



WINCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Greetings WPS Neighbors,

Thank you for taking the time to read this important update regarding the upcoming construction period for the historic Douglas School at 524 N. Kent St. in Winchester. This construction is slated to be complete in the summer of 2022.

As you may or may not have noticed, the renovation and reutilization of the Douglas School is underway. It is Winchester Public Schools' intention to use the renovated building for central administrative offices, community meetings and professional training spaces. The first phase of construction is the remediation and removal of any asbestos or harmful materials. That portion has been completed. Certain portions of the building are slated for removal, and that demolition will start in the coming weeks. We are communicating with you to make sure you are aware of what is happening on the campus, and to provide you with contact information in case you have any questions.

We are hosting an open house to provide the community with the opportunity to see the conceptual plans and ask questions about the renovation. The open house will be on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm at Virginia Avenue Charlotte DeHart Elementary School (550 Virginia Ave). Please enter the building on the Van Fossen Street side entrance near the bus loop. This open house will be an opportunity to see what we are planning for the site and what the building will look like when complete, as well as ask one-on-one questions regarding the project. Please bring a mask and stop by to see renderings of the project. There will be no formal presentation, so feel free to stop by at your convenience anytime during the open house hours.

Should you be unable to make the open house hours, yet do have questions regarding the project, please feel free to contact me at 540-487-9166 x15144, or email smithed@wps.k12.va.us.

Sincerely,

Ed Smith
Director of Operations