



INSPIRE

Investing in Neighborhoods and Schools to Promote
Improvement, Revitalization, and Excellence



**Arundel Elementary School and
Cherry Hill Elementary-Middle School**

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Welcome

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Agenda

INSPIRE Program

Gathering (10)

Overview (10)

Breakout Session (45)

- **Values and Vision**
- **Strengths,
Weaknesses,
Opportunities**

Report Back (15)

Next Steps (5)



What is INSPIRE?

- A planning process to leverage a nearly \$1 billion investment in school modernization (21st Century Schools Initiative), enhancing the connection between the schools and surrounding neighborhoods
- A focus on physical public improvements in the 1/4 mile area around the schools
- An inclusive process to create plans with a partnership of community stakeholders including parents, students, residents, businesses, community associations, school representatives, elected officials, and the Baltimore City Department of Planning

Investing in Schools + Neighborhoods



City Schools, Maryland Stadium Authority, Baltimore City, and State will be investing nearly one billion dollars to renovate or replace schools over the next several years.

Revitalization project has 3 goals:

- Transform student opportunities and achievement
- Improve engagement and wellbeing of communities
- Help revitalize neighborhoods and communities



The Planning Department launched the INSPIRE planning program to focus on the neighborhood immediately surrounding each of the 21st Century schools.

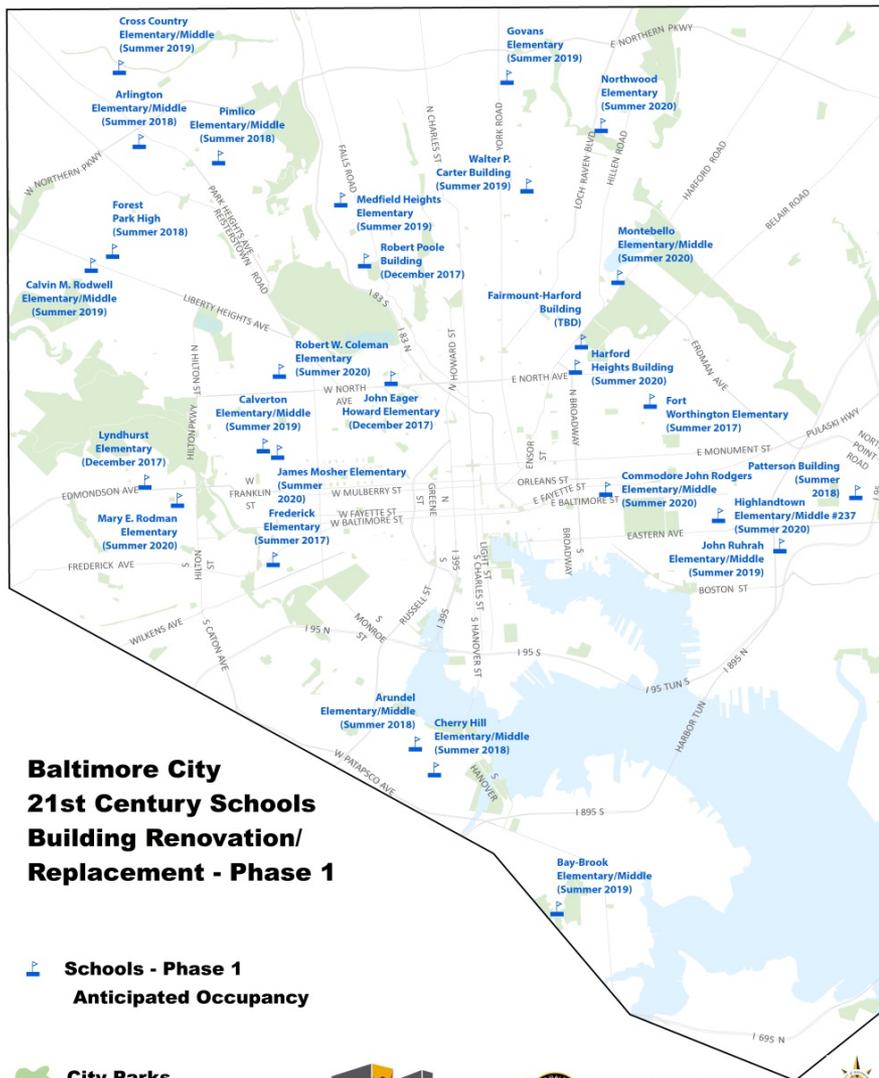
- Short-term, specific, implementable public improvements
- Community vision to guide long-term investments

21st Century + INSPIRE: Citywide Scope

Current estimates suggest the funding stream will support \$977 million in Phase I:

- 23-28 school buildings
- 14,000-17,000 students

All 21st Century Schools will have INSPIRE plans for the surrounding area



Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
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INSPIRE Guiding Principles



Stronger schools lead to stronger neighborhoods

Millions of dollars of investment in schools can trigger additional investment in the surrounding neighborhood.

