



School Board Workshop 12/17/19: Transitional Campus



Revitalizing Our Schools



- Half Cent for Schools initiative approved by voters in 2018
- Between Half-Cent and 1 ½ mill capital outlay funding, nearly \$500 million will be invested in school facilities over the next 12-15 years
- Focus is on revitalizing existing schools

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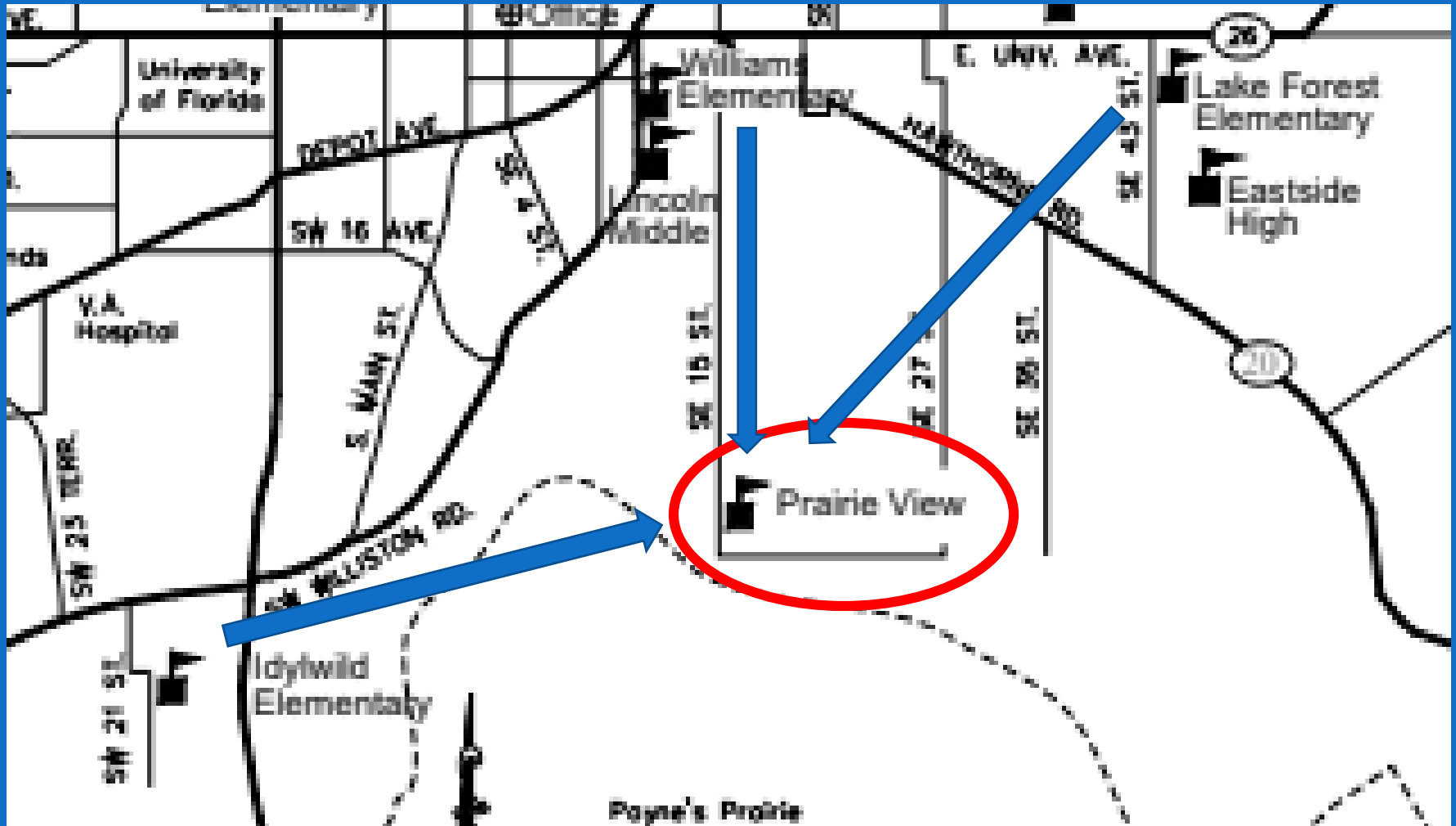
- Projects prioritized based on a wide variety of factors including age of facility, condition of facility, use of space, etc.
- Projects currently underway at 19 schools (planning and construction)



