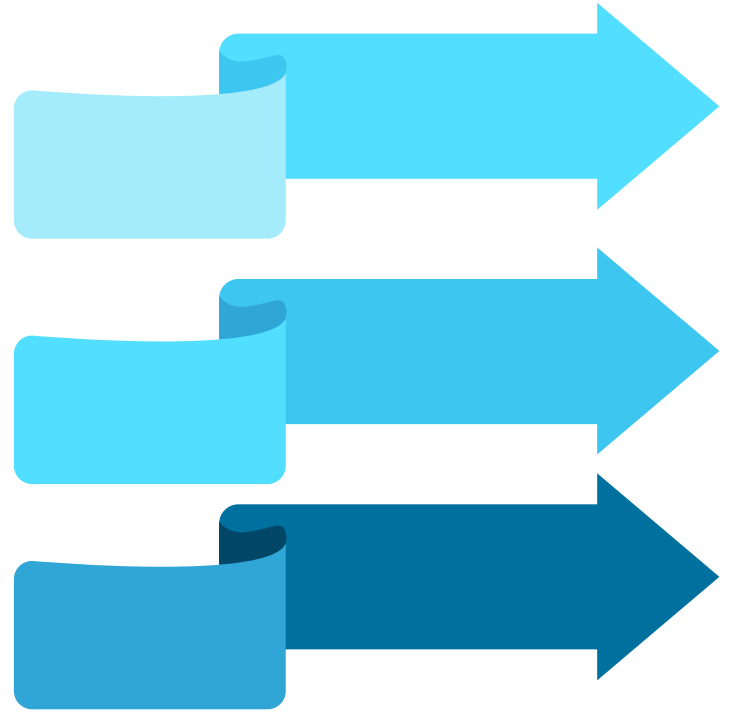
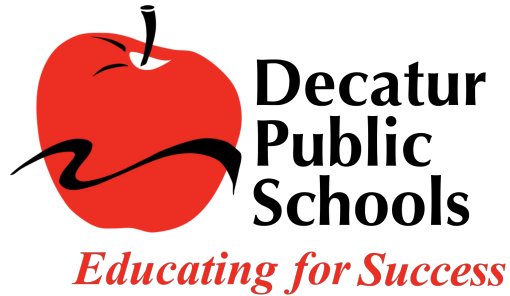


# Dennis Lab School

## Short-Term Plan

BOE Update · July 24, 2023



# RECAP: DLS & GLA Short-Term Plan for 2023-24 School Year



K-12 Garfield  
Learning Academy at  
Stephen Decatur

to Self-Contained  
Wing @ SDMS  
(11 classrooms)



Dennis K-8 to  
Garfield Location  
(31 classrooms)

# IMPORTANT UPDATES

## Dennis Lab School

In-person start date still TBD, working with ISBE

What about items still left in the restricted buildings?  
At this time, doors have been boarded up due to an OSHA complaint



## Extended Day

Will continue at Dennis at the Garfield location on days when students are present



## Special Education

No changes to site locations

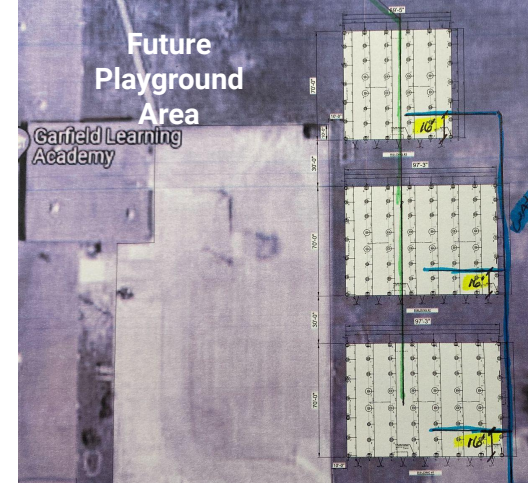
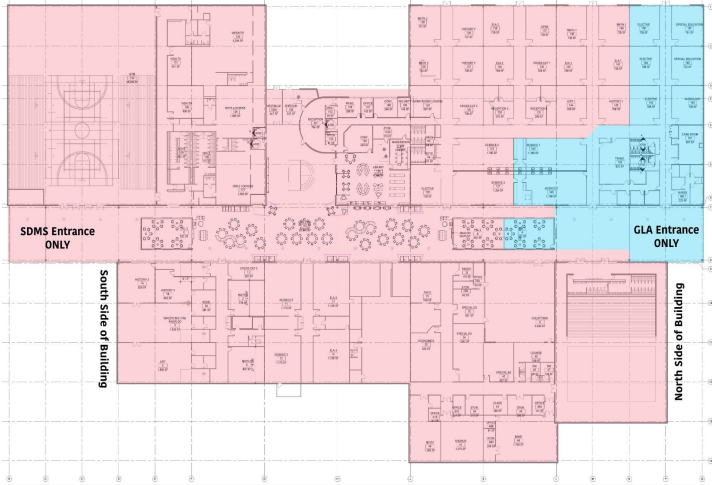


## Bell Times

Tier 3 schedule updates: SDMS, Pershing, and Montessori bell times shifting to 9:15 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.



# Short-Term Plan: Dennis Lab & GLA at SDMS for 2023-24 School Year



- Currently, Dennis and GLA will remain on the same tiers, but will need more buses for transportation.
- More parking will be needed at the Dennis site at Garfield. The Director of B&G will add this to the construction timeline regarding Dennis.
- Common areas and room assignments for Dennis, GLA, and SDMS will be addressed by school administration.

