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Poolesville Students, Staff, and Families,

On Tuesday, April 18, PHS administration, MCPS representatives, and third parties hosted a community forum to take questions on the construction process and their impact on the learning environment at Poolesville High School. If you were unable to join us, you can view the recording of that meeting using the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wbuMvCYsyhU>. In addition, you can read the written responses to the questions that were asked below. These responses include questions that were answered during the meeting, as well. The responses were provided by the respective panelists within their expertise. Thank you for your partnership and support.

Question	Answer	Answered by
Can you provide any research that the odor neutralizer does anything other than to mask the odor? (i.e., is there any evidence that it is reducing exposure to the fumes rather than acting like Febreze)	The intended purpose of the odor neutralizer is to reduce sulfur dioxide production, which is the primary source of the tar smell. We have reached out to the manufacturer for a more formal explanation.	<b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b>
The WHO classifies bitumen (the material in the tar) as a probable carcinogen. Why is this not being acknowledged?	There are chemicals contained within asphalt that some studies have shown may be potentially weakly carcinogenic. Bitumen is classified as 2A “possibly carcinogenic” because of mixed and smaller studies that link exposure in workers to cell damage. It is important to note there are extensive negative data, with larger high-quality studies in animal and humans showing a low or negligible cancer hazard.	<b>Dr. Kapunan</b>
Does tar have harmful chemicals or is it just an unpleasant odor?		
NYS doesn't perform construction when kids are in school because it's impossible to make the construction safe. Why does Montgomery County think it can?	MCPS has been following industry practices in line with other school districts in the DC Metro area. These practices have been followed by MCPS for more than 20 years with great success on many projects; more than a dozen in the last 5 years alone. This roofing process has been used without incident at dozens of other addition and school replacement projects, as recently as last year (Takoma Park MS, Kennedy HS) and at the ongoing addition projects in the last month. For indeterminate reasons, the impact at PHS has been an anomaly.	<b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b>
Why did you promise us not to tar during school hours, and then go back on that promise?		

<p>Why are you choosing to schedule tarring, which still impacts air quality despite mitigation, while students are in school?</p>	<p>which students are present as roof work is going on as a mitigation option.</p>	
<p>The board may be faced with lawsuits and potential significant and subsequent students that have life changing illnesses with symptoms that could be related to exposure. Does the County want to hold the district libel for decades in the future?</p>		
<p>Where is the independent oversight of this project?</p>		
<p>Why would anyone think that collecting a sample and sending it to a lab is an effective way to make quick adjustments to prevent conditions from affecting our children and staff</p>	<p>The air sampling is being performed to quantify actual exposure levels. Since February 14, DDC and its contractors have been implementing mitigation strategies and making adjustments as necessary to account for conditions as they change. At each instance of a reported tar odor, PHS staff and administration, DDC staff and our contracting team respond to determine potential pathways for the smell to have entered, what measures may have not performed properly and what additional measures might be taken. Lines of communication are direct and immediate between the project team.</p>	<p><b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b></p>
<p>Why did you locate the monitors in well-ventilated hallways? This is not where my children have complained of pockets of heavy fumes.</p>	<p>Testing stations (monitors) are placed in such a manner to avoid potential instructional disruptions. The testing stations emit a continuously audible pumping sound for the entire duration in which they are active (3–4-hour periods). The sound is loud enough that it would be a disruption in most classrooms. Initial locations were based upon student and staff feedback during the February and March periods of time. Focus was placed in areas of largest impact (Auditorium, Arts, Main office) of the classic (original) building, with additional monitors being placed in the Science annex outside of the relocatables. As a part of the testing process, KCI is adjusting station placement based upon the testing technician's professional judgement of any asphalt smell on site, and to account for location of tanker relative to the school building. With tanker placement near the south parking lot, the stations will adjust from being focused near the auditorium to the physical education area, science annex and portables accordingly.</p>	<p><b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b></p>
<p>Are you doing lead paint abatement this week, in preparation for your painting of the</p>	<p>The tan ceramic brick that has a lead coating in the aux gym will not be disturbed during the painting; therefore, no lead abatement is scheduled in the gym. As the ceramic brick is disturbed during future phases of the construction process, lead</p>	<p><b>Division of Sustainability and Compliance (DSC)</b></p>

