

To:
Superintendent of Schools
Carver Educational Center
850 Hungerford Drive
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Einstein Cluster CIP Comments FY2013-18

Mr. Superintendent,

As cluster coordinator of the Albert Einstein HS cluster, I have compiled the following requests from the local schools at all levels. Although the cluster is in essentially good shape on the infrastructure side (as long as construction of the DCC ES #29 continues on track); there are some issues that we can see for the future if student growth continues as well as some issues in infrastructure deficits at two of our schools.

These issues are detailed below:

A) Request for Individual Projects:

1) Additions:

Extension for Woodlin Elementary School should be added to the list presented to the board regarding cluster needs in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

As you know, through the ongoing boundary development process leading up to the opening of DCC29, many options for redistricting have been placed on the table. None of the options take a significant number of children from Woodlin, and the option that appears to have the most support among the committee members from various schools would take no children from Woodlin at all.

In its separate position paper, the Woodlin PTA will address the pros and cons of the various redistricting plans. Nevertheless, all of the plans would leave Woodlin over capacity in coming years.

We note that the likelihood is that Woodlin will be over capacity by 100 or more students for several years in the near future. Additional development around the Silver Spring Post Office, while not accounted for in projections, will nevertheless exacerbate this situation. These factors would seem to qualify Woodlin for an addition, which will be sorely needed before too long.

2) Modernizations

2.1) Updating/Renovation of Restrooms at Highland ES

The restrooms facilities at the Highland ES are in sore need of renovation. These facilities are small for the number of children they serve and their maintenance status seems to be out of date judging by the frequent sewer gas smell being reported.

2.2) Addition of Basketball Hoops on the outside grounds of Newport Mill MS

Although Newport Mill MS has a good complement of basketball hoops in the gymnasium, none exist in the hard surface field outside the school. This greatly limits the usability of such space and could be solved with a very small capital outlay.

2.3) Sligo Middle School Updating needs:

- a) Replacement of Air Compressor for air handler unit in the 2nd/top floor controls the computer labs and room 212
- b) Updating of Roof that has a perennial leaking problem.
- c) Power washer to clean sidewalks and graffiti on the outside of the building
- d) Large heavy duty wet/dry vacuum cleaner
- e) Riding lawn mower

Hoping that these requests will be seriously consider, I wish you well,

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