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Before the start of the meeting, PPC members toured Fairmont Heights High School. After the tour, **cox graae + spack** architects facilitated the concept review meeting #3 to gather input from PPC members on 4 site plan options for the Suitland campus. Based on feedback from the PPC at the August 21st meeting, these 4 options were selected from the previous 8. Options A, D, B and 3 have been renumbered I, II, III, IV respectively. Pros and cons for each concept were discussed.

1. **Option I:** Modernization, renovations and additions.

The north end of comprehensive high school gets demolished and a new addition added in its place. The remainder of the comprehensive high school will get modernized. Temporary structures at the annex get demolished and new additions are added to the main building. The middle school program will be moved to the annex. CTE gets modernized. Drew Freeman will receive new additions and a modernization. CVPA will be moved into the newly modernized Drew Freeman building.

Pros:

- Proximity of CVPA to high school remain a positive in this option

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- Keeping the auditorium allows it to be used by the community and for larger events

Cons:

- Access road along east edge of the site has been omitted
- Number of entrances to the site could pose a security risk

2. **Option II:** Modernization, renovations and additions.

The north end of comprehensive high school gets demolished and a new addition added in its place. The annex is completely demolished and CVPA gets a new building at the front of the site. CTE gets modernized. Drew Freeman gets new additions and a modernization.

Pros:

- Layout is good for phasing during construction

Cons:

- Play fields feel far away

Questions/Comments on Option D:

- How many parking space do the performance venues need?

3. **Option III:** Modernization, renovations and additions.

The north end of the comprehensive high school gets demolished and a large addition added in its place. CVPA will be located in this addition. The remainder of comprehensive high school gets a modernization and additions. The high school program will remain in this newly renovated portion of the high school building. Some programs (gym, cafeteria and gathering spaces) will be shared between CVPA and comprehensive high school. Annex building and temporary structures are demolished. CTE gets modernized. Drew Freeman will receive new additions and a modernization. Athletic programs are at the rear of the site.

Pros:

- Buildings being connected is a positive
- Site layout is efficient
- Building layout is efficient since CVPA and high school would share food service and kitchen program, loading and storage

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Cons:

- Lots of hardscape

Questions/Comments on Option B:

- How can existing courtyard be better utilized?

4. **Option IV:** Modernizations and renovations to Drew Freeman. The remainder of existing structures will be demolished and replaced with new structures.

A new comprehensive high school, CTE and middle school building are centered in the site. CTE is to the north, the comprehensive high school is at the south (fronting Silver Hill Road) and the middle school program is in a new building at the eastern portion of the site. CVPA is relocated to the Drew Freeman building with additions and modernization. The field is located at the back of the site with an adjacent play field. The baseball and softball fields are at the front of the site.

Pros:

Cons:

- Main entries seem to have moved from Silver Hill Road. People will still use Silver Hill because they are use to it.

cg+s closed the meeting with a review of the project schedule. The next PPC meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2018 where **cg+s** will present refined versions of select options. **cg+s** will also present the options at the Suitland Civic Association Meeting on October 15, 2018.

End of Minutes