

Sonia Sotomayor Middle School at Adelphi Construction Update Meeting | May 1, 2023 Questions & Answers

Will students have to wear a uniform? If so, what color?

This will be determined with leadership and community following PGCPs Administrative Procedure 0114.

Is there a fitness center?

There will be a wellness center with things such as ellipticals, some small weight-lifting equipment, etc.

How can teachers go about obtaining a transfer to the school? Will 6th-grade teachers who are assigned to the elementary feeder schools get a chance to transfer since their grade-level classes are being eliminated?

Please refer to the standard teacher transfer process.

What time will students enter school and leave school?

Those times will be determined by school programming.

I recommend that the muralist also reach out to neighborhood associations in the area, not only parent community. I represent the Adelphi Hills Community Association, neighbors residing directly across the new Sonia Sotomayor Middle School and where Mary Harris ES is.

That is part of the muralist requirements. The facilitation will occur through school leadership and the muralist.

When will the school building finish?

July 15th is the expected turnover date.

Where is the location of this school? How far is it from Buck Lodge Middle School?

8820 Riggs Road, Adelphi, MD 20783. Located approximately 5 minute drive from Buck Lodge MS.

How many students will be in the school?

The capacity of the school is 1,200. Pupil Accounting is predicting approximately 1,000 students.

I am at Buck Lodge Middle and will be going to Sonia Sotomayor Middle for the 23-24 school year. Do I have to do any paperwork to be transferred?

You can confirm any paperwork or boundaries with the Pupil Accounting & School Boundaries Department at pasbt@pgcps.org.



Will this school have an assistant principal as well?

Yes.

Will the teachers whose classes are being transferred to Sonia Sotomayor be given first preference to be the teachers on record?

The district will follow the standard teacher transfer process. For additional questions, please reach out to Human Resources. chro@pgcps.org

Which grade level will start on SY24? Will the 8th-grade level students be able to finish their middle school year with their current school?

For questions regarding boundary readjustments, please refer to Pupil Accounting & Boundaries at pasbt@pgcps.org.

Will there be different bus routes?

Yes. Routes will be provided in August to all impacted students.

Do you have any pictures of the school from a 2D perspective, like a blueprint, so that we can see what the school looks like?

Yes, we can make the floor plans publicly available on the website.

Tell me more about traffic management in the area in the morning and afternoon. We Mary Harris Mother Jones ES within our neighborhood, and morning traffic is very challenging for our neighborhood in/out.

Traffic patterns are still being worked through. The project team handled the request from the State Highway Authority for a direct right in and out of the site to prevent buses from having to cross over the lanes to turn into the site. Additionally, there will be discussions with the police department to provide support. The District and county recognize that this area will have traffic management needs and will continue to assess and provide recommendations as traffic patterns play out.

How will we be transferred to Sonia Sotomayor?

School registrars can answer specific student transfer questions, but please refer to the student transfer process here: www.pgcps.org/offices/student-records-transfers-and-archival-services/how-to-request-a-student-transfer.

Some positions do not have the school listed as a transfer possibility how would those positions go about attaining a position?

School leadership will work with HR to advertise any positions that need to be filled.

Is there a rooftop?

There is no accessible rooftop. However, we are working to bring on solar that will be on the rooftops.

Will affected teachers whose classes are going to Sonia Sotomayor know where they will be located before going on summer break?

Please reach out to your school's leadership team or HR for specifics on teacher locations or the transfer process.

Will you guys make a website? If you do, will you post all of the information most of us need to know about?

Project Information can be found here: www.pgcpsblueprintschoools.com/schools-2/adelphi-middle-school/.

What is the status of the students' schedules for next year (SY24) at this time? I am wondering if the school has a scheduling team in order to ensure compliance with SPED and ESOL accommodations.

There have been no student schedules created as of yet. However, there is a file that let's the District know what students need regarding accommodations. The school will have a scheduling team in place to support students' accommodations.

What grade levels will the school be?

Sonia Sotomayor will be a Middle School (Grades 6th, 7th, and 8th)

Will the uniform decision be made before August?

That is the current plan.

Will there be after-school programs?

That decision is determined by the principal and leadership once on board.

If I received a school change letter and filled out the paperwork, do I need to re-register?

Please reach out to your school's registrar to confirm if any additional registration is required.

Will there be T.A.G?

Sonia Sotomayor is not identified as a TAG center. There will be higher level courses and honor courses provided.

What is the school logo/mascot?

Students were polled on their preference for the school mascot. Most students voted for the new school mascot to be a bobcat.

Will there be a Google form the students must fill out to select classes such as creative arts?

The format of student selection would be determined by school leadership.

Will this school have AVID?

That has not been determined as of yet.

Can you give more details about the Regional SPED Program? CRI? Autism? Academic Resource? CT? Others?

Please reach out to Special Education for additional details on the regional SPED. You can contact Trinell M. Bowman, the Associate Superintendent for Special Education, at trinell.bowman@pgcps.org.

Will we need any vaccines?

Nothing more than the District's standard vaccinations. Please check with your school's nurse to get a list of vaccinations.

Will there be a SPED Administrator for the Regional program?

Yes.

Will we have buses?

Yes.

What time will the school start and end?

School hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:10 p.m.

What is the estimated date for the hiring of the principal?

The process has started, but at this date, there is not an estimated date.