



Community Engagement Session: Possible Transition to Full Examination High School

Wednesday, October 9, 2019
Martin Luther King Jr., Senior High School

HOW DID WE GET HERE?



- In 1968, after the assassination of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., students led protest to rename Eastern High School, a neighborhood school, to Martin Luther King Jr., Senior High School.**
- In 1985, a small cohort of 30 students became the inaugural class of Mathematics, Science & Applied Technology (MSAT). In 1987, the inaugural class of Center for International Studies and Commerce (CISC) began.**
- Due to school closings and the creation of the EAA, the King neighborhood boundary grew significantly.**
- With the school's growing boundary, its focus became engaging students within its large neighborhood boundary and the Examination Program lost appeal.**
- Individual Alumni, PTA, King administration and community stakeholders have shared concerns that the school would be better served as a comprehensive Examination school.**

WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED SOLUTIONS FOR FALL 2020

Martin Luther King Jr., Senior High School becomes a full examination school starting with next year's 9th grade class (Class of 2024)

Refocus on re-establishing Mathematics, Science and Applied Technology ("MSAT"), and Center for International Studies and Commerce ("CISC") programs. Build a Sports Medicine and Marketing/Management Program

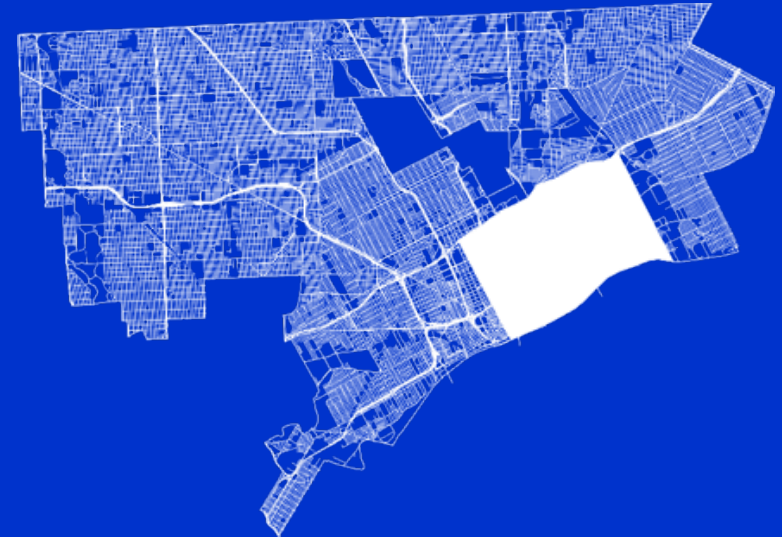
Students who live in the former King boundary will receive 10 points in the application process to gain an advantage in school admission

10th, 11th, 12th grade students remain enrolled at King with no changes to their status

Southeastern becomes the neighborhood high school for the King boundary starting with the 9th grade (Class of 2024) and students who are new to the District or want to transfer for grades 10-12

Students currently enrolled in the Southeastern Examination Program will continue to have the Examination option. The Business Exam Program at Southeastern will continue.

Southeastern adds innovation Career Technical Education programs to strengthen program options to recruit and engage students from the neighborhood including Advanced Manufacturing with Welding and perhaps Culinary and Graphics and Printing



Students Rise. We All Rise.

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT CHALLENGES THE DISTRICT IS ATTEMPTING TO ADDRESS?

Two large exam programs (or buildings) near each other will not increase enrollment

King's reputation and status is strong enough to transition to exam only. Nearly ~80% of 9th graders enrolled through the exam process (admission and appeal).

King and Southeastern were identified as "Partnership Schools" by the State and must demonstrate improvement.

Exam status alone will not build Southeastern's enrollment.

The turnaround option of an Exam School is sustainable at King

Improving and expanding programs at Southeastern will improve performance over the years.

DPSCD will not close either school but we need to transform the programs at the schools to ensure longevity (this happens by increasing enrollment and student achievement).



WHAT ARE THE DISTRICT GOALS?

Maximize enrollment at both King and Southeastern due to their stronger facilities.

Improve student achievement at both King and Southeastern

WHAT DATA WAS USED TO HELP MAKE THIS DECISION?

- King has a student capacity of 1,650 students. There are currently 1,085 students enrolled at King. There is an estimated 2,000 high school age students in the King boundary.
- Southeastern can serve 1,700 students. 210 attend
- Only 300 students (15% in King boundary) attend the high school (36% of the King student population live in the boundary).
- 460 from the King boundary attend other DPSCD schools. (143 Cass Technical High School; 60 Ben Carson High School of Science and Medicine)
- This means ~1,200 students live in the King boundary and do not attend King or a DPSCD high school.
- Of 325 ninth grade students, 270 enrolled in King through the examination process. (~80% enroll through exam process).



HOW DOES EXAMINATION SCHOOL PLACEMENT WORK?



Starting with the highest rank, students are placed in their first school of choice until all seats are filled and then, placed in their next available choice. If no seats are available students are placed on the waiting list. Each year seats are held at the school for the school's appeal process.

