

Key Takeaway

We are pausing the current recommendation of a 4th & 5th Grade Academy in order to embed the future use of the Inman Facility back into the Facilities Master Planning (FMP) process, which restarted January 20, 2022.

Why?

Timeline

APS delayed the opening of a new school at Inman to the 2023-24 School Year in response to community feedback.



Enrollment Data

In January 2022, APS received updated projected enrollment data, including some significant shifts from the 2019 analysis.



District-Wide Solutions

The FMP process will help APS develop district-wide, equitable solutions that are broader than any one school or cluster, and decisions about the future of the Inman building will be based on more up-to-date projections.

When is the final decision on Inman?

As part of the FMP process timeline, APS consultants will provide potential scenarios to APS on March 2nd.

In order to facilitate input and planning time, the Superintendent will take recommendations to the Board in two phases:

- Phase 1: Recommendations impacting the 2023-24 School Year, including the **future use of Inman, will go to the Board in May, with a final approval in June.**
- Phase 2: Recommendations impacting the **2024-25 School Year and beyond will go to the Board in October and November.**

What does the enrollment data show?

COVID-19 and population changes have impacted current and projected enrollment numbers, which may impact the Midtown Cluster in three ways:

- Five and ten-year enrollment projections show **growth for Midtown Cluster elementary schools**; however, it is not at the levels projected in the original 2020 analysis.
- Enrollment projections for Midtown High School show a much **higher utilization rate from previous projections**, with 107% capacity in 5 years and 125% capacity in 10 years.
- Morningside & Springdale Park will continue to face current and future capacity challenges.**

What does this process look like?

INFORMATION SHARING

January 20, 2022

APS Board Retreat

January 25, 2022

Virtual District-wide Community Meeting

February 2022

Cluster-specific Information Sharing

SCENARIOS

March 2, 2022

APS Board Retreat

March 15-29, 2022

Community Meetings

Midtown Cluster (March 15th)

April, September 2022

Community-specific Conversations

What about next year (SY 2022-23) and the immediate capacity challenges at Morningside and Springdale Park?

Springdale Park will continue to use the Briarcliff Kindergarten Annex for 2022-23.

Morningside will remain at the Inman Building for 2022-23 due to capacity challenges at the newly renovated site.

PHASE 1 RECOMMENDATIONS (SY23-24)

May 2022

APS Board First Reading

June 2022

APS Board Final Approval

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS (SY24 and Beyond)

October 2022

APS Board First Reading

November 2022

APS Board Final Approval

Links for the Community

Learn more about Facilities Master Planning: www.atlantapublicschools.us/FMP

Please join us on January 25th by registering here: <http://tinyaps.com/?FMPJanuary>

Get more details on previous Midtown facilities planning efforts here: <http://tinyaps.com/?MidtownCluster>

Send us your feedback via Let's Talk: <http://tinyaps.com/?LetsTalk>

Future Use of the Inman Facility: Clarifying Questions

What is FMP?

The FMP process includes examining APS school facility utilization as well as a demographic study to help forecast trends and determine where the school-age populations are increasing or declining. Recommendations will address capacity and enrollment in APS facilities over the next five and ten years.

When did we learn about the updated projection data?

APS initially heard that there may be shifts in enrollment trends in December 2021. At that time, APS postponed the FMP Board Retreat and Inman Community Meetings in order to confirm and clarify those trends. On January 7th, APS consultants shared their findings in preparation for the January 20th Board Retreat.

How does new high school capacity information impact the Inman Facility?

The new growth identified for Midtown HS will impact the cluster. The community will benefit from the long-term and holistic analysis that the FMP process provides. APS will identify recommendations through a district-wide lens with a goal of minimizing unnecessary shifts and changes.

How are you communicating this process change and engaging stakeholders on the new process?

APS will communicate the new process with all Midtown Cluster families and staff, including through the robo-calls and GO Team Meetings.

FMP consultants and district representatives will engage with the community through "Information Sharing" and "Impactful Conversations."

Information Sharing

- Board Retreat (1/20/22)
- Virtual District-wide Community Meeting (1/25/22)
- Cluster-specific Information Sharing (February)

Impactful Conversations

- Board Retreat (3/2/22)
- Midtown Cluster Meeting (3/15/22)
- Community-specific Conversations (April)

What is the benefit of including the Inman decision into the FMP process?

The original enrollment projections allowed us the flexibility to focus our recommendations on only elementary school capacity within the Midtown Cluster. The initial recommendation to open in School Year 2022-23 allowed APS to implement a process separate from FMP.

Now we have updated enrollment projections, which gives us an opportunity to review the impact on other schools inside and outside the Midtown Cluster.

Can you give an example of the new data?

The 2020 analysis showed Mary Lin ES at 103% capacity in 5 years, while the latest analysis shows the school at 83% capacity in 5 years. A reverse trend is found at Midtown HS, where the 5 year and 10 year utilization rates increased by double digits compared to the earlier analysis.

What's the difference between Scenarios and Recommendations?

The APS consultants will provide scenarios to the board and community in March. Based on those scenarios, we will do targeted engagement in March and April to engage stakeholders and make final recommendations in two phases:

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- Phase 2: Recommendations impacting the 2024-25 School Year and beyond will go to the Board in October and November.

What about the planning time for a new school at Inman?

To ensure proper planning for the new school and awareness to the community, APS is separating their recommendations into two phases. Those recommendations impacting schools in SY23-24 will be decided in May and June to allow for hiring a principal and giving enough time for a successful Fall 2023 Day One.

What happens to the feedback collected so far?

APS shares that feedback with the consultants and continues to take it into consideration in reviewing the recommendations. In addition, feedback highlighted a number of areas we need to work on as a cluster and district, regardless of the recommendation for Inman.