Aux gym?	safe work practices will be followed by certified contractors as they were during the initial demolition work.	
Are you testing for lead-dust, especially as you are kicking up extra dust with the fans meant to clear tar fumes?		
does tarring take place on weekends too? or just weekdays?	Tarring occurs on Saturdays as weather permits. Since starting the process on February 14th, there has been only one Saturday on which it did not rain, that of April 8th, at which time the roofing contractor was working on other projects due to moving offsite for the pause in work from March 15th until after March 26th.	<b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b>
I smelled tar at 7:45 in the morning, strongly - heating tar still emits fumes that make kids sick	This statement is acknowledged and does not appear to have a question that necessitates a response.	N/A
What are the monitoring numbers - if it goes over a certain number, when do you stop tarring?	So far, all the indoor asphalt fume samples have been below the detectable limit of the analytical equipment. If concentrations go above 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> , work procedures will be evaluated by MCPS. If hydrogen sulfide is detected at levels above 1 ppm (which is 1/20 of OSHA's PEL-ceiling) MCPS will be immediately notified. So far detectable concentrations of hydrogen sulfide have not been identified indoors or outdoors.	<b>Division of Sustainability and Compliance (DSC) &amp; KCI</b>
What is the actual level where the monitor number would dictate a change in plans.	If asphalt fume concentrations are determined to be above 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> MCPS will review the work procedures. If hydrogen sulfide is detected at levels above 1 ppm (which is 1/20 of OSHA's PEL-ceiling) MCPS will be immediately notified. So far detectable concentrations of hydrogen sulfide have not been identified indoors or outdoors.	
Are there permissible exposure limits for children? Or just healthy adult males?	Occupational exposure limits are based on adult exposure. There are currently no exposure limits set for children/teenagers.	
Regardless of when the tarring is done the smell is present in various parts of the school all day and across town into the evening. Is there any way to mitigate this?	Odor neutralizing compounds are added to the tar mix in an effort to help reduce the intensity of the smell. Wind conditions play a large role in how the smell might travel to the local area.	<b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b>
Will the school be able to make accommodations for kids that feel sick from fumes but can't afford to miss classes for fears of falling behind.	If a student is absent due to sickness, parents can complete the <a href="#">PHS Attendance Note</a> and the absence will be excused. Teachers will work with the students to complete any missed work, just as they would with any other excused absence.	<b>Poolesville High School (PHS) Administration</b>
Can you comment on AP examinations,	The AP exams are primarily occurring in three separate places: Media Center, Cafeteria, and Poolesville Baptist Church. These	<b>Poolesville High School (PHS)</b>

