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SAWG Preferences

A substantial majority of the group preferred these actions:

1. Build a new school for Henry Elementary on the Thomas Jefferson site to open in 2019.
2. Relocate the Montessori Program out of its current location at Drew, to the current Henry Elementary School building.
3. Open approximately 400 seats at the Drew Model School.
4. Plan for another elementary school in the Pentagon City area after 2019.

Superintendent's Recommendation



- Approve the preferences of the SAWG to move Henry to the new site at Jefferson, relocate the Montessori Program out of its current location at Drew to the current Henry building, and open approximately 400 seats at Drew Model.
- Start the visioning process for Drew Model School as it transitions to a stand-alone school in Spring 2016.
- Begin a review of the Montessori Program to determine possible cost efficiencies.

Next Steps



- School Board and County Board are appointing members to a coordinated BLPC/PFRC process for new school at Jefferson site.
- Staff report to School Board on possible new school in Pentagon City area by April 1, 2016.
- A review of the Montessori Program will take place to determine possible cost efficiencies if it is determined the program would move.
- A future visioning process for Drew Model School will begin in Spring 2016.
- Attendance zone boundary change process, currently scheduled for the SY 2017-18, to take effect September 2019.



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