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**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C**  
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## **Resolution on Langdon Elementary Facilities Improvement**

**Sponsor:** Commissioner Kapur (5C07)

**Co-Sponsors:** Commissioners Thomas (5C06) and Dale (5C01)

**Whereas:**

- Langdon Elementary School, operating under District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), is located at