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Cardozo Feeder Pattern Community,

From January through April, DCPS conducted a public engagement process on middle school planning in the Cardozo feeder pattern with parents, staff, community members, and other stakeholders. The goal of this process was to determine whether a new middle school was needed in the feeder pattern. This process included four public meetings, two focus groups, and an online survey. During this process, it was clear that families want quality school feeder pathway options, that the options should reflect the communities, and there is a sense of urgency.

As you may know, the DC Council approved funding for a feasibility study on potential location options for a standalone middle school in the Cardozo feeder pattern in the city's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. DCPS is committed to keeping this group updated on the progress of this initiative and engagement opportunities. As funds for the feasibility study will not be received until October 2019, we anticipate that we will have more to share with you next winter.

The planning for the Banneker HS modernization at the Shaw site will continue in partnership with community members as part of the School Improvement Team (SIT) process. For more information on the SIT process please visit: <https://sites.google.com/a/dc.gov/dcps-school-modernizations/home/banneker-high-school>.

Over the next several months, DCPS will continue to weigh the feedback received and recent budget developments, as we consider middle school options. We look forward to continued engagement in a shared vision for the Cardozo feeder pattern.

If you have any questions, please email dcps.planning@k12.dc.gov.

Thank you,

DCPS School Planning Team