Revitalizing Our Schools

- First four large-scale projects: Metcalfe Elementary School, Idylwild Elementary School, Bishop Middle School, Elementary School I
- District's applications to demolish buildings at Metcalfe, Idylwild and Bishop approved by DOE
- Architects and construction managers have been hired for all four schools; designs under development
- Transition plans developed for Metcalfe (on-site) and Idylwild (Prairie View swing school site)

Prairie View Swing School



Swing school vs. 'phasing'

- Keeps students/staff out of construction zone
- Limits risk of utilities interruptions and other disruptions to instruction
- Work can continue during testing periods
- Projects completed much sooner
- Much more cost effective, meaning more \$ can be spent on permanent projects

Modular School



Facts and figures

- Modular school costs \$1 million/year to lease, depending on number/type of buildings
- Cost of setting up a modular school is about \$3 million, depending on number/type of buildings and location
- Site work/installation takes about six months

Due to time and costs of building and relocating modular schools, they need to be used more than once at the same location

Other considerations

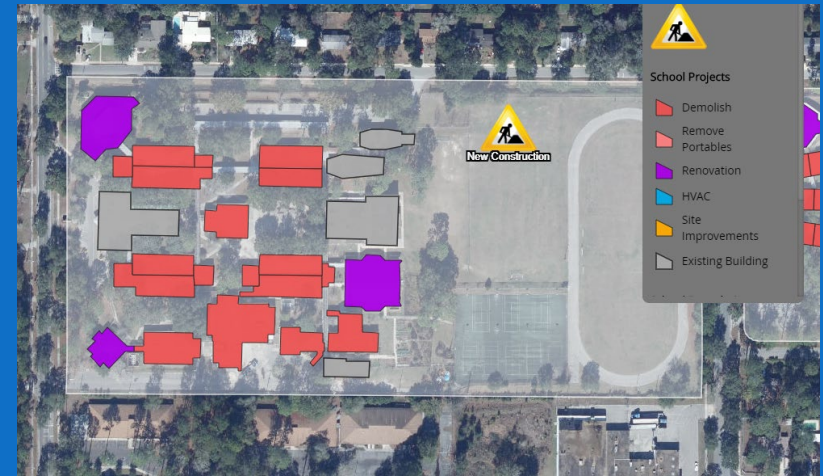
- Larger spaces needed?
(dining area, band room, media center, etc.)
- Student population
- Grade levels
- Special programs
- Parking and traffic



Transportation is provided

Howard Bishop Redevelopment

**Projected cost:
\$18.1 million**



- Demolish 18 buildings: classroom buildings, tech labs, computer skills labs, dining/kitchen, restroom buildings
- Construct 32 new classrooms
- Construct 2 new science classrooms/labs
- Construct 2 new technology/business labs
- Construct new kitchen/dining/multi-purpose building
- Renovate/modernize 7 existing classrooms

Progress to date

- Architect Paul Stresing, Inc. hired to design redeveloped school; design under development
- Public input session held August 22
- Faculty input session held October 11
- Community School input session held October 28
- D.E. Scorpio Construction hired as project construction manager
- Application to demolish buildings approved by the Florida Department of Education in mid-November



Initial Considerations

- Review of best practices in other school districts, including site visits
- Splitting students
- Wild Spaces/Public Places project at Bishop
- Impact of phasing Bishop project
- Use of Lincoln Middle School
- Use of transition school for three projects

Bishop Transition Options: Swing School at Westwood Middle



Swing School at Westwood Middle

Considerations:

- Most Bishop students would take buses to Westwood campus (estimated 18-20 buses)
- Staggered start/dismissal times and other strategies to address traffic congestion, including law enforcement support and additional school staff
- Students/staff off Bishop campus during construction
- Westwood students move into modular school after Bishop project completed, Littlewood students move in after Westwood is completed

Swing School at Westwood Middle

- Discussions between district staff, design professionals and City of Gainesville staff, including representatives from:
 - Wild Spaces/Public Places
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Gainesville Fire Rescue
 - Gainesville Regional Utilities
- Topics included: Use of Westside Park for bus drop off, overflow parking, recreational spaces; utilities access; safety and security, emergency services;

