

Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Rockville, Maryland

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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education  
From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools  
Subject: Carl Sandburg Learning Facility Concerns (07-17-18-01)

**Question**

Ms. Dixon requested information regarding the shared bathrooms and elevators at the Carl Sandburg Center as mentioned in Melissa McKenna's testimony during Public Comments.

**Response**

The contract award that was approved by the Board on July 17, 2018, agenda item 7.3 Award of Contracts—Maryvale Elementary School and Carl Sandburg Learning Center Revitalization/Expansion Project, Resolution 362-18, included an accepted add alternate for the construction of an additional elevator. This elevator will be located within the current space designated for Carl Sandburg Learning Center. While the current Carl Sandburg Learning Center program is limited to a first floor occupancy only, a second floor shell space also will be constructed, which may accommodate either Maryvale Elementary School or Carl Sandburg Learning Center for future educational programming. Therefore, the second elevator will be in place as an added provision for a potential future second story build out.

In regard to concerns about the adequacy of a shared bathroom between kindergarten classrooms, this configuration for personal care rooms has been a standard educational specification due to the extensive space requirements needed within these rooms. Concern for this configuration was raised during a recent space planning review with Ms. Marlene R. Kenny, principal at Carl Sandburg Learning Center, in June 2018. Based on this feedback, the design team has been working collaboratively with the school to add an additional toilet for each kindergarten classroom. It is expected that the final design configuration for the building plans will be adjusted prior to the start of construction.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Andrew M. Zuckerman, chief operating officer, at 240-740-3050 or Mr. James Song, director, Department of Facilities Management, at 240-314-1064.

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