

Introduced by: Councilmember Searcy

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Resolution No. 2018-42

**Providing Comment on the Proposed Takoma Park Middle School Addition
(7611 Piney Branch Road)**

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools is proposing to construct an addition to Takoma Park Middle School located at 7611 Piney Branch Road within the City of Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, architects and officials from Montgomery County Public Schools presented preliminary plans for the expansion to Council on September 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, changes to buildings, facilities, and properties owned by public entities are subject to the Mandatory Referral process; and

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council plays an important role in the review of development applications in the City by considering the intent and potential impacts on the community and formally commenting on these impacts to the Montgomery County Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Council supports the expansion of Takoma Park Middle School to better serve the increasing student population; and

WHEREAS, Lee Jordan Field located adjacent to the Takoma Park Middle School site is a highly used and valuable community amenity that is permitted and managed by the City of Takoma Park via a Memorandum of Agreement with Montgomery County Public Schools but is proposed to be used as a staging area for construction activities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Takoma Park, supports the Takoma Park Middle School addition with the conditions that access to a usable portion of Lee Jordan Field and associated equipment storage be maintained during construction, and that the field irrigation system and landscaping be fully restored after construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Montgomery County Public Schools staff continue to work with the City on issues involving stormwater management and the development of a tree protection plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT negative construction impacts be minimized to the extent possible, through agreements between Montgomery County Public Schools and the City, for students and staff at the school as well as residents of surrounding properties.

Adopted this 12th day of September, 2018.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk