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1	can future students study the architecture plans monitor building systems for energy consumption etc as part of engineering coursework or extracurricular research	Yes, we will work with student action groups focused on energy and climate change to see how students can be involved.
2	will you be showing the number of citizens on this call	Yes, there were a total of 140 unique viewers on the Zoom call.
3	I don't understand what the Studio and Studio/Venue space is going to be used for. Can you please give specific examples?	Studio/Venue spaces can be used for classes that have volumetric requirements. Some examples of those classes are dance, vocal music and instrumental music.
4	Was consideration ever given to designing the building in a way to help mitigate any potential mass shooting situations? I know schools in Michigan had done this recently.	Yes, sightlines and shadow zones were taken into account on this design. We did not implement curved corridors because they would impede on sight lines for supervision. There was also a strategy to focus on paths of security. We have focused on where spaces are located in the building, where entry points are in the building, and how visible spaces are.
5	I am curious about the capacity of the cafeteria. Grade-level meetings are usually held in the auditorim, I'm thinking that's a larger than usual cafeteria - is that correct?	The main dining area has a capacity of 1,253. This is in a similar range to comparable schools.
6	I am sorry, but I came late, can you tell me if there is an update to the timeline for the school opening?	The school is currently scheduled to open as a holding facility for Northwood High School for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years and reopen as Woodward High School for the 2025-2026 school year. There is a possibility of a one year delay based on the final decision of non-recommended reductions by the County Council. The budget is currently being reviewed by the County Council with an anticipated approval date of May of 2022. This subject was recently discussed at the February 24th, 2022 Board of Education Business Meeting, Item #10. For more information, please copy and paste the link below to your browser and navigate to Item #10: https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/mcpsmd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CBMLY458C610
7	I am seeing lots of non-traditional learning environments, is this going to be some sort of non-traditional HS? Or a traditional HS? How would a family in the neighborhood view this, as a place to apply to attend vs everyone in the catchment area attends?	<p>This is a traditional high school that is incorporating an MCPS effort to change and modernize our building designs to fit the needs of the curriculum and students. These changes will also be seen at other high schools currently in design such as Northwood High School and Crown High School.</p> <p>The school will be involved in a boundary discussion. The first step in that boundary discussion will be for the Board of Education to set the scope of the boundary. That can start as early as late next year or possibly a year beyond that if there are delays due to funding.</p>

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8	What is the current capacity number the school is being planned for?	The Phase I capacity number of the school is 2160. This number is expected to increase slightly based on the additional learning spaces associated with Phase 2 design.
9	There now appear to be visitor stands on the opposite side of the football fields that were not in previous designs. Are these part of your recommendation?	Yes, visitor stands are part of the recommendation.
10	The school was expected to have an arts focus. I questions why the auditorium is smaller than other schools. The capacity at WJ is 1200- twice the size of what is being proposed. There appears to be room to expand this size. Don't miss the opportunity to build a proper sized preformance space.	The school will have three separate performance spaces to accommodate performances of different scales. The flexibility with this design will accommodate multiple performances at a time. In addition, it will allow for the school to have more spaces to use for instruction.
11	Why is the football stadium being placed so close to people's homes on the south side when there is a much larger buffer on the north side?	The layout of the site amenities was based on a multitude of variables as noted on the presentation.
12	why would you not have the stadium closer to parking?	The layout of the site amenities was based on a multitude of variables as noted on the presentation. There is accessible parking available directly West of the stadium. The design will include a method to make the access road a pedestrian pathway between the parking structure and stadium entrance during stadium events.
13	What about the homes in the Timberlawn neighborhood behind the fields? Retaining Walls, or Trees? Drainage?	Retaining walls heights and lengths have not been finalized but are estimated to follow the bold red lines on the proposed site plan. The number and type of trees on the site will be established per the final forest conservation plan which has not been fully developed yet. Storm drainage will be designed such that it will capture and filter all stormwater from the site and distribute it to the existing piping as necessary.
14	There is a pedestrian path from Timberlawn Park to the stadium. How will access be controlled? The park has no lighting or access management. Thus there is a security issue for the contiguous communities, daily and during events. This is a serious issue and the Mains community needs to know who in the Parks and MCPS to work with.	Access will not be controlled between Timberlawn Park and the school. The intent of the path is to provide a link between two public facilities to encourage non-vehicular transportation. The path was requested by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPCC) planning board and was the approved condition for Phase I mandatory referral.
15	can private homeowners directly surrounding the property control their direct after hours access to the property for appropriate public use	MCPS will work with sorrounding communities to review details at connection points with adjacent communities
16	Has this decision been adopted by the school board or is it just your recommendation to them?	The proposed design will be recommended to the Board of Education for their approval on April 7, 2022.