# TIMELINE UPDATE: Setup at Garfield Location

Approximate timeline for modular classroom installation:

1. Installation of electrical, water, and sewer:
  - ✓ ■ Water main tapped — **COMPLETED July 14**
  - ✓ ■ Ameren service installation — **COMPLETED July 19**
- ✓ 2. B&G installation of footings for modulares — **COMPLETED July 17**
- ✓ 3. Modular vendor delivery of first 6-classroom modular — **COMPLETED July 19**
4. B&G hook-up of electrical, water, and sewer; install all networking, technology, & IT devices, all fire alarm systems, and all telephone systems to first 6-classroom modular — Started and continuing until all is complete
5. B&G install of playground — Started July 18
6. Modular vendor delivery of second 6-classroom modular OR the 4-classroom modular — Anticipated early August
7. Modular vendor delivery of final classroom modular — Anticipated mid-August
8. Anticipated completion of installations — August 31
9. Anticipated completion of move-in — September 3
10. Construction of expanded parking lot — anticipated completion September 3

# How may these moves affect students?

## Cons

- Adjusting to the new surroundings, bus routes, and location
- Adjusting to the new schedule
- Adjusting to staff
- Classroom setup - seating chart, decor, classroom size

## Pros

- **All staff & students together in a single location**
- New playground area
- Seeing friends at all grade levels daily
- Ability to engage with more PBL activities
- Siblings in the same building
- More parent engagement now that all siblings are in one building
- Principal there daily instead of floating between two buildings
- Peer mentoring
- Extended Day in one location instead of two
- Adults working more closely with each other



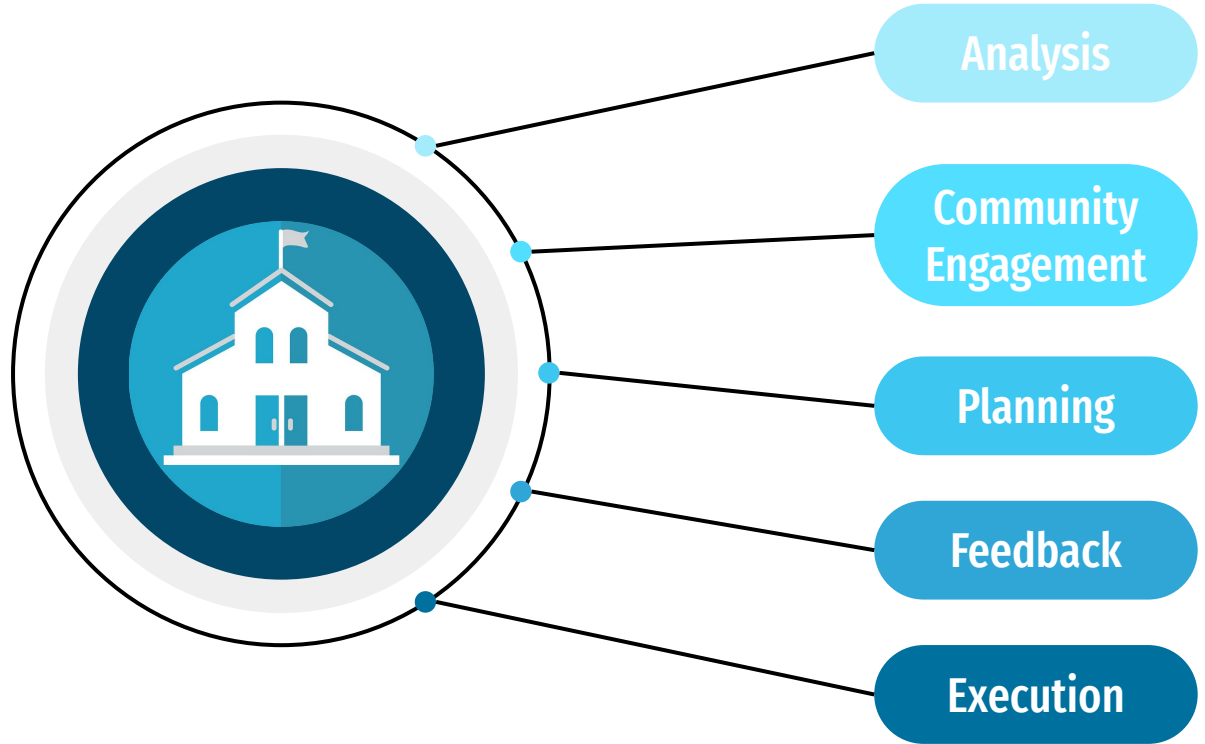




# Other District Projects On Hold as Buildings & Grounds Focuses on Garfield Location

- Data center upgrades (new data center cooling and emergency generator installation) at the Tech Academy
- Playgrounds at Muffley, South Shores, Baum, Montessori, Parsons, and Johns Hill
- Fence installs at Hope and Buildings & Grounds
- Secure vestibules at Baum and Hope (*this does not mean the buildings are not secure*)
- Reconfiguration of Hope office area
- Ceiling installation in former auditorium at Muffley
- Boiler demolitions at Parsons, Pershing, Muffley, and South Shores
- Installation of 3-bay sinks at Baum, Harris, and Parsons
- Intercom installation at Hope
- I.T. upgrades at various buildings

# RECAP: Long-Term Master Plan for All District Facilities







# Why is a Master Facility analysis needed?

- Both Dennis buildings are 100+ years old. Fixing the structural components that have been identified at this time does not mean other issues won't continue to arise.
- An analysis of ALL schools should be completed ASAP to determine the status of all schools, not just Dennis campuses.
- A committee should then be established to look at the big picture (master facilities plan).
- Finally, a recommendation will be made to the BOE that includes renovations, possible new construction, expansion requirements, programming, student enrollment, funding options, taxes, etc., so that the Board can make an informed decision.

# Thank You!

BOE Update · July 24, 2023

