

# Questions for DeKalb County School District related to Lakeside HS Addition

As of December 20, 2018

No.	QUESTIONS	RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS
1	What alternative will be provided for the marching band to utilize if the proposed parking deck will be built in the area East of the Fine Arts Building?	This was brought to DCSD's attention during meetings with the school staff. Efforts will be made to provide a space suitable for band practice within the design. Whether it's by parking deck placement, making the top level accessible for band equipment or the development of another space on site. The design team will engage with the school and band director as needed during design.
2	What will happen to the 6 teams that have no where to practice?	All sports teams will be able to practice in the same facilities they are currently using after the addition is complete. It is not anticipated that the addition will impact any sports field during or after the construction of the addition.
3	How long is this expansion anticipated to ward off the need for another? If it is only 7 years like the most recent expansion, then is it worth destroying 6 swimming programs?	According to the current 7-year forecast for enrollment, it is anticipated that enrollment will continue to decline from a high of 2,377 in 2016 to 2,150+ in 2025. It is not anticipated that the construction of the addition will impact the swim programs.
4	Wouldn't a West bound right hand turn lane at Briarlake and Briarcliff put you in Echo Lake?	No, the dedicated right hand turn lane is being proposed on the westbound side of Briarlake RD onto Briarcliff Rd northbound.
5	Wouldn't a right hand turn lane at Briarcliff and Shallowford result in a student fatality at Globe Academy?	The proposed right hand turn lane is being proposed on the southbound side of Briarcliff Rd onto Shallowford Rd. NOT a right hand turn lane into Globe Academy.
6	Will you obtain a more accurate and thorough traffic study that includes First Responders' ability to reach those in need in an emergency?	Local emergency management agencies would need to determine this. This kind of analysis is not in a traffic engineering firm's area of expertise.
7	Why would you propose traffic improvements that you can unilaterally implement?	DCSD does not own or maintain County roadways.
8	Can you redistrict using split feeders to ensure students get first priority to be zoned to their nearest high school?	System-wide split feeders at middle and high school would require substantial redistricting across the District. Previous public engagement with District parents and stakeholders has shown a clear preference for a one-to-one feeder pattern from elementary to middle to high school.
9	What will happen if DCSD and LHS CAC/parents/community do not agree on the expansion plans?	We are committed to receiving input from the CAC and the community, as well as receiving input from the Principal, school staff and staff from Curriculum and Instruction. We will take the input from the community and merge that with the needs identified by the Principal and Curriculum and Instruction to develop the plans for the addition.
10	Why would you build an addition when students already park on neighborhood streets?	The proposed project will add parking spaces to the site and improve this situation. The addition will allow current students to move out of the portable classrooms.
11	When will the feasibility study be completed?	It was completed in November.
12	When will the feasibility study be released to the public?	It was given to LHS and the CAC in November.
13	Will any school board members say why they voted in favor of this Lakeside proposal?	This is not a question that the DCSD Operations Division can answer.
14	Why won't all the members of the CAC be able to view drawings of the proposed expansion?	As described during the training, two CAC members can attend design and construction meetings. Any more than two would represent a quorum of the committee and would cause the meeting to be a public meeting. Our working meetings with our consultants are not public meetings.
15	What are your plans to improve traffic flow on Briarcliff Rd?	DCSD is in the process of discussing traffic improvements with Dekalb County. Currently the addition will provide space for students currently in portable classrooms.
16	How do you plan to deal with the drainage issues at Briarcliff and Briarlake?	Any development on the Lakeside HS property would manage stormwater runoff so as not to further impact areas off of LHS property. This will be part of the engineering/design effort. Drainage issues off DCSD property are a Dekalb County responsibility.