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17	Did you even consider moving the basketball courts more central? it seems that ALL of our concerns have fallen on deaf ears	Relocating the basketball courts would either result in losing the half court or extensive redesign and additional costs, but MCPS and the design team will keep exploring a new location of the basketball court.
18	can private homeowners directly surrounding the site partner with MCPS for various security purposes, such as by hosting security cameras that MCPS could monitor, or by providing refuge to students and staff during an evacuation emergency.... can the fencing surrounding the property accommodate such future options	MCPS will work with surrounding communities to explore options.
19	what is the plan to create DENSE, multi layer treeline along Cedarwood Drive. we should AT LEAST have that much considering that you are putting the stadium on that side	The tree conservation plan for Phase 2 has not been fully developed but this area will be considered during the design development phase.
20	What is the status of the construction for the school coming into the site (the holding school)? Are they on schedule?	The project is currently trending slightly behind schedule at the moment due to challenges in the construction industry. Please reference response to question #6 for additional information on the possibility of a one year delay.
21	How does what Seth just said about timing of completion affect its use as a holding school for Northwood?	Please reference response to question #6.
22	Is the project seeking LEED certification? Will the project be Commissioned?	The project will be seeking a Green Globes certification of two Green Globes. The project will be commissioned.
23	Will there be a fence placed along the entire length of Cedarwood drive?	There will be a fence along Cedarwood drive.
24	what is the height of the retaining wall...bordering the forest.....and what does the cross hatched green area outside the retaining wall represent ?	Retaining walls heights and lengths have not been finalized but it is estimated to have a peak height of 23 feet near the parking structure and slope down towards the outfield. The hatched green area outside of the retaining wall represents area that will need to be cleared in order to build the retaining wall.
25	Can you speak about bike access to the site and site safety for walkers?	MCPS has worked with Montgomery County DOT and the Montgomery County Department of Planning to make the building safe and inviting for non-vehicular transportation. Some features include, but are not limited to: 1. A 16 foot wide breezeway along Old Georgetown Road across the entire property. 2. Raised crosswalks at all school site entrances along Old Georgetown Road. 3. Improvements on Old Georgetown Road, including the addition of a traffic light and crosswalk to cross Old Georgetown Road. 4. A paved path connecting Timberlawn Park and the school.

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26	The arts-related spaces look amazing. I know this meeting is about the building, but my question having seen these spaces is about course offerings (not sure if you can speak to that right now)... whether this building design implies that the electives offered to students will be predominantly/heavily weighted to arts options, or will the elective offerings be equivalent to what is available at Walter Johnson/other high schools in the county? If this question can't be answered now, when do you estimate you will be able to address this? Thank you!	The elective offerings at this school have not been finalized. There is an emphasis on the design to provide flexible teaching and gathering spaces to allow the facility to be adaptable over time to a dynamic curriculum. The elective offerings for Woodward HS is estimated to be established roughly one year before reopening.
27	could you please speak to what the parking garage will look like	The upper level of the parking garage will be on grade with Old Georgetown Rd. The lower level will take advantage of the site's topography and will be nearly the same grade as the ground floor of the school.
28	Is the boundary date that was shown in the schedule slide, the date when we know who will attend this school vs Walter Johnson?	The school will be involved in a boundary discussion. The first step in that boundary discussion will be for the Board of Education to set the scope of the boundary. That can start as early as late next year or possibly a year beyond that if there are delays due to funding.
29	Is the reduction in capacity finalized? or is there any ability to return to the original proposal at this point - who makes that decision if its not final?	The reduction in capacity is finalized.
30	Will there be trees in the elevated fields to protect the privacy of the community below	The number and type of trees on the site will be established per the final forest conservation plan which has not been fully developed yet. Visual privacy of the lower elevation communities will be taken into account.
31	What cuts have been made so far in stage 1? Will they be incorporated in stage 2?	The capacity of the school was reduced from 2700 to 2160 during Phase I. All necessities for the facility will be included. Athletic amenities, learning spaces and associated support spaces comparable to other high schools will be provided when Phase II construction is completed.
32	Why hasn't more concern shown to those homeowners on the south end whose property line is only 10 feet from the stadium fence. The few Edison's trees, not a forest by any definition should not be a factor in the decision.	The layout of the site amenities was developed based on a multitude of variables, not just minimizing impact on Edson Lane property.
33	as a follow up, is the meter room and mechanical areas such that authorized students could safely enter.... or can there be windows so students can see the meters from a place of safety	Mechanical and electrical rooms will be safe to enter. Access will be controlled by school personnel.
34	Is there a reason you made a decision based on just protecting Edson Lane and not the other neighborhoods	The layout of the site amenities was based on a multitude of variables as noted on the presentation.
35	How are you going to mitigate sounds from the fields and courts for the surrounding communities?	Options for noise mitigation will be explored as the design progresses.

