be a demolition of the entire roof, replacing the material, and installing the roofing curves.

I am a contractor, and I understand that renovations are a huge endeavor. Thank you all for your work. We know it will be worth it!

Thank you so much for your support.

I am also disappointed that transportation is not present and does not seem to be available to answer questions.

Our apologies for that, and we look forward to improving that process. Transportation will be at the next engagement.