<p>particularly for the afternoon administrations. How do you see tarring impacting testing?</p>	<p>are areas that have not reported any impacts throughout the roofing application process. In addition, we will be ensuring that appropriate air filtration devices are in all areas where testing is occurring, including at the off-site church location.</p>	<p><b>Administration</b></p>
<p>Yes, why can't it be stopped during the 2 weeks of APs? There are 10 weeks of summer</p>		
<p>Curious: how many participants are on the call?</p>	<p>At the time of this question, there were 44 attendees and 9 panelists present. The highest combined number of total participants was 58.</p>	<p><b>Poolesville High School (PHS) Administration</b></p>
<p>This format, without direct questions, is a monologue, not an interaction. I was hoping this would be a dialogue.</p>	<p>A typical Zoom meeting has a maximum allowable attendance. Without being sure how many people would be attending, we wanted to provide the opportunity for all interested parties. The webinar format allows for more participants so nobody would be blocked from the meeting. In addition, the structured conversation allows for all questions to be considered and reduces the likelihood of 1-2 voices dominating the conversation during the hour. If you have any questions that you were unable to share, you may email Principal Mark A. Carothers (<a href="mailto:Mark_A_Carothers@mcpsmd.org">Mark_A_Carothers@mcpsmd.org</a>) or Project Manager Christopher Deraleau (<a href="mailto:Christopher_D_Deraleau@mcpsmd.org">Christopher_D_Deraleau@mcpsmd.org</a>).</p>	<p><b>Poolesville High School (PHS) Administration</b></p>
<p>Parents have health concerns. Shouldn't a toxicologist be present to answer questions?</p>	<p>Expert toxicologists from the National Capital Poison Center and the Mid Atlantic Center for Children's Health and the Environment have been consulted and offered recommendations but were not available for the meeting. Both organizations have offered continued support for our school communities.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Kapunan</b></p>
<p>Kids do not necessarily trust the school administration on this issue, understandably - this is not a good expectation to set up that kids will come to you when they feel ill - they will come to a parent</p>	<p>Students are encouraged to report any concern to administration, parents, teachers, counselors, health room staff, and/or any trusted adult. We encourage students to directly ask their teachers to notify administration if they are not comfortable doing so themselves. Additionally, a reporting form can be found posted throughout the building and on the home screen of the PHS Canvas page. Students were also directly emailed this reporting form on two occasions.</p>	<p><b>Poolesville High School (PHS) Administration</b></p>
<p>We understand that some tests are in the media center and the cafeteria, where there are no monitors</p>	<p>Air testing station locations are being adjusted, moved, and randomized throughout this process. A testing station has been present in the hallway outside of the media center during the last two sample days. (April 10 &amp; April 18). Results will be posted to the MCPS project website.</p>	<p><b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b></p>
<p>Last year, students were waiting outside before being let into the church for AP testing. Concerns about fumes just prior to their</p>	<p>We will be getting students in as soon as the room is ready so that students can begin testing by 8:00 a.m. Our goal is to begin letting students into the testing room by 7:30 to begin by 8:00 a.m. This will limit the amount of time they are waiting outside prior to starting. For the afternoon exams, there could be a possibility that students are waiting outside, but, if we have</p>	<p><b>Poolesville High School (PHS) Administration</b></p>

testing?	room for them to wait inside the vestibule at the church (where there will be an air purifier), we will have them wait inside.	
Will you arrange for any student who does want to take the exam offsite to do so at another school?	This is not an option due to exam confidentiality and space restrictions at other schools. Each school must submit their individual Advanced Placement Assessment plan for their specific students, order exams, and keep them in a secure location. Unless arranged well ahead of time, this is not an option.	<b>Poolesville High School (PHS) Administration</b>
Seneca Valley construction occurred over Covid shutdown, I believe, students were not onsite for at least part of that.	This statement is acknowledged and does not appear to have a question that necessitates a response.	N/A
Which sports are expected to be impacted for home contests next year? Will entire seasons need to be held at other schools, with no home games at PHS?	As the Major Capital Project is not scheduled to make any changes to the fields of the school, all outdoor athletics should be able to be held without any change or impact. By the fall season, roofing work for Phase 1 will have concluded. Indoor athletics will vary by season. The main gym will remain available to the school until the completion of Phase 1, slated for late fall/early winter. As such, fall athletics should not be impacted. Winter and spring athletics are still being evaluated; the Aux Gym will be available for use as Phase 2 work occurs and the main gym is being torn down and expanded. Athletics is determining if that space will suffice for competitions.  There is ongoing work to replace the field scoreboards and refurbish the track that should be complete in time for fall athletic competitions.	<b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b>
What about the Drama productions?	The auditorium is being turned over to construction after Memorial Day. Renovation work is scheduled to conclude with Phase 1, turning the space back over to school use in late fall/early winter as the school occupies all of the newly constructed space. This will result in no fall/winter production but allow for a spring production to occur.	<b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b>
Why are you not following your indoor air quality plan, approved by Department of Permitting services for this project, which requires installing polluting materials (like asphalt roofing), flushing out fumes before occupancy, and changing filtration before occupancy?	The Indoor Air Quality Management Plan governs construction practices inside of the new building and as applicable to any work within the structure of the existing building. Roofing work as a part of the exterior envelope construction falls outside of the governing principles of the IAQ Plan. We are following the industry's best practices to prevent infiltration into the school, including all of the protection and filtration principles detailed in the IAQ plan. The HVAC equipment used in many parts of the classic building prevents us from being able to apply the flushing principles of the IAQ plan; one of the major factors for the Major Capital Project.	<b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b>
Are the filter units turned on? They did not seem to be last Thursday night.	Yes, they are turned on. The building service staff shuts them off as they clean each evening.	<b>Poolesville High School (PHS) Administration</b>

