



William Wirt Middle School Project Update Meeting | April 24, 2024 Questions & Answers

Will students and staff be in the new building in 2025?

Yes, we are on schedule for the start of the next school year, 2024 – 2025.

Was the original information about the school being done by this January true or false?

Correct. The original schedule stated that Phase 2 of the project would reach substantial completion this past January. However, due to delays due to utilities and other factors, the schedule was pushed out a bit.

Will the new school remain William Wirt, or will there be a name change?

We have not been informed of any name change or plans for a name change at this time, so we are moving forward with William Wirt remaining as William Wirt.

When will staff be able to get into the building this summer to unpack and organize materials before the school year begins?

Coordination meetings will be scheduled for mid-May to plan multiple move items, including the packing up and salvaging of items and materials in the current school building and the transition to the new building. We are targeting early July for the moves to commence.

How will noise pollution from construction and accumulated traffic be dealt with?

During phases 3 and 4, the area will be an active construction site. To ensure compliance with noise, dust, and pollution ordinances, we will take all necessary measures. We will also control and reroute traffic as needed while keeping students away from the construction as much as possible through the use of construction fencing. To streamline traffic and ensure safety, construction vehicles will have a separate entrance from the student and staff entrance to the site.

How many students can fit in the cafeteria?

It was designed to fit one grade level, so 400 students per session.

When will the old William Wirt get taken down?

Demolition will commence this summer and is targeted to be completed in October this year.

Are the only entrances to the school going to be from Kenilworth Avenue?

Tuckerman Street will still be the main entrance to the school site for the public, with the entrance remaining at 63rd Avenue and Tuckerman Street. Buses will enter the separate bus loop from Norman Avenue.

How will parking be handled during the next phase of construction?

After Phase 2, the school will have 80 parking spaces available. We are currently working on setting up a satellite parking lot to handle the overflow parking during Phase 3.

How long would it take to take down the old school and clean it up? After the land is cleared up, what will go there?

There are two more phases in the project. Phase 3 will consist of the demolition and cleanup of the current school building and some site work, all of which are projected to be completed by October of this year. Phase 4 will consist of the final site work, installation of the stormwater system and bio-retention structures, and completion of the athletic fields, which will replace the current school. Phase 4 is scheduled to be completed in early spring of 2025.

Will the baseball and soccer fields be separate or shared?

Due to site constraints and ground contours, the baseball outfield and the soccer field will overlap and be shared. However, softball will have a separate field from baseball.

Will there be walking trails for students who live behind the school?

No. We do not have any trails incorporated in the scope beyond the school boundaries.

Will there be showers?

Yes, the locker rooms and nurse's office will have showers.

Will this new school have a basement?

No, there is no basement.

Will students have to wear uniforms in the new building?

Yes.

Will the new school have a track?

No, there will not be a track.