

Riverwood International Charter School Community Meeting - October 26, 2015

Question and Answers

Q1. What is the schedule for baseball at Riverwood High School and the team's access to a field in 2016?

Answer: To make way for the new RICS addition, the baseball field will need to be relocated. The demolition and relocation will take place early in 2016 so the team will have access to the field in time for the 2017 season once the grass turf has been established. The school is currently working on plans for a temporary home for the baseball team's 2016 season. Information about the 2016 season will be published by the school's Athletic Department once it has been finalized.

Q2. What is happening with the old Heard's Ferry Elementary School playground equipment?

Answer: The District's Maintenance Department has salvaged the existing equipment and will use it for replacing damaged equipment across the district.

Q3. Will student parking be reduced during construction of the new addition?

Answer: The existing student parking lot will remain. There will be no reduction in student parking.

Q4. Will there be restrooms and concessions added to the softball venue?

Answer: Yes, the District will be adding restrooms and concessions at the softball venue.

Q5. Why is the Riverwood Master Plan being phased?

Answer: In the current Capital IV Construction Program, funds were allocated for a new classrooms addition to RICS. These funds will be used for the first phase of a new school master plan. Until additional funds become available, the District must limit the master plan to the first phase.

Q6. Will there be an opportunity to make traffic improvements along Heard's Ferry Road?

Answer: FCS is working with the City of Sandy Springs to study the existing traffic situation and develop plans to ensure safe access for pedestrians and motorists while reducing the impact of school traffic on local residents. FCS is prohibited by state law from using state funds to make road improvements off of the school site, but will work with the City to develop a mutual solution.

Q7. What about the existing school building?

Answer: During the first phase, the existing building will remain undisturbed. The new addition will connect to the existing building with a covered walkway. The existing gymnasium, cafeteria, auditorium and media center will be utilized until the remaining work on the master plan can be completed.

Q8. Will there be additional landscaping?

Answer: A landscaping plan will be developed along with design for the site and building. FCS desires to maintain a tree buffer with the adjoining properties and will be working with the City on a tree replacement plan.

Q9. How will the remaining work associated with the Master Plan be funded and when?

Answer: FCS traditionally has utilized SPLOST funds for its Capital Improvement Programs. The next construction program is currently being developed and will be presented to the public for comment and the Board for approval. If the Board approves, a referendum is called and presented to the voters. It is anticipated that the referendum will take place in 2016.



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Q10. Whom do I call if there's a problem related to the construction?

Answer: Turner Construction Company is our Construction Manager and Lance Painter is the Project Manager assigned to the Riverwood Project. He can be reached via email at lpainter@tcco.com or on his mobile phone at 678 410 1100.