Swing School at Westwood Middle

- Meeting with City Manager and staff members on November 26
- Included information about a renovation/drainage project at Westside Park, delay of Wild Spaces/Public Places project at Howard Bishop Middle, offer of Citizens' Park as a potential swing school site, offer to lease RTS bus compound
- PTO meeting December 3 at Westwood Middle included concerns about traffic/parking and other issues (PTSA meeting at Bishop on December 11)

Bishop Transition Options: Swing School at Bishop Middle

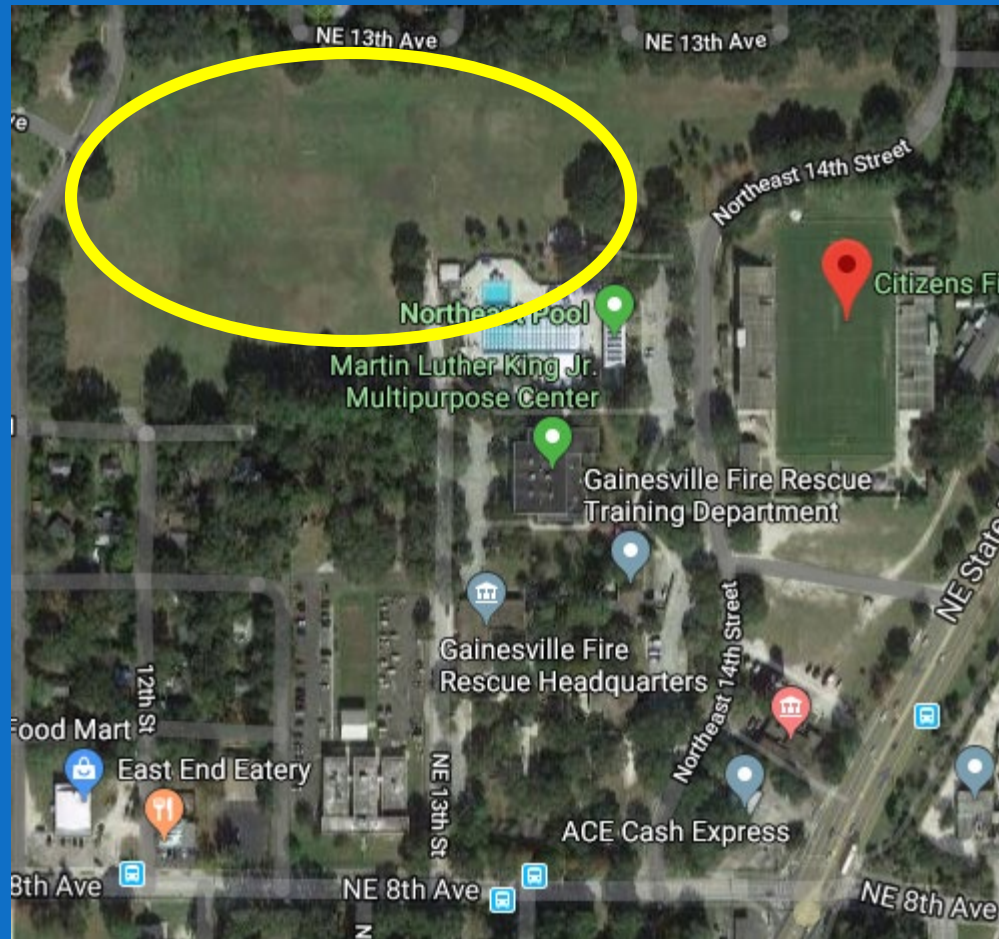


Bishop Transition Options: Swing School at Bishop Middle

Considerations:

- After Bishop students move into their new facilities, students from other schools would be transported to modular campus while their schools are renovated
- Size/infrastructure for Bishop and other school populations
- Staggered start/dismissal times and other strategies to address traffic congestion
- Impact on Wild Space/Public Places improvement timeline

Bishop Transition Options: Swing School at Citizens' Park



Swing School at Citizens' Park

Considerations:

- Feasibility of site (size, utilities, etc.)
- Availability of site long-term
- Significantly higher costs
- Increased transportation requirements
- Traffic, parking, safety

Other suggested sites

A. Quinn Jones: too small

District Office: 120-year-old building, expensive and time-consuming to renovate into a school, code issues, etc.; grounds too small

