

Mayfair Primary Center @ Meehan  
Frequently Asked Questions

**REASONS FOR THE CREATION OF THE MAYFAIR PRIMARY CENTER @ MEEHAN**

**Q: Why do we have to move Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students to Meehan?**

A: Mayfair does not have the number of classrooms required to support a projected enrollment of 1900 students. This is why a portion of the program is being relocated to Meehan.

**Q: Why can't you build another addition at Mayfair to accommodate our growth?**

A: There are a number of school district schools that are experiencing enrollment growth similar to what has occurred at Mayfair. Mayfair received an \$8M capital investment for a new addition, which maximized what we are able to do at that site. A new school will be built to address the continued enrollment growth in the area, which is larger than just the Mayfair catchment.

**Q: Is our enrollment increasing because you are closing other schools in our area and sending them to Mayfair?**

A: The school age population in this part of the city continues to grow. The School District is seeing a higher demand for pre-kindergarten programs and an increase in Kindergarten enrollment. We are not closing schools in the area.

**Q: What is the long-term solution for this problem?**

A: We are building a new building on the campus of Lincoln High School that will accommodate the growth in this area of the city. We anticipate this building to open in August 2020.

**PROGRAMMING AND STAFFING**

**Q: What will happen to before and after school programming for the students who are moved to Meehan?**

A: Before and after school programming will continue at the Mayfair building, and students who are attending classes at the Meehan campus will be allowed to participate.

**Q: We are at Mayfair because of the International Baccalaureate program. Can you assure us that our students will get access to this curriculum?**

A: Yes! Teachers who currently teach Kindergarten and First grade at Mayfair will be moving to Meehan to teach your children. These teachers have been trained to teach the IB curriculum and teachers will continue to collaborate with their colleagues who are on the Mayfair campus.

**Q: What additional staffing will be provided at Meehan for our students?**

A: We will assign an Assistant Principal who is currently at Mayfair to the Primary Center @ Meehan. Additionally, we will assign a full time counselor, nurse, and school climate staff to the Primary Center.

## **SAFETY, SECURITY, AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Q: We are concerned about safety. What are you doing to ensure our students are safe?**

A: Safety and security of all of our students is our top priority. We will assign two additional School Police Officers to the Meehan building as well as provide a dedicated entrance to the Primary Center @ Meehan. A controlled entry (buzzer system) will be installed and there will be a reception area at the entrance to greet visitors.

**Q: I have students in multiple grades, this will be inconvenient for me to drop off my children at two schools. Why can't we have bus service?**

A: We will have shuttle service from Mayfair to Meehan each day at the beginning and end of the school day. We will run the shuttle multiple times for those parents who wish to drop off their children at Mayfair instead of Meehan.

**Q: Why would you put such young children with middle school children?**

A: The current Mayfair campus has Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students so currently there are young children on the same campus with middle school students. At the Meehan campus, we will provide a dedicated space that is completely separated from the middle school program. Additionally, the Mayfair Primary Center @ Meehan will have a dedicated entrance that is secured and will have staff to greet parents as they enter the building.

## **FACILITIES CONCERNS**

**Q: The Meehan building is in bad shape. Why would you put more kids there?**

A: We will be making improvements to the Meehan campus to accommodate elementary age children. From June 13, 2018 through August 20, 2018, renovations will commence at Austin Meehan to make the space welcoming and comfortable for the Mayfair students. These renovations include the creation of a separate entrance and reception space for the Mayfair program, new energy efficient LED lighting in the classrooms and hallways, painting of all classrooms according to the District's lead paint protocol, repairs to classrooms unitvents that provide fresh air, heating and cooling, construction of new restroom facilities to accommodate younger children, installation of new window panes and sashes to allow for natural light into the classroom spaces, and repairs to classroom doors and floors as needed.

Since July 1, 2015 the School District's Maintenance Department has completed 748 work orders at the Austin Meehan building. These work orders, covering 19 trades, totaled over 2,792 man hours at a cost of \$259,292.

**Q: The FCA report stated that there was work needed to be done at Meehan within 3 years. What has been addressed from the report?**

A: The Facilities Condition Assessments that were completed in January 2016 are used as a guide to inform the School District's capital improvement program. The School District does not have the funds required to complete all the items recommended for replacement or repair- that includes the deficiencies noted at the Austin Meehan building. Because the School District has committed capital funds to build a new school, we will utilize funds in our operating budget assigned to the Maintenance Department to maintain the building and make necessary repairs until construction of the new school is completed.

**Q: Will our students have to eat in the cafeteria with the middle school students?**

A: No. There will be separate times for lunch and the students at Mayfair will have their own lunch periods.

**Q: Will we be able to tour the area of the building before school opens?**

A: Yes, we will be scheduling tours of the building prior to the opening of school. Tour dates will be posted on the Mayfair website once confirmed.

## **LONG TERM SOLUTION**

**Q: What will the grade configuration be in the new school that is being built?**

A: This decision has not been made at this time. We are currently conducting meetings with all the School Advisory Committees in the schools that will be affected to present the possibilities (K-8 or 6-8) and to hear and understand their ideas and concerns before making a final decision.

**Q: Will there be a boundary change when the new school is built?**

A: Yes, once the new school is built, boundary changes will be necessary. Once a decision is made regarding grade configuration of the new school, we will begin working on what the future boundaries for each school.