

**Loudoun County Public Schools**  
**Department of Support Service Community Meeting**  
**Capital Budget Meeting on Future School Facility Projects-Western Loudoun Area Focus**  
**May 18, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**  
at Emerick Elementary School

**Attendees:** Kevin Lewis, Chief Operations Officer; Don Treanor, Executive Director of Facilities; Beverly Tate, Director of Planning & GIS Services; Ajay Rawat, Planning Supervisor; John Beatty, School Board Member/Catoctin District; Kristen Gorczyk, School Board Assistant to Ian Serotkin/Blue Ridge District; Dave Michener, Lincoln Elementary School Principal; and Fifteen (15) Members of the Public

Provided below are general questions raised by attending community members and a summary of responses.

- Q. With the restroom privacy pilot program planned for schools, will there be an additional loss of staff restrooms?**
- A. Restrooms will be provided for both students and staff. LCPS is developing a school restroom privacy and safety pilot program that supports the needs of all students and staff. Additional information is available on the LCPS Construction Services' [Safety & Privacy in School Restrooms webpage](#).
- Q. If a boy pulls a girl into a restroom, how would someone get an alert about this? Would someone be able to hear a scream for help?**
- A. Restrooms will be equipped with heat sensors that will identify if there is more than one occupant or potential safety concerns (i.e., no movement of an occupant, over a period of time). The heat sensors will send a signal to a control panel and a school-based safety team who will respond. In addition, lighting outside of each stall will flash if more than one person enters. Saint Paul Public Schools in Minnesota have been successfully using inclusive bathrooms in their schools (reference to a [Saint Paul Public Schools video](#) posted on the LCPS Construction Services webpage).
- Q. Does School Board policy allow anyone, male or female, to enter a gender-specific restroom?**
- A. School Board [Policy](#) and [Regulation](#) 8040 allow persons to utilize restroom facilities that correspond to the individual's asserted gender identity.
- Q. Many schools use E-Hall Pass for staff to issue hallway passes. Will there also be cameras installed in the hallways near restrooms?**
- A. There are currently cameras in all school hallways; additional cameras will be placed proximate to the inclusive bathrooms to ensure student and staff safety.
- Q. Will there still be teacher/staff-only restrooms? Are these restrooms going to be included in the proposed modifications?**
- A. All schools will continue to have restrooms for staff use only. The pilot program will not install heat sensor technology in staff-only restrooms.
- Q. How often will restrooms be cleaned?**
- A. Custodial staff clean restrooms several times a day to maintain optimum hygiene standards.
- Q. What is the timing to construct the second entrance at Woodgrove High School?**

A. The intent is to construct the additional entrance as soon as possible; it will benefit both LCPS and the Town of Purcellville. County funds for the project are being transferred to LCPS and it is anticipated the project will be included in the School Board's FY2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget.

*June 2023 Update: Reference [June 6, 2023 School Board Finance & Operations Committee agenda item](#) on the Woodgrove High School Second Entrance Fund Request*

**Q. Does the Town of Purcellville have to approve the second entrance at Woodgrove High School?**

A. Yes, the Town of Purcellville reviews all construction projects within the town limits.

**Q. Some students who live closer to Harmony Middle School are assigned to Blue Ridge Middle School. Are there plans to change middle school attendance boundaries in Western Loudoun?**

A. Staff is unaware of any plans to change the secondary school attendance zones for western Loudoun.

**Q. Residential development in some areas of western Loudoun is exploding. Are there any new schools planned for over the next few years?**

A. The [School Board Adopted FY 2024 – FY 2029 CIP budget](#) does not identify any new schools for western Loudoun. The CIP does include addition/renovation plans for both Banneker Elementary School and Waterford Elementary School.

**Q. Is consideration being given to build a new school in the Town of Lovettsville?**

A. There are no plans to build additional schools in/proximate to the Lovettsville town limits.

**Q. The 7:30 a.m. start time for Mountain View Elementary School is awful. The school bus picks up my children at 6:40 a.m. and they arrive at school at 7:00 a.m. The school opens the door for students at 7:10 a.m. keeping the students on the bus, in the school's bus loop, for ten minutes. Why is this happening?**

A. Students should not sit on the bus waiting for the school doors to open. LCPS Transportation will be asked to review the bus runs for Mountain View Elementary School and resolve this concern.

**Q. Would the second entrance for Woodgrove High School provide direct access to the school parking lot?**

A. Yes.

**Q. At what point does the School Board change school boundaries?**

A. If a school(s) is consistently overcrowded, and projected to remain overcrowded, additional capacity may be considered with modular classrooms, an addition or renovation. School attendance zones may also be considered to better balance enrollment and capacity. Attendance zone changes are typically initiated to better balance the enrollments by taking advantage of surplus capacity at an adjoining school(s) or capacity provided with the construction of a new school.

**Q. Do the six-year enrollment projections for Loudoun Valley High School and Woodgrove High School indicate the need for a school boundary change?**

A. No. The available capacity at the two high schools will accommodate the current and six-year projected student enrollments.