ACPS Transportation Compound: Active industrial area, would require environmental study and demolition of compound (cost, Castaldi, etc.); additional cost to lease RTS bus facility

Fairgrounds: Too close to Gainesville Regional Airport (F.S. 1013.36 says no school in flight path)

Job Corps Building: Too close to airport, active industrial area

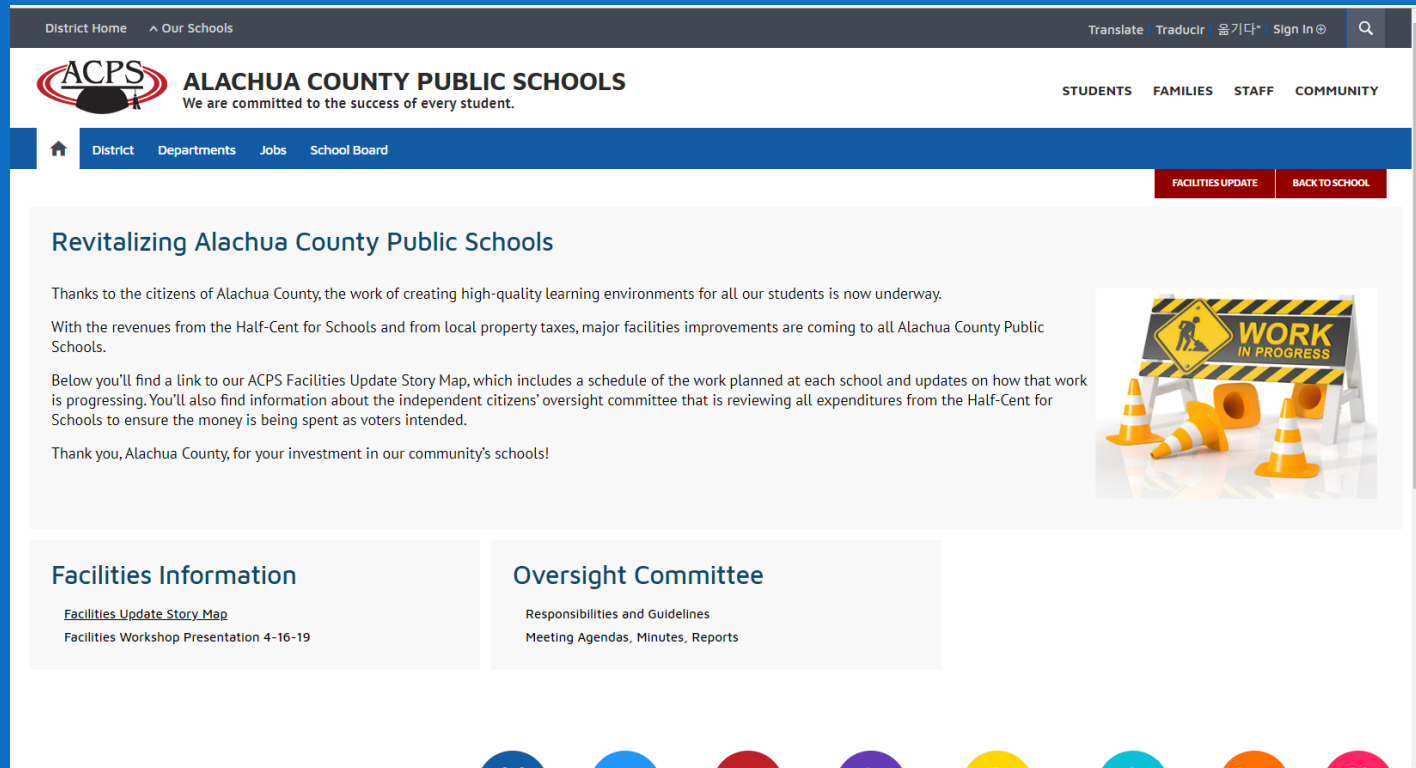
Next Steps

- Ongoing communication with City of Gainesville regarding site options
- Feasibility studies, including traffic reviews, on potential sites

The goal is to avoid or minimize any potential delay in beginning construction while providing the best possible situation for students.

Facilities Story Map

List of school projects, timelines and progress available on the district's website (sbac.edu)



Questions?