



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – April 12, 2017 Agenda Item 4

Work Session

Presentation of Piney Branch Elementary School Feasibility Study

Recommended Council Action

None – presentation only

Context with Key Issues

Montgomery County Public School officials conducted a feasibility study of Piney Branch Elementary School to address the growing school-aged population in the County. The study, conducted over the past three months, was to evaluate space needs and options for addressing those needs, including trade-offs and costs of various options.

The design team developed and refined several options through a series of iterative community meetings. One approach to creating additional classroom space included in the study requires closing the pool at PBES. Takoma Park residents have expressed strong support for retaining the pool facilities at this site, while recognizing the need for classroom expansion. Additional options consider re-routing student drop-off and pick-up in order to address safety. Pedestrian and bike access may also be impacted.

Representatives from Montgomery County Public Schools who have been involved in the feasibility study will present their report to Council.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All

Environmental Impact of Action

If the Grant Avenue berm is impacted, the bio-retention basin may have to be relocated.

Fiscal Impact of Action

N/A

Racial Equity Impact of Actions

We do not believe this Council action will adversely affect or disproportionately impact any particular group.

Attachments and Links

Piney Branch Elementary School Addition Project with notes and presentation slides

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/construction/project/pineybranch.asp>
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