

Q&A — Twinbrook ES Feasibility Study

Updated 6/13/2025

From Community Meeting #1 (May 20, 2025)

Q: Will open space, including fields and playgrounds, be preserved?

A: Maintaining these areas and ensuring accessible playgrounds will be an important consideration.

Q: Will issues with current building and site, including HVAC, lack of sprinklers, plumbing systems and navigating the site, be resolved?

A: All options to be considered will renew or replace existing deficient building systems and site challenges to be addressed as much as feasibly possible.

Q: Many families do not have access to cars or use public transit, will this be considered?

A: Enhancing pedestrian access and safety will be a priority for the project.

Q: What is the timeline for design and construction?

A: The timeline depends on the selected concept and County funding approval. Construction could take 18–24 months once design and funding are approved.

From Community Meeting #2 (June 2, 2025)

Q: Is there parking near the gym in each option?

A: Option 3 provides some parking near the gym and service circle. Option 4 will include parking by the gym.

Q: What is the overall project timeline?

A: The Feasibility Study will conclude by September 2025 to align with Board of Education review and future CIP decisions. Design and construction would follow in future years once funding is approved.

Q: Why include lockers in an elementary school?

A: Lockers help Grades 1–6 store coats and backpacks, which frees up classroom space.

Q: Will the entire building be renovated in Options 2 or 3?

A: Yes. Options 2-3 and the Renewal option will renovate any remaining parts of the building so that all building systems and finishes are updated for a cohesive result.

Q: Why is the main entrance oriented toward Wainwright Avenue in some options?

A: The current entrance is hard to find. Wainwright provides a more prominent and accessible location. Traffic and circulation impacts will be studied.

Q: Will playground visibility and access be considered?

A: Yes. Play areas will be placed according to MCPS requirements. Option 4 currently provides good visibility for staff, though less from the street - this will be further studied to enhance visibility.

Q: Will bus loops allow drivers to see students entering the school?

A: The design team will address this comment to ensure visibility and safety.

Q: What about safety concerns with the current daycare loop?

A: The existing loop will be further evaluated, as current use creates pedestrian conflicts.

Q: How will maintenance and access for the park and daycare be handled?

A: Maintenance and access will be provided from the new on-site roads and walks. The site plan will be further studied for optimization.

Q: Would Option 4 require off-site relocation of students?

A: Likely all options would require relocating students to an off-site facility during construction.

Q: Why does Option 4 lack a large student drop off loop?

A: Option 4 provides on-site queuing, which will be further studied for adequacy.

Q: Will trees on site be preserved?

A: Option 4 would impact more large trees. Tree preservation and site grading will be further evaluated through survey work.

Q: How will site grading be addressed?

A: The site's large grade change will be addressed and terracing to be implemented to ensure ADA compliance and improved circulation.