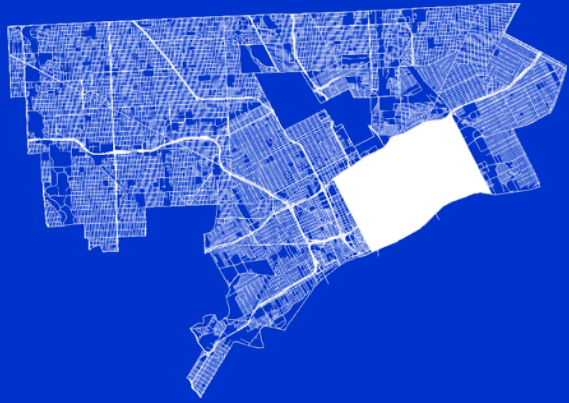
If students are not admitted to their exam school of choice, they can submit an appeal.

A school team reviews the appeals and that team retains autonomy to admit students in special circumstances where a unique talent would benefit the school community (for example: academics, athletics, and the performing arts)

Component	Weight
Exam	45
Grade Point Average	35
Student Letter of Interest	20
Total	100
DPSCD Student Points	10
King Boundary	10
With Bonus	120 Maximum



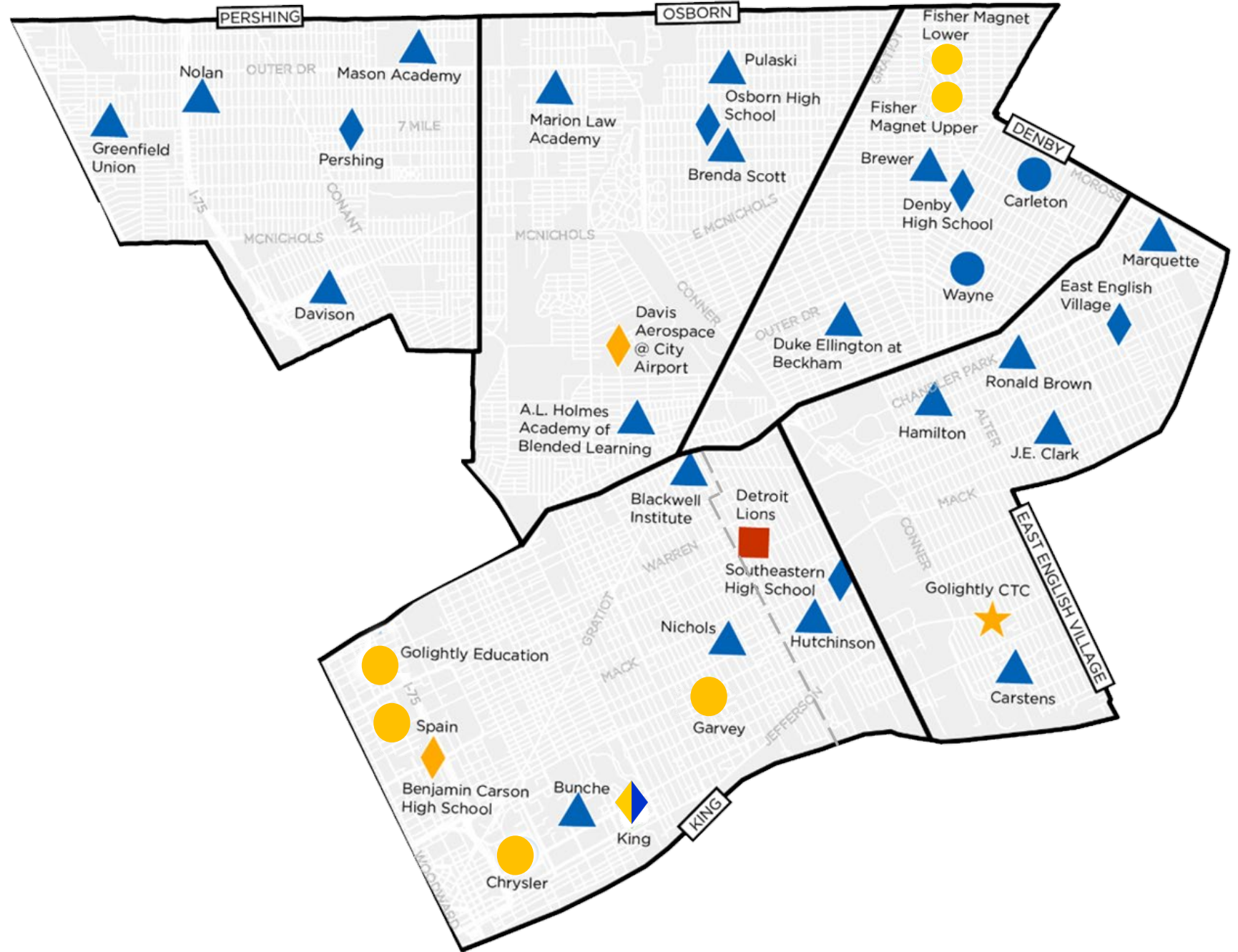
RECOMMENDATION KING/SOUTHEASTERN



KEY

- Alternative School
- Neighborhood School
- Application/Examination School
- Career Technical School

- Elementary School
- △ K-8 School
- Middle School
- ◇ High School
- ☆ Career Technical School



TIMELINE

