

Facility Planning Presentation FAQ

These questions were derived from the survey responses collected. The survey can be found at www.colquitt.k12.ga.us/departments/communications/facilities-planning

1. What is the purpose of the facilities presentations being held?

During the summer of 2021, the Colquitt County Board of Education hired the architectural firm Altman + Barrett to do an extensive review of all the facilities owned in the district to identify priorities and establish a master facility guide in determining the future needs of improvement for all facilities. From that review, they identified three schools with the greatest needs: C.A. Gray Junior High School, Willie J. Williams Middle School, and Norman Park Elementary. The presentations gather feedback from the community and ensure that all concerns and opinions are heard and addressed as the Board plans for the next ESPLOST before any decisions are made or funding allocated.

2. If C.A. Gray Junior High School is rebuilt in a different location, will it retain the name?

Yes. The school would retain the name of Charlie A. Gray regardless of location.

3. If C.A. Gray is rebuilt in a new location near the high school, will it continue to be a junior high housing 8th and 9th-grade students?

There has been no decision on the configuration of C.A. Gray.

4. Has the location of a potential new C.A. Gray already been decided? (the land across from the high school that is currently used for the ag programs)

No. The architect has multiple options for locating C.A. Gray.

5. Are there other options for a location for a new C.A. Gray?

Yes. Colquitt County School District owns 214 acres near the current Colquitt County High School. The location of the potential school in the presentation was just a rendering to provide a visual for the presentation. No location, site work, or building planning has taken place. Construction would not begin until 2024 at the earliest.

6. In reference to Willie J. Williams Middle School, what would be the plan to replace the lost classroom space if the three wings are removed?

No specific plans have been made at this time as we are only in the preliminary stages of a facility plan. As with any possible construction, no plans are developed until the architect meets with the impacted staff for feedback.

7. Will there be input from teachers at each school when and if the decision to rebuild, renovate or remodel is decided?

Yes. Altman & Barrett (architect) will meet with any impacted staff to gather feedback that would then be used in the planning and design process.

8. What is the timeline for any of this to happen?

The current ESPLOST runs until September 2023. No decision has been made on the date of the next ESPLOST vote, but the district has until May 2023. The earliest any actual work would begin is the summer of 2024 approximately.

9. What are the next steps after these community meetings and the survey?

The architect and district have shared preliminary information regarding Gray, Williams, and Norman Park. The survey and community meetings provide a way for stakeholders to share their thoughts with the Board of Education. This feedback will assist the Board of Education in making decisions on these properties and future use of available funding sources. After those decisions are made, the architect will continue to work with the Board of Education on other district needs.