Annual Portfolio Review: 2019-20 Recommendations

Calverton Elementary/Middle School
April 24, 2020

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Focuses on ensuring that all students have access to rigorous, robust academic programs in safe, healthy environments that promote success. City Schools considers a range of factors including:

- Academic performance
- Climate indicators
- Access, quality and distribution of school programming and assessing whether specific student populations and specific geographic areas are equitably served
- School enrollment and school size
- Building utilization and condition
- Schools scheduled for closure as part of the 21st Century Buildings Plan
- Renewal framework for operator-run schools
Calverton Elementary/Middle School

Recommendation

• Reconfigure grades at Calverton Elementary/Middle from k-8 to 3-8 for school year 2020-21; a year earlier than the Board approved change.
• All pre-k – 2\textsuperscript{nd} grade students in the Calverton zone would be rezoned to James Mosher for school year 2020-21.

Considerations

• Calverton Elementary/Middle School is an elementary/middle program serving 358 students* and has early elementary classes that have fallen far below full class sizes since it has been in swing space.
• James Mosher, another Year 2 school located less than 2 blocks away, is also struggling to achieve a sustainable enrollment in its swing space.
• If approved Mosher will continue to serve students in grades pre-k – 5 for school year 2020-21.
• Both schools are scheduled to move into their renovated buildings in fall 2021. At that time, the grade bands at James Mosher will be reconfigured to become a pre-k – 2\textsuperscript{nd} grade program serving the combined zone and Calverton will serve all students in grades 3-8 in the zone as well as middle grades students from designated feeder zones.

* Based on funded enrollment excludes pre-k
Additional Considerations

• Staff recommends moving this timeline up so that the grade reconfiguration would go into effect for school year 2020-21 due to challenges the schools are experiencing in staffing for school year 2020-21.

• The schools have been managing the changes in enrollment since being in swing; however, the issue is more acute at Calverton.

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If approved, all pre-k – 2nd grades students in the zone would be zoned to James Mosher Elementary.

- Calverton and Mosher are both currently located in swing space locations – West Baltimore and Garrison buildings, respectively
- Upon construction completion in summer 2021, Mosher and Calverton are located less than .5 mile from each other. Mosher is a 4-minute walk from Calverton, less than 2 blocks in distance.
Revised Timeline

- **February 25, 2020** - Recommendation shared with Board at public Board meeting

- **March 10 and March 12, 2020** - Meetings held at Calverton for staff and families

- **April 17, 2020 – April 24, 2020** - Presentation available online with opportunity for written questions and feedback

- **April 29, 2020** - Board vote on recommendation at public Board meeting*

  *A previous version of this PowerPoint indicated that the Board vote would occur on April 28. April 29, 2020 is the corrected date.*
Charter/New School Application Process

- Unrelated to this recommendation, we have received a Letter of Intent from an organization, Life Prep, seeking to gain approval to convert Calverton Elementary/Middle School and Mosher Elementary School into conversion charter schools.
- Conversion charter schools continue to serve their neighborhood zones, if approved families who live in the zones will continue to have automatic access.
- The original application deadline was March 26. With closures and social distancing requirements of COVID 19, the district is working on figuring out how to adapt the process and timeline to the new reality. A new deadline has not been set yet but will be posted on the district website. Please check the website for updates.
Comments or Questions?

Questions for staff about any recommendations can be submitted to: AnnualPortfolioReviewQuestions@bcps.k12.md.us.

To send feedback directly to the Board, please send to: PortfolioRecommendations@bcps.k12.md.us

Or by mail to:
Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners
200 E. North Ave., Room 406, Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Messages to the Board must be sent by Friday, April 24, 2020 by 5 pm
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In-zone Calverton students and Mosher
## Original Charter School Application Process

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