



NEW SCHOOL ON RYAN AVENUE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What are plans for start and end times to address safety and climate?

- The start and end times will be decided by the New School's principal in collaboration with the Lincoln HS and Mayfair principals.
- The administrative team from Lincoln HS, school police and local Philadelphia Police meet frequently to address safety and climate issues.

2. Will the Head Start Program remain at Holme Elementary in light of the changes?

- The Office of Early Childhood Education studies the location of Head Start programs to determine their appropriate locations.
 - As the District, we acknowledge that we do not currently provide enough Head Start slots to meet current demand.
 - A decision on relocation of any regional programs (like Head Start) has not been made.

3. What specific improvements are planned for the Lincoln catchment schools? How will overcrowding be addressed while the new school is being built?

- The District's Chief of Schools, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Operations Officer have begun discussions with the Lincoln catchment schools to discuss the impact of the grade expansion, including their educational program and facility needs.
- Specific improvements have not yet been identified. Our first step is to develop and finalize the educational program.
- The program will address the needed improvements.

4. What is the timeline for community input into catchment decisions?

- Cooperative Strategies will hold community meetings beginning March 2 at each school.
- The goal is to establish recommendations by the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- The committee will consist of parents, school representatives, and central office personnel working with Cooperative Strategies.

5. When will new catchment areas be announced to the community?

- Decisions about catchment areas will be announced next school year.

6. Is Gilbane the group spearheading construction of the additions to the other schools?

- No. District staff will be meeting with the principals of the surrounding schools to discuss the implications of their grade expansion and space needs. Once the program is finalized, staff will identify the facilities costs.

7. What is the plan for the Austin Meehan building when the new school opens?

- The plan is to demolish the Austin Meehan Middle School.

If you have additional questions, please send them to capitalprograms@philasd.org.



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8. Why can't you build the New School where Austin Meehan is located now?

- Austin Meehan Middle School needs to stay in operation while the new school is being constructed because of overcrowding.

9. Where will the community fields be relocated to, if Location B is selected?

- If location B is selected, the athletic fields will become a separate project and their location will be determined at that point in time.
- Cost: Funded by District. Timeline: TBD

10. What is the proposed budget for the new school?

- The budget is \$70M for the new school.

11. When will the New School be finished?

- The New School is projected to be completed by August 2020.