

Sec. 9013. District of Columbia Public School reporting requirements.

(a) By October 1, 2013, DCPS shall submit to the Council:

(4) A plan, based upon consultation and collaboration with the Office of Planning and DGS, for the construction of regulation-size athletic fields at Stuart-Hobson Middle School, which shall include, at a minimum:

(A) Alternative approaches on how to address the parking needs for the school, including identifying available parking at other locations, such as Logan Annex or other appropriate sites; and

(B) A spending plan that does not exceed the current capital allocation for Stuart-Hobson, as set forth by the Capital Improvements Plan.

Stuart Hobson MS: Athletic Field and Parking

Pursuant to Section 9013(a)4, DCPS submits the following information requested pertaining to Stuart Hobson MS.

Background:

In FY 12, DGS launched the modernization of Stuart Hobson MS. Since that time, the City has allocated additional funds to fund the school modernization and the arts integration and science museum. As a fully modernized facility, DGS and DCPS have explored various alternatives for both maximizing the play area/athletic fields north of the existing school building and also accommodating school staff parking within the current budget allocated in the capital improvement plan (CIP).

Athletic Field Construction Plan:

A regulation field cannot be constructed on the current Stuart Hobson site. The existing construction plan will enlarge the athletic field to 172 ft. by 110 ft, as shown in the attached drawing. However, this is not "regulation sized." The planned artificial athletic turf field will include a three lane track, a 50-yard football practice field and a youth-sized soccer field. As a note, the entire North Area is approximately 236 ft by 100 ft, and if the school used the entire area for recreation, there would not be enough space for any type of regulation size athletic field. For example, a high school football field requires 360 ft. by 160 ft.

Parking Plan:

School staff members currently double-park in the parking lot, commute by Metro, or try to find street parking. Stuart Hobson Middle School occupies an entire city block between E and F Streets Northeast and 4th and 5th Streets Northeast. The school currently has 22 parking spaces available for staff. An additional 24 spaces for a total of 46 parking spaces is required to accommodate the needs of the school. There are no other areas available on the school property for parking or recreation.

Based on the foregoing, DGS and DCPS will obtain the needed 24 additional parking spaces at the Capitol Hill Montessori School at Logan. (located 2 blocks north and 1 block west of Stuart Hobson MS). The combination parking spaces from both locations would provide a total of 46 parking spaces for the Stuart Hobson MS staff. **We would need to revisit this plan as the modernization of the Logan construction begins and proceeds in FY 16.**

DGS and DCPS considered several alternatives prior to deciding to allow parking at the Logan site. As required by the BSA, these alternatives are delineated below:

- **Alternative #1:** As part of the original Phase 1 project, a Schematic Design was prepared for the future phases and ultimate build-out of the school. As requested by the School Improvement Team, this plan included a proposed parking structure with 50 parking spaces partially below grade and an artificial turf field on top approximately 210 ft. by 110 ft. Current CIP funding is not available for this \$7.0M parking structure, and this alternative has not been pursued. **See attached plan.**
- **Alternative #2:** E Street, 4th Street, and 5th Street surrounding Stuart Hobson Middle School have No Parking on the school side of the street during school hours (F Street has 2 Hour Parking on the school side). Obtaining 18 permanent street parking spaces for school staff could be combined with 10 on-site parking spaces and 18 Capitol Hill Montessori School at Logan spaces totaling 46 parking spaces; this creates an artificial turf area approximately 196 ft. by 110 ft. Although the cost of this option falls within the current CIP funding, DGS and the project architect met with DDOT to discuss assigning 18 of these spaces for school staff and DDOT indicated that this would not be possible; therefore, this option has not been pursued. **See attached plan.**
- **Alternative #3:** Leave the 22 current parking spaces and enlarge the existing artificial turf field to 172 ft. by 110 ft. (note that this is only 38 ft. smaller than the artificial field proposed under Alternative #1). The Capitol Hill Montessori School at Logan parking lot would be used for 24 additional parking spaces since this school is located 2 blocks north and 1 block west of Stuart Hobson MS. Even though 46 parking spaces would be provided, this would require a variance from the Zoning requirement of 46 spaces since some parking spaces are off-site. Coordination is required with the FY16 Phase 1 Modernization of the Capitol Hill Montessori School at Logan since the school and community have already started their site planning that includes a new 210 ft. by 135 ft. artificial turf field on the site of the old Logan Annex. DGS has determined that the cost of this option can be covered with the current CIP funding and recommends this approach. **See attached plan.**