



Northwood High School

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Good afternoon Northwood Community:

As families, students, and staff alike are looking forward to a well-deserved spring break, I wanted to give a quick update regarding our journey to Northwood @Woodward High School beginning in the 2024-25 school year.

Following the break, I will send information about forthcoming opportunities for community meetings, which should allow for more comprehensive discussions and include updates to the Northwood@Woodward High School plan. Hopefully we can meet in multiple formats to maximize access for our families, so please keep an eye out for the next update in early April.

Current information about the project is always available online at the MCPS [Woodward High School](#) and [new Northwood High School project](#) websites.

Also, in case you missed it, the Montgomery County Board of Education met on Tuesday, March 19, to discuss and vote on resolutions/addendums to the school system's capital budget. One of the resolutions involved a Phase 3 construction category for Woodward High School and a Phase 2 construction category for the new Crown High School. No changes or proposals were made to the new Northwood High School construction plan and timeline. This resolution for Woodward moves the construction of an auditorium to this new Phase 3, while the timeline for Phase 3 is to be determined. All other Woodward Phase 2 constructions remained in Phase 2. During the meeting, the Board of Education did pass this resolution. [You can review BOE notes and videos at their website.](#)

We recognize this change presents a challenge for our students, staff, and community for our time at Woodward but, as always, we will embrace the challenge with creative and innovative ideas. Regardless of the challenges of our journey, we owe our new facilities to our students, staff, and community and remain focused on the positive.

For the remainder of the school year, we will focus on frequent and transparent communication concerning our new school project, especially details about our move to the Woodward site, and we will make every effort to address your questions and concerns at the upcoming meetings and in my future letters and messages.

Have a safe and enjoyable spring break and we will see you in April.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Garrick, Ed.D.
Principal