

**Community Information Meeting Questions**  
**Loudoun County High School**  
**October 3, 2018**  
**TLSE 2018-0008, LCPS School at CS Monroe Property**

**Attendance:** Town of Leesburg Mayor Kelly Burk  
County of Loudoun Board Member Kristin Umstatt  
Town Council Member Suzanne Fox  
School Board Members Tom Marshall and Jill Turgeon  
Douglass School Principal & Asst. Principal Marianne Turner and Sherri Simmons  
Christopher Murphy, Town of Leesburg, Senior Planning Project Manager  
Beverly Tate, Sara Howard-O'Brien and Donna Torraca, LCPS Planning Division; and  
approximately 15 community members.

**Questions raised and a brief summary of the responses are provided below:**

**1. Do students pay for parking at this facility and if so would it be possible to waive the fees for this facility?**

Student parking fees are a School Board policy. Students should be paying the parking fees to their home school. Ms. Turgeon and Mr. Marshall expressed willingness to explore the parking fees and ensure the students are not paying at Douglass School and at their home school.

**2. Will there be buffers along Children's Road?**

Yes, there will be buffering along the property frontage.  
(NOTE: After receipt of Town comments, a revised landscaping will be filed and posted on the LCPS website.)

**3. There is a parking issue at Park View Estates with students parking in the development as well as parking along Childrens Center Road. What are the plans to correct this issue?**

LCPS acknowledges that there has been a parking issue. This plan provides for over 400 parking spaces.

**4. The current student population is not following driving rules and regulations. An example is their failure to stop at stop signs in the school area. What can be done about that?**

LCPS will promote a "good neighbor" policy as a part of the school opening and long-term operation. Concerns identified by the community, including parking on-site instead of in neighborhoods, litter, following traffic regulations and being a respectful community member will be encouraged. LCPS Staff also recommends that with any safety concern if a driver is unsafe, report the action to the police.

**5. How many parking spaces were provided at Monroe?**

There are currently 178 spaces provided at Monroe. The new facility will have 407 parking spaces.

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**6. Did Monroe charge a parking fee?**

Yes. Of the 178 parking spaces, 66 were designated for student parking and 50 parking passes were issued.

**7. Is the bus loop large enough for all busses to prevent stacking on Childrens Center Road?**

Yes, the bus loop can accommodate a minimum of 17 busses at one time. The high school busses also pick-up the middle-school students.

**8. What will happen to the name of the building?**

A naming committee is being appointed by the School Board and will consider geographic and historic names, as well as names of deceased individuals who significantly contributed to improving life in Loudoun County. The Committee's first meeting will be Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Douglass School. The meeting is open to the public. Name suggestions can also be sent to [lcpsplan@lcps.org](mailto:lcpsplan@lcps.org) no later than Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and should include background information to aid in the selection process. (NOTE: Committee recommendations will be submitted to the School Board on November 27, 2018.)

**9. There needs to be a plan or policy to utilize the parking on -site and discourage parking in the neighborhoods. Perhaps it would be useful for the Town to implement a condition during the SPEX process.**

We want to be good neighbors and will work with neighboring properties as much as we can. LCPS will institute a "good neighbor" practice as a part of the school opening.

**10. Do you have a full time SRO at Douglass School?**

Yes.

**11. How can you have enough parking for 650 people if you have 450 Douglass students, 100 GED students and 100 teachers at full capacity?**

Of the potential students at full capacity only half of the high school students (200 of the 400) would be old enough to drive and the majority of the students who attend the school ride the bus from their home school. The Adult Education (daytime) GED program finds that most students either carpool or use public transportation. In addition, not all 100 GED students are expected to be on site at one time. There will be 100 staff at full capacity. With full capacity and using the higher end range of expected drivers results in the need for 350 spaces (150 student drivers + 100 Staff + 100 Adult Education).

(NOTE: The student drivers estimate is a projection from other high schools. It is high because the majority of Douglass students use bus transportation.)

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**12. Will the school facility have a fence and what will it look like?**

We will find out.

(NOTE: LCPS is willing to provide a fence, 6-feet in height black vinyl coated chain link fence. Prior to the next community meeting, LCPS will post the property line to show the location to confirm fencing is desired.)

**13. The Foxridge Park is next to the school site. Will high school students have an opportunity to access the park during school hours?**

We are a closed campus and students are not allowed off the property during lunch.

**14. The storm water management of the park is close to the school. What are the storm water management plans?**

There are storm water management regulations in place that LCPS must follow. The Town staff will ensure that those regulations are followed so as not to adversely impact the surrounding area.

**15. When will construction start, and how long will it take?**

A site plan will still need to be filed and approved once the special exception process is completed. LCPS hopes to begin construction in the spring of 2020 to allow the facility to open in the fall of 2021.

**16. The facility was originally planned as a renovation. Where will the additional funds come from to build a new facility?**

When the architect reviewed the current building and renovation costs and compared to the cost of providing a new facility the amounts were about the same.

Note: LCPS Staff plans to host a second community information meeting after the first of the year.