

## **Suitland High School Project Update Meeting | March 11, 2025 Questions & Answers**

### **Will there be a practice field for the football team?**

Yes, there will be a multi-purpose field east of the stadium that may be used for practice, as determined by the athletic director. Additionally, the back of the baseball and softball fields will also be used for football practice.

### **How many phases will the project have?**

The project still consists of three phases. The revised plan aims to shorten the duration of each phase, especially phase three.

### **Does Forestville have its own students, and how will those students be separated?**

Forestville is a swing location used solely for project support and is currently unoccupied. Only Suitland's relocated students and staff will be there.

### **When will CVPA students be expected to fully return to Suitland High School?**

Only CVPA and ninth-grade students are relocating to Forestville. They will return upon project completion, expected in February or March 2028.

### **How will delays be managed to ensure project delivery?**

Although delays can happen due to weather or other issues, the team has built-in options and recovery plans to stay on schedule. The schedule is reviewed weekly.

### **How many students are moving to Forestville High School?**

Approximately 600 ninth-grade students and 250 CVPA students.

### **Will Forestville High School be leased like other schools?**

No. Forestville is owned by PGPCS and remains within its inventory. None of the recently built schools are leased.

### **What challenges were encountered with permitting?**

The complexity of the phased project and the need to meet multiple requirements (e.g., stormwater, soil) made permitting difficult. Permits often can't be processed simultaneously.

### **Are these changes disruptive for CVPA students?**

The relocation aims to improve their learning environment. Leadership is committed to minimizing disruptions.

**What is the capacity of the new theater?**

The auditorium will seat approximately 1,100 spectators, and the teaching theater can accommodate an additional 720 spectators, for a total of about 1,830.

**Is there ongoing collaboration with the permitting department?**

Yes. There are bi-weekly and monthly meetings with permitting and planning agencies to coordinate and expedite the process.

**Will the school use solar power?**

Yes, 289 solar panels will be installed. The goal is to meet LEED Silver certification standards.

**When will the theater be substantially completed?**

Substantial completion of the theater (Phase 1) is targeted for April 2026.

**Will other trades like glaziers and painters be included in the “Your Future, Your Tools” Community Engagement Sessions?**

Yes. The program includes ongoing engagement with all building trades.

**How will visual art and murals be included in school culture?**

This will be addressed further in the March 25th meeting, with input from CBPA supervisors. There's a robust plan to support arts integration.

**How are you protecting drywall and minimizing damage?**

Impact-resistant drywall is specified for classrooms. CMU block walls will be used in athletic and high-traffic areas to ensure durability.

**Will the main building be completely demolished?**

Yes, all existing facilities will be demolished and replaced with new buildings or improvements such as green spaces and athletic facilities.

**Why is Phase 3 extended by 1.5 years?**

Because the campus is occupied during construction, each phase must be completed before the next begins. The site's limited footprint also affects phasing and logistics.