

What's the Renovation Plan?

Lafayette LSAT (Local School Advisory Team)

As you may have heard, Lafayette is in line for a much-needed renovation and addition. While things are still in the preliminary stages, here is what we know at this time... This summer (2012) we will receive a trailer unit that includes 4 classrooms. The purpose of these trailers is to alleviate current crowded conditions in the school (not because the school is expected to enroll more students). The new unit will have bathrooms, and they will construct a covered walkway so that students and staff can access the main building more easily in bad weather. The current trailers will stay where they are. While the green top is a likely location for the new trailer unit, it is not yet final. Variables being considered include accessibility to water, sewer and power lines, topography, and basic space needs (regulations require a certain amount of space around the trailer to allow for emergency vehicle access among other things). The school recognizes that the green top is an important play area. If this is the chosen site for the trailers, the school will make every effort to find alternatives during this temporary situation.

Next summer (2013), as soon as school closes, all of our classroom spaces will be renovated and modernized. This will include constructing walls between classrooms, new lighting, flooring, furniture and certain classroom technologies (e.g. smart boards). Most of our common spaces (library, gym, cafetorium) are in good shape and will not be addressed during the classroom renovation phase. This work will be completed before the school year begins in the fall of 2013.

While all of this is happening, planners will be working on an addition for our school. This work would likely start during the 2013-14 school year. The children will be able to stay in the building during the addition process. Planning has not yet started on the addition, so we have no information to pass along at this time.

Mrs. Main will host a community meeting at the end of March to discuss the renovation. She will also have a school budget at that time and will present that as well. In the meantime, if you have comments about the renovation, please send them to lafayetterenovation@gmail.com. Comments will be passed along to our DCPS renovation project manager.