Stronger neighborhoods lead to stronger schools

A safe and stable neighborhood is fundamental for providing students and families with a healthy living environment.

21st Century Activity Timeframe



Planning



Design



Construction



Occupancy

18-24 Months

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INSPIRE Process

INSPIRE Schools in Cherry Hill

Arundel Elementary School

- Anticipated occupancy: Summer 2018
- Modernization: Replacement
- Future student grades: PK-2
- Future student capacity: 636

Cherry Hill Elementary-Middle School

- Anticipated occupancy: Summer 2018
- Modernization: Renovation + addition
- Future student grades: 3-8
- Future student capacity: 932



Implementable Improvements + Vision

The plan will identify specific, implementable public improvements in areas such as transportation, housing and open space to improve the surrounding neighborhood so that it can better support the school (**Shorter Time: Ready for Opening Day**)

The plan will articulate the community's vision for guiding longer-term public and private investment. Plan will explore how opportunity sites near the school could be redeveloped by private development and community partners (**Longer Time Frame**)

So What's Happening in Cherry Hill?



NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS

- Cherry Hill Road
- Veronica Road
- Seamon Ave

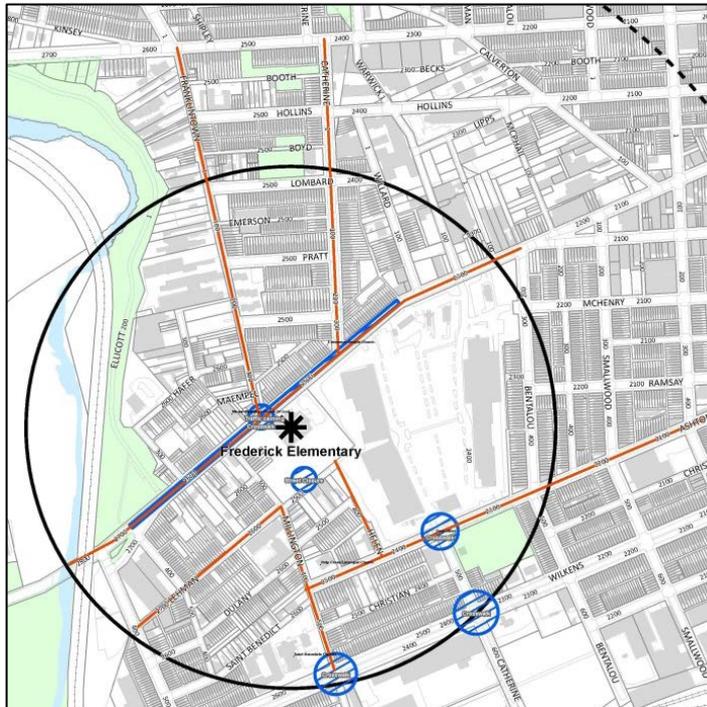
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IMPROVED CHERRY HILL TOWN CENTER



Preparing for School Opening Day

- Streets
- Sidewalks
- Code enforcement
- Tree planting/trimming
- School zone signage
- Crosswalks
- Crossing guard deployment
- Lighting
- Sanitation
- Public safety



Community Project Ideas

- Artistic lighting
- Public art
- Façade improvement
- Walking paths
- Learning gardens
- Community branding (signage, street furniture)
- Traffic calming
- Play zones



INSPIRE Planning Process

Listen: Gathering Information

Winter/Spring 2016

- INSPIRE Kick-off
- Community surveys
- Workshops
- Field study

Create: Drafting and Reviewing Recommendations

Spring/Summer 2016

- Planning staff draft recommendations
- Agency involvement
- Feedback

Deliver: Writing, Reviewing, and Executing the Plan

Summer/Fall 2016 – School Opening

- Planning staff completes plan; shares with community
- Submit to Planning Commission for adoption (target: November 2016)
- Celebration event
- Implementation

INSPIRE Steering Committee

A Steering Committee of community volunteers will guide each phase of the INSPIRE process and serve as ambassadors of the program. Here's how you can be more involved:

- **Listen**
 - Outreach
 - **Fieldwork**
 - Ambassador
- **Create**
 - Recommendations feedback; Plan feedback
 - Community-based project participation
- **Deliver**
 - Preparation for Celebration Event

Sign up if you're interested in participating!



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Your INSPIRE Process Timeline

