



RHS Modernization Project Director Newsletter #4

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As everyone settles in for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, we want to share an update on the Roosevelt High School (RHS) modernization project:

Last Monday, the PPS School Board officially voted to increase the size of the modernized Roosevelt High School (RHS) from a 1200 student core / 1500 student commons capacity to a 1350/1700 capacity. Increasing the capacity will add classrooms to the project and augment the size of the gymnasium, library, and cafeteria.

The following evening, the design team, led by Bassetti Architects, presented the current master plan scheme at the community Open House in the RHS cafeteria. This master plan scheme is the product of 8 meetings with the design advisory group (DAG), 7 mini-workshops with students, 2 community workshops and several small group meetings including the PTSA, RHS staff/teachers, feeder school PTSAs and business leader groups.

The master plan takes a big picture look at the campus and major building components. It looks at configuring spaces such as the gymnasium, theater, commons/cafeteria, and classrooms in ways that promote the design priorities and educational opportunities determined through the aforementioned meetings.

At the open house, community members had opportunities to ask questions about the scheme and next steps. In particular, good discussions were had on the enhanced elective or "career pathway" opportunities that could be provided in a modernized Roosevelt facility. This conversation will continue in the next month, please stay tuned for opportunities to participate soon.

We are excited to now be bringing the result of months of community process to the School Board for approval. The preferred Master Plan, as shown at the open house will be presented to the board on **Monday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the BESC Board Room**. The vote for approval is expected to occur at a later meeting—either December 9 or December 16.

Should members of the community be interested in seeing the presentation, which will include the scheme and a summary of the process shared by the project team, they are encouraged to attend on Monday. We will be looking to recognize our DAG members for their participation and contribution to the process.

After board approval of the Master Plan, we will be moving into the next phase: Schematic Design. Schematic Design will begin refining the ideas from the Master Plan and diving into the details of how spaces will look and feel. Meeting dates for community involvement in this next phase will be announced soon.

We appreciate all of the comments and participation that we have seen from so many over these past few months and look forward to seeing both familiar and new faces as we move forward with the development of our school. Please be in touch with any questions you may have by contacting us at rhsmod@pps.net.

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