<p>Have you ever done spray foam, especially near the HVAC air intake? We have heard that can cause immediate damage to lungs</p>	<p>This project will not be making use of spray foam insulation. Building insulation consists of a mineral wool or fiberglass-based batt insulation dependent upon application. Mineral wool for building exteriors and interior fire rated walls, fiberglass for interior sound and thermal insulation. It will be making use of a spray applied fireproofing and spray applied acoustical insulation, fireproofing work is ongoing, acoustical insulation work will not occur until the building envelope is complete.</p>	<p><b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b></p>
<p>Why have you not published the air sampling for asbestos abatement in March 2022, which was done for 2 weeks in an occupied building?</p>	<p>These reports have been uploaded at this time. They had been properly filed with MDE in accordance with all laws and regulations previously. It can be noted in the Asbestos Abatement company's documentation on the Project Site that the work shift would be daytime hours when school is not in session and after school hours when school is in session. Abatement work in March 2022 was completed after school hours in accordance with this work plan and MCPS policy on Asbestos Abatement.</p>	<p><b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b></p>
<p>I have requested this documentation, and it has not been provided for me. There was an October and a March session. There was a period of 2 weeks when the students witnessed asbestos work, and it was done during school hours according to documents on your site.</p>		
<p>After tarring on the auditorium is finished, where is the tar tanker expected to go? Over what timeframe?</p>	<p>We anticipate the tar work will continue through the remainder of this academic year. Prior to pausing, the anticipated completion was Memorial Day. They are currently tracking for completion shortly after the last day of school. The roofing of Area A (around Auditorium) is complete. The roofing contractor is moving onto the new structure along the south parking lot. The tanker will be located immediately adjacent to the new structure, next to the parking lot, for the next 6-7 weeks. It will then move to an area near the Science Annex adjacent to the new structure along W. Willard for another 2-3 weeks to complete the roofing of Areas B&amp;D. After which roofing work for Phase 1 will be complete. There will be an additional period of 8-10 weeks of roof work associated with the Phase 2 Construction. At this time, that work is scheduled to occur during the summer of 2024.</p>	<p><b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b></p>
<p>Also where do you anticipate the tar truck heating up to be located this year? i.e., where does it go next?</p>		
<p>How many more weeks do you anticipate tarring, both this year and throughout the rest of the project?</p>		
<p>Did not know there is still asbestos in the school. I'm just curious about the history of asbestos in the school. Was it part of the original core? The 1954 construction? The 1978 renovation? Is the amount of asbestos more, less, or about the</p>	<p>There is still asbestos in the school. It is in similar quantities as other MCPS schools. Asbestos containing materials are not used in new construction</p>	<p><b>Division of Sustainability and Compliance (DSC)</b></p>