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36	How is Tennis played these days in Schools...usually we had minimum 5 courts...to accommodate Varsity matches...and typically had 8 courts...how does it work with 4 tennis courts- where does the JV team practice if courts are required by varsity?	The limited site space required a compromise on the typical number of tennis courts provided. The layout was reviewed with MCPS athletic director and curriculum coordinators.
37	The stadium is quite close to the property line of homes to the east. What will be done to create a sight/and noise barrier?	The details of the design have not been finalized but barriers will consist of a combination of fencing, trees and retaining walls depending on the boundary location.
38	When will we know the rezoning for woodward? And will it affect the students at tilden and WJ?	The school will be involved in a boundary discussion. The first step in that boundary discussion will be for the Board of Education to set the scope of the boundary. That can start as early as late next year or possibly a year beyond that if there are delays due to funding.
39	How does the amount of performance/studio space compare to other local high schools - wj, Woodward etc? Is it more?	The total attendance of all the performance spaces is of similar magnitude to other high schools in Montgomery County.
40	Have the athletic fields been added back into the plan? I know there was some controversy that they're might not be any athletic fields at this high school because of some neighbors complaining. That's why I'm here, because this might be assigned as our home school. We're at Ashburton ES.	The site amenities shown on the site plan will be included.
41	So the recommendation regarding who will attend the school will be presented later this year? And the school will open as Woodard either in the fall of 2025 or 2026?	The school will be involved in a boundary discussion. The first step in that boundary discussion will be for the Board of Education to set the scope of the boundary. That can start as early as late next year or possibly a year beyond that if there are delays due to funding.
42	as a follow up, can safety features be added so students can be safely escorted to the roof for legitimate science research	The roof will be safely accessible for required maintenance. Implementation of student use can be explored once the school opens.
43	I don't know if it was covered at the beginning, but can there be solar panels on the roof?	Solar panels are not currently part of the project.
44	Since the school is surrounded by homes and not shopping or food restaurants, will this be a closed lunch campus?	The school is likely to have a "whole school lunch," which allows students to have lunch throughout the school and on the school grounds.
45	Why was minimizing impact on Edson Lane one of the major criteria for location of football field? Why was impact on the rest of the communities not considered?	The layout of the site amenities was decided on based on a multitude of variables as noted on the presentation.
46	will the building be under positive pressure or negative pressure? are the windows operable	The building will be under slightly positive pressure. There will be operable vents.
47	What is the traffic plan to prevent people from driving through Cedarwood Drive from Tuckerman to Old Georgetown Road?	MCPS will reach out to Montgomery County Department of Transportation to share this concern.

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48	The stadium looks quite close to residential homes at the Southeast corner of the site. No buffer zone is visible. How will noise be mitigated? Wont stadium attendees try to park in, or pass through, the residential community?	Options for noise mitigation will be explored as the design progresses.
49	can the HVAC anticipate the influx of a full auditorium house? can free air cooling be used in winter during large events	The auditorium HVAC system will be designed to accommodate full capacity. The equipment will likely be provided with economizer capability.
50	Thank you for your consideration of the impact on Edson Lane properties. Can you please elaborate on how the remaining wooded area will be addressed, especially as sometimes there are people loitering in the woods. Thank you.	The Edson Lane property is not MCPS property and will remain mostly unaffected except for the small area temporarily needed during construction to build retaining wall at the property boundary.
51	For the first grade that goes to the school in 2025, are they going to be the only grade there for the first year attending Woodward?	This will be determined at a later date.
52	Provide info on the Phase 2 Mandatory Referral	An application for Phase 2 mandatory referral has not been submitted yet. This will take place later in the design process after the preliminary plan has been approved by the Board of Education.
53	I joined this meeting late, so I may have missed this, but can you please speak to the interior and exterior athletic spaces, fields, gyms, etc. for the new high school? I know this was a topic of discussion earlier in the design process for Woodward.	The school will have interior and exterior athletic amenities comparable to other high schools in the county, including a main gymnasium, a second gymnasium, locker rooms, team rooms, training room, wrestling room, dance room, coaching offices, storage, playing field, track, softball field, baseball field, shotput, discus and tennis courts.
54	Will it be a green building? eg, solar panels on the roof	The project will be seeking a Green Globes certification of two Green Globes. Solar panes are currently not part of the design.
55	What is the timing of the building of the "grounds" (the stadium, fields) vis a vis Phase I? Will they be available to students attending Woodward during Phase I?	Currently, the Phase 2 sitework is projected to take place from 2023-2025 while Northwood is using the facility as a holding school.
56	Are the constuction timelines taking into account the current severe supply chain problems wthi construction materials?	We are tracking material lead time issues and incorporating any impacts on the construction schedule.
57	can the hvac accommodate mixed mode scenarios, such as pressurizing the auditorium in winter events so the heat from the occupants would warm the rest of the building via the corridors	The sequence of operation of the mechanical equipment has not been finalized yet.
58	You briefly mentioned that you designed it with the possibility of expansion. I believe you are opening with about 2100, how many could it possibly hold with your projections?	The building is designed to accommodate for future master plans. The building is desinged to accommodate for future master plans.
59	Will you have ample gender neutral restrooms throughout the building?	Yes

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60	have you analyzed the specific positions of the sun during arrival Ave departure in terms of vehicle operations visibility.	Yes, this was taken into consideration during design.