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17	Why aren't you considering keeping Lakeside with the appropriate number of students for the original building and building another school in another area?	The Building SPACES public engagement process discussed several options for addressing high school overcrowding in the Dunwoody, Chamblee, Cross Keys, and Tucker clusters, including the possibility of building a new high school and conducting broad reaching redistricting. The result of this public engagement process was a consensus that current high school attendance areas should be kept intact as much as possible (save for Chamblee and Cross Keys), and that existing high schools should be added on to, or in the case of Cross Keys HS rebuilt, to minimize redistricting.
18	How can we get a pool renovation added to the SPLOST scope?	Pool improvements are not part of the classroom addition project.
19	How will on-campus vehicular traffic be improved by this proposed expansion project? Namely, adhering to DCSD's Facility Education Adequacy Guide	Designing and engineering on-site improvements to adhere to current DCSD standards is in the Architect's scope. They will look at modifying entrances and exits and internal parking lot layout to improve flow and provide carpool/bus separation if possible. Given the constraints of working on an existing site, all guidelines may not be met but the goal is to improve the existing conditions as feasibly possible. These improvements will be presented and discussed with the CAC when design is started.
20	Why would Lakeside expand when a new school is being built on Druid Hills?	The new Cross Keys High School is to address capacity issues in the Cross Keys cluster and Region 1. There are currently no plans to redistrict Lakeside HS students to another school.
21	Why does the attendance area of Lakeside HS keep getting bigger?	The attendance area of Lakeside HS has not changed since 2011, and there are no plans to redistrict at this time.
22	What scientifically sound planning studies have been done to assess the Lakeside HS site?	The architect has performed a feasibility study that analyzed the site, existing facilities, utility capacity, etc. and determined that an addition of the size necessary to support future capacity could be added to the site.
23	What is the impact of the Dewberry report?	The Lakeside HS site currently has appropriate storm water retention structures on site that were reviewed and approved by DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management. Similarly, the new addition's storm water management system will be designed and installed to meet all current Federal, State and Local codes and ordinances.
24	What consideration has been given to impact on the surrounding neighborhood?	If the surrounding community has concerns regarding the school facilities, they can be brought to the CAC to be discussed during the design process.
25	Have there been groundwater management measures implemented since the 2012 addition?	No. The Lakeside HS site currently has appropriate storm water retention structures on site that were reviewed and approved by DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management.
26	Why is the intersection at Briarlake Rd and Briarcliff Rd still regularly flooding? Will this be exacerbated by the installation of more impervious surfaces at LHS?	Flooding or stormwater management at this intersection is the responsibility of DeKalb County Roads and Drainage. The new addition's storm water management system will be designed and installed to meet all current Federal, State and Local codes and ordinances.
27	Who has studied the effect of the previous 2012 and current proposed expansions on student learning and the student experience?	The Operations division works with Curriculum and Instruction to ensure that all new facilities and additions support the programmatic needs of the school and students.
28	Where is the money for enhancement of learning facilities beyond the addition, and how will this be affected by rising construction costs?	The explicit scope of this project was to provide an addition to address the capacity needs of the school. It is expected that rising construction costs will have an impact on this addition.
29	Why has there been a decline in Lakeside school academic performance? Is this related to school overcrowding?	This is not a question that the DCSD Operations Division can answer.
30	Why has DSCD neglected to mention that the LHS School Council has unanimously voted to oppose the LHS addition?	The addition at Lakeside was approved by the Board of Education. Any significant modification to the scope of the project would have to be approved by the Board.
31	What is the number/percentage of eligible students who are districted to Lakeside HS but are instead enrolling in private schools?	In the Fall of 2018, of the 2,722 total resident students in the Lakeside HS attendance area, 395 (or 14.5%) students were reported to DCSD to be attending private high schools.
32	When will the chronic deficiencies that are unrelated to the approved SPLOST V expansion within the existing LHS facility be addressed?	Facility condition deficiencies at all schools, including Lakeside High School, are considered when determining how capital renewal funds will be spent. However, the addition <i>may</i> have a positive impact on some of the existing deficiencies.

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33	Where will everyone park?	Additional parking spaces will be included in the addition project.
34	How much time should a DCSD student expect to spend on a bus daily?	There are multiple factors that influence how long a student will be on a bus; size of bus, number of students on the route, length of the route, number of buses, etc.
35	Why is extracurricular activity less than one third of the statewide average?	This is not a question that the DCSD Operations division can answer.
36	Does the completed traffic study account for the upcoming permanent traffic effects of CHOA and Cross Keys HS?	Yes.
37	Will DCSD ask CHOA to adjust scheduled staff shift changes to accommodate LSH ingress and egress?	No, the distance between the future CHOA development and Lakeside High School, in addition to the significant improvements to the I-85/North Druid Hills interchange that are associated with that development, are expected to ameliorate most possible impacts to Lakeside High School.
38	Why would DCSD commit to funding and building an expansion at Lakeside without completing feasibility studies?	The Secondary School Study performed a preliminary feasibility study prior to E-SPLOST V that indicated a large addition at Lakeside High School was possible.
39	What other specific alternatives were considered? Why weren't these presented to stakeholders?	The current E-SPLOST V project scopes were developed based on the extensive stakeholder engagement of the Secondary School Study and the Building S.P.A.C.E.S. initiative on capacity issues at District middle and high schools.
40	What is DCSD's response to Dekalb County Board of Commissioners' resolution requesting DCSD to build a new high school in Doraville?	The addition at Lakeside was approved by the Board of Education. Any significant modification to the scope of the project would have to be approved by the Board.