

Dear Members of the County Council,

My name is Kim Glassman and I am the Magruder High School PTSA President. This is my third year as Magruder PTSA President, which partially overlapped with four years as a Magruder Cluster Coordinator. I am submitting this testimony to implore the County Council to fund Magruder in the CIP.

As it stands right now, MCPS has absolutely no plan for Magruder. Through recommending moving Wootton to the Crown location, MCPS now has to take more time and more money to fix the Wootton facility before it can serve as a holding school for Magruder. There is no plan to do so. There is no money to do so. It's just a hope and a dream.

Magruder does not have time to wait for the BOE to decide we are a priority. It is clear after years of advocacy that MCPS is not interested in our facility. A ceiling falling during the musical is of no matter. Having the worst FCI of any high school in MCPS is not a priority. There is simply no plan for Magruder. We need the County Council to take action.

The recommendation to remove out year expenditures is no plan at all. Magruder has been waiting nearly a decade. We have been delayed twice and then removed from the CIP altogether. Our facilities have deteriorated and are beyond their useful life cycle. Magruder ranks as the **most depleted high school** according to your Facility Condition Index. We have been patient and understanding. But patience doesn't fix roofs, patch leaks, or keep the ceiling from falling during our musical.

It doesn't run the A/C during exams on 90 degree days or make the parking lot ADA compliant.

It doesn't stop water from pooling after heavy rains or prevent divots from forming on our field.

Lockers are broken, restroom renovations are long past due, camera coverage is incomplete, exterior lighting is dim and unsafe.

There is mold, ceilings bubble with water, elevators and lifts break down, and the girls' locker room is just plain gross. Sewage backs up into the locker room. The shower room cannot have running water and is just collecting mold.

These are urgent needs.

MCPS originally proposed using Crown as a holding school. That is now off the table. MCPS provided a list of reasons why moving Wootton to Crown is to the benefit of MCPS, but that presentation included no information about Magruder.

## **Why Relocate Thomas S. Wootton HS? Why not open new HS#27 (at Crown Farm)?**

- More students can walk to school
- Best use of brand new facility
- Creates a secondary holding school
- Potential to accelerate secondary capital projects, including HVAC projects
- Address facility needs of Thomas S. Wootton HS raised by community
- Fiscally responsible
- Eliminates the need to operate a 27th high school



We are tired of broken promises. We are tired of being strung along. A decade of delays is long enough. It is time for the County Council to demand equity for Magruder High School and provide funding for our capital improvement needs.

Thank you,

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Magruder HS PTSA President