<p>same compared to other MCPS schools? Are there any asbestos materials in the new construction?</p>		
<p>The superintendent and the BOE are the ones who can make decisions. Why aren't they here?</p>	<p>Ms. Diane Morris, Associate Superintendent, attended the meeting as a representative from the superintendent's office. Additionally, members of the Board of Education have visited the campus on multiple dates. Mr. Carothers has also toured Mr. Brian Hull, Chief Operating Officer, around the construction on campus.</p>	<p><b>Poolesville High School (PHS) Administration</b></p>
<p>Has anyone in charge been inside the school during the tarring process? Have any air quality tests been conducted during the school day while tarring is taking place? If so, where can we view the results?</p>	<p>Ms. Diane Morris, Associate Superintendent, has visited the school on several occasions, including a meeting with drama parents prior to the spring musical. In addition, multiple members of the Board of Education have been on campus on multiple occasions. Mr. Brian Hull, Chief Operating Officer, has also visited PHS. These visits were all so they could personally address the concerns they have received.</p> <p>Multiple DDC staff members are on site 2-3 times per week during all phases of work as their job functions require; including during roofing work and were present on site on both February 14th and March 7th during the largest impacted days to provide feedback and support.</p> <p>MCPS has engaged KCI Technologies to perform air sampling for asphalt fume exposure. KCI sampled on March 16th to provide a baseline with no asphalt work ongoing, and again on April 13th, 18th and 20th. They will perform additional sampling every Monday, Wednesday and Friday until the end of the school year. Air sampling reports are being posted as they are received (typically 3-4 days after sampling is performed) to the MCPS Capital Project website under 'Files'. <a href="#">MCPS Project Site</a></p>	<p><b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b></p>
<p>Can the school share stats on absenteeism? Have there been spikes in absences or health room visits that could be due to construction fumes?</p>	<p>The Poolesville High School attendance secretaries and health room staff have communicated any construction-related absences or illnesses since the first issue on February 14. There was a significant impact in attendance and numerous visits to the health room on that date. There have not been any other "spikes" since that date, and there has been one related visit to the health room since prior to spring break.</p>	<p><b>Poolesville High School (PHS) Administration</b></p>
<p>The heating of the tar is causing much of the hazardous exposure. Why are we focusing on the timing of the tarring and not acknowledging the impact of the heating of the tar?</p>	<p>The greatest potential for smell is during the application process; however, the mitigation measures being used are in place for the duration of all roof activities, including the heating.</p>	<p><b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b></p>
<p>For Chris: Can you hire more people to tar the roof faster? For the CIH</p>	<p>Currently the building industry is extremely active in our area. There is a labor shortage in all aspects of the construction industry which makes finding qualified companies and workers</p>	<p><b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b></p>

<p>Re IAQ: Why choose a testing method that has a detection limit that is 50% of the TWA?</p>	<p>difficult. While more workers would reduce the duration of the activity, there are diminishing gains with more workers, particularly with the built-up asphalt roofing process which requires many overlapping layers. At some point it also becomes unsafe to have too many workers moving hot asphalt and exposed to extreme fall hazards on the roof all at once. The roofing company has 12-15 workers on site at the moment. More workers also means more asphalt being applied at once, increasing the potential exposure concentration.</p> <p>KCI has followed the Modified NIOSH 5042 method which calls for a cassette that samples for total particulates then quantifies benzene soluble chemicals within that sample. The NIOSH has a Recommended Exposure Limit (REL) for Asphalt Fumes of 5.0 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for total particulate. ACGIH's TLV is based on the "Inhalable" fraction of benzene soluble particulates with a TLV-TWA of 0.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> and our sampling method complies with ACGIH's TLV. KCI chose to use ACGIH's TLV as the benchmark limit since its stricter although it's close to the detection limit.</p>		
<p>You said phase 1 tarring is expected to be done by the end of the school year. If this is the case, why can't more be done over the summer which is 10 weeks long?</p>	<p>The overall project schedule for the Phase 1 work was planned for 24 months consisting of 2 summers and 2 academic years. The first third of the schedule is generally demolition and preparatory site work, the next third is generally underground utilities and structure, the last third consists of interior finishes and final site work. Roofing falls near the end of the structure as they complete the building envelope to prepare for finishes in the final third.</p>	<p><b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b></p>	
<p>Why not defer tarring until the summer?</p>			<p><b>Poolesville High School (PHS) Administration</b></p>
<p>could I ask a question directly?</p>	<p>Unfortunately, this format did not allow for that opportunity. You may contact Mr. Carothers or Mr. Deraleau with any specific questions.</p>	<p><b>Poolesville High School (PHS) Administration</b></p>	
<p>Have you actually spoke with kids? My daughter comes home every day and complains of the smell.</p>	<p>Poolesville High School administration and staff check in with students regularly. Administrators are frequently in the halls, talking to students, and receiving feedback and updates. Additionally, Mr. Carothers has met with SGA leaders to hear concerns and collaborate on possible adjustments and solutions. Additionally, we survey students every quarter and allow opportunities to share concerns and provide feedback. We will ensure there are questions on the marking period 4 survey for students. In addition, the <a href="#">PHS Safety and Reporting Form</a> has been emailed directly to students on two occasions, and it is available through the home page of the PHS Canvas page and the weekly message. Students are also encouraged to report any concerns to their teachers, counselors, or any trusted adult.</p>	<p><b>Poolesville High School (PHS) Administration</b></p>	
<p>yes, ask the students about the smells and how it affects them other</p>			
<p>Chris just said that you were successful in eliminating the odor. Kids at school on Monday complained about the smell. They said it was worse than ever. That contradicts what Chris said.</p>			



