



Jefferson Modernization Project Update Dec. 2023

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Dear Jefferson and Jefferson feeder school families,

On Tuesday, December 12th the PPS Board of Education passed RESOLUTION No. 6806 that directs the Superintendent and the Office of School Modernization to reassess the current Jefferson High School site plan, building design and related land-use efforts so that Jefferson High School students and staff will not relocate to another temporary site during construction of the modernized school. **This means Jefferson students will remain at Jeff for the 2024-25 school year and beyond until the new building is completed.**

In addition, the Jefferson Modernization design team will return to the Board of Education in 120 days with an updated plan to modernize Jefferson High School. Per the resolution, the plan will:

- Keep students & staff largely on the Jefferson campus during construction.
- Include a targeted student enrollment of 1,700.
- Demolish the 1909 building and build a new building.
- Seek to conform to PPS's current high school education specifications area program.

The plan will also strive to deliver the project within the currently available bond (and other available) funding and will identify anticipated budget overage.

The plan will not include colocation of the Center for Black Student Excellence, Harriet Tubman Middle School, or other unaffiliated to Jefferson High School programs.

These decisions were made by the Board of Education in response to feedback from the community. Community members strongly preferred keeping students on site during construction and building a new Jefferson instead of retaining the 1909 building.

The Jefferson Modernization design team looks forward to collaborating with the community and city stakeholders on the new plan for Jeff. We will continue to keep the Jefferson community informed as we develop that plan. Please stay tuned for communication from the team as we progress through the steps required to change the site design.

To view the Dec 12th Board meeting discussion and resolution vote here (starting at 1:06:00) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-QHJh3fgZI>

You can see the full Board resolution here

<https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/915?meeting=612536>

If you have any questions or concerns please email us at JHSBond@pps.net

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