

Overview of Timeline & Process

On November 26, 2019, DCPS announced a proposed closure of Washington Metropolitan High School at the end of the current 2019-2020 school year. To gather feedback from stakeholders on this proposal, DCPS hosted staff meetings, community forums, student listening sessions, and created a phone number for community members to leave feedback via voicemail.

- **Staff Meetings**
 - 3 staff meetings were held within the first two weeks of the proposal announcement
 - Total number of attendees: 45
 - At these staff meetings, DCPS senior leadership share

Many stakeholders shared their concerns and desires for how the transition should be implemented, should the proposal move forward.

- **Personalized student support is a priority.**
 - Staff requested support from Central Office teams in creating one-on-one plans tailored for each student. In-person family meetings were also discussed in order to ensure families are aware of their child's academic needs.
- **Attention to students' Individualized Education Plans (IEP).**
 - In the event of a closure, stakeholders emphasized needing to connect with families to discuss how DCPS will ensure the student's IEPs will be served by the school.
- **Receiving schools.**
 - In the event of a closure, stakeholders expressed concerns about students returning to schools where they previously attended and did not have a positive experience. Staff shared they would like to connect with any potential receiving school staff to share information about students' progress.
- **Programming and support services.**
 - Stakeholders are seeking more extracurricular opportunities and support in seeking employment outside of school hours. Many students have a sense of what career they would like to pursue and are interested in related internships or shadow days.