<p>Can we survey the students to see how many have ailments that could be attributed to construction? Many will not go to the health room or stay home so they don't fall behind on work. Problem could be larger than we know.</p>		
<p>Odor thresholds are varied for different people, There can be 1000 times difference in concentrations and one person can smell it and another can't.</p>	<p>Correct.</p>	<p><b>Division of Sustainability and Compliance (DSC) &amp; KCI</b></p>
<p>The detection limit for NIOSH 5042 is 60% of the 8-hour TWA. This method also does not quantify specific chemicals (like PAHS) only general mass.</p>		
<p>Children are getting respiratory ailments and feel better when they get home. Why do you think that is?</p>	<p>Some health effects caused by immediate exposure to a substance may resolve over time or be mitigated by distance from or removal from the exposure. When data are lacking or the strength of evidence related to health effects is low, risk should be mitigated by not only adhering to existing standards, and also proactive mitigation, reduction of risk to the greatest extent possible through collaborative planning especially for higher risk activities, and through careful monitoring and prompt response when unexpected health effects occur. When evidence or other medical data suggest certain individuals may be at higher risk from possible exposures, even when risk is low, it is important to communicate that so families can make informed health decisions.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Kapunan</b></p>
<p>I hear the concerns about the scope of the construction project and the significant financial cost. Certainly, finances are an important factor to consider, especially with a project of this scope. But forgetting the logistics for a moment, what is the degree of evidence of harm for students would meet the criteria to move students off-site or significantly change the plans?</p>		
<p>Thank you for your thorough response. Without solid data on children, should we not be using the precautionary principle?</p>		

<p>How many kids have to get sick and how many times do they have to get sick before an effective response to the health hazards?</p>		
<p>When do the parking lots get repaved in the construction timeline and will that create similar problems?</p>	<p>Currently plans call for paving of the expanded south parking lot early this summer. Full repavement of all remaining parking areas occurs during Phase 2 of the project. As this work requires the lots to be empty, it will be completed during periods of no school. Either spring break 2024, summer 2024 or weekends in the early fall of 2024. Road asphalt work is seasonal and typically must occur between April and November, as the plants that produce the material shut down due to temperatures. There is a potential that process will have a similar smell, just as any repaving or road work performed by the Town of Poolesville, Montgomery County DOT or State Highway Authority would.</p>	<p><b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b></p>
<p>For CIH and Lynn Z re IAQ testing: Why is there no quantification of actual chemicals like benzene or naphthalene or benzo[a]pyrene?</p>	<p>The initial sampling strategy was to capture multiple asphalt fumes at once. And if elevated concentrations of total asphalt fumes were identified, we would drill down into specific chemicals such as the ones you listed. With the data we have today, we don't see the need to sample for individual contaminants. Total VOC concentrations will be included in the sampling plans by 4/26.</p>	<p><b>Division of Sustainability and Compliance (DSC) &amp; KCI</b></p>
<p>The principles outlined in the MCPS report on indoor air quality say that any complaint should be addressed promptly, and with resolution as defined by the person complaining - it has been 2 months, with no satisfactory resolution</p>	<p>This statement is acknowledged and does not appear to have a question that necessitates a response.</p>	
<p>As construction started over a year ago, have air quality tests been ongoing since the beginning? Why are there no air quality tests published beyond the baseline?</p>	<p>During initial phases of construction, air quality testing was not performed unless required by a construction specific process (i.e., asbestos abatement), nor were concerns reported to PHS Administration or DDC staff. Current air sampling is being performed to quantify actual exposure. Baseline testing was performed on March 16th; no roofing work occurred between March 15th and April 10th. Sampling was performed on April 13th, 18th, and 20th, and will be performed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from April 24th onward unless there is no school.</p>	
<p>Smells were outside and inside, just yesterday, as I understand it - stop during APs</p>	<p>This statement is acknowledged and does not appear to have a question that necessitates a response.</p>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>
<p>Will children be learning on a different site for the next school</p>	<p>Due to the remoteness and size of the Poolesville community, none of the adjacent facilities are of sufficient capacity to house the high school's enrolled student body. Current</p>	<p><b>Division of Design and Construction (DDC)</b></p>

