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BCPS recommends closing Campfield Early Learning Center; public hearing set for August 23

Action aimed at improving learning, reducing northwest overcrowding

Towson, MD – As part of a strategy to improve learning environments for northwestern area elementary students, Baltimore County Public Schools plans to close Campfield Early Learning Center by August 2026.

BCPS Superintendent Dr. Myriam Yarbrough notified the Board of Education of the plan at the Board's August 8 meeting. The closure is made possible by the scheduled completion of four northwestern elementary school capital projects by 2026, which will increase primary school capacity in the area and allow Campfield students to return to their home schools, regional programs, or other area elementary schools. Once the school has closed, the building will be repurposed.

The public will have an opportunity to provide feedback at a Board of Education public hearing about proposed closing scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at Pikesville High School, 7621 Labyrinth Road, Pikesville 21208. The public can sign up to speak at the public hearing beginning at 5:30 p.m. on August 23. Each speaker will be allotted up to three minutes to speak.

In addition, members of the public who wish to provide written testimony or data for the Board's consideration may do so by sending such written testimony or data to the Board no later than the close of business on Tuesday, August 22. Such written data or testimony should be sent to: Board of Education of Baltimore County, 6901 N. Charles Street, Towson, MD 21204 or, by email to boe@bcps.org. Written testimony or data submitted to the Board shall not exceed six pages in length.

The Board is expected to vote on the recommendation to close the school at its September 12 Board meeting.

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