<p>year so that parents, children and faculty will not have to repeat coming to a construction site? Have you looked at different sites? How extension a search was it? Especially since this is such a huge construction project.</p>	<p>enrollment at PHS is in excess of 1,300 students. John Poole MS has a maximum capacity of 478 students. There is not sufficient capacity at the adjacent High School Clusters (Clarksburg, Seneca, Northwest and Quince Orchard) to distribute PHS students. These clusters are collectively already more than 500 students over their combined capacities. These metrics meant that any addition or modernization of the PHS facility would need to be accomplished on the existing school site.</p>	
<p>Other school systems get creative and share use of a middle school when construction happens at the high school. Or you could pay some rent and negotiate with Montgomery College Germantown campus?</p>	<p>All MCPS addition projects are completed while students occupy the adjacent buildings, recent examples include major additions or renovations at John F. Kennedy HS, Walt Whitman HS and Walter Johnson HS. Parkland MS, Ronald McNair ES and William Tyler Page ES have active addition construction projects slated to complete August 2023. Silver Spring International MS is slated to begin construction of an addition this summer. When the school site allows, High school and Middle school replacement projects are completed by constructing a new facility on the adjacent field space, then the old facility is demolished, and fields are constructed in its location. This process typically takes 3 years or more. Recent examples of this methodology are Seneca Valley HS and Odessa Shannon MS. The Neelsville MS replacement project is currently underway using this strategy. Elementary school replacements are completed using a holding center procedure. Elementary schools are moved to one of the holding centers, where they remain for 18-24 months as the existing facility is demolished and a new building built in its place. There are 4 currently active projects of this nature; Burnt Mills ES, South Lake ES, Stonegate ES &amp; Woodlin ES. Past examples include Potomac ES, Bells Mill ES, Beverly Farms ES, Seven Locks ES, Cold Spring ES, Bel Pre ES and many, many other elementary schools that have undergone replacement. These holding centers do not have sufficient capacity for PHS's student body.</p>	
<p>Weren't there other options considered which moved the kids off campus during construction?</p>	<p>The nearest sufficiently sized (100,000+sf) available rental office spaces available in Montgomery County are located in Gaithersburg and would require significant construction modifications to meet the stringent building code requirements to serve as educational spaces, making them an unrealistic option.</p>	
<p>Our concern is the students' long-term exposure to the fumes, over the months and years of construction, with unknown health impacts. Why has MCPS chosen to expose children to a hazardous construction environment? With the community concerns and student absenteeism, can you support relocating students while the school is under construction for the remaining duration?</p>	<p>Montgomery College's feature an active college campus with a student body comprised of adults aged 18 or older, who commute to school via public transportation or their personal</p>	

<p>Have there been any other MCPS projects where students have been present in the building during such an extensive construction project?</p>	<p>vehicles. This would make the task of ensuring the safety and security of the high school aged children who go to PHS extremely difficult.</p>	
<p>Assuming you are not planning to change your hazardous work schedule, where are you planning to move the kids to comply with your indoor air quality plan?</p>		
<p>Can you address all remaining questions in writing, please?</p>	<p>This document fulfills that request.</p>	<p><b>Poolesville High School (PHS) Administration</b></p>
<p>second the request for all answers to questions posed in the Q &amp; A to be in writing.</p>		
<p>We emailed you since Feb 14. We didn't need a form to find your email. you ignored my email on Feb 24</p>	<p>This statement is acknowledged and does not appear to have a question that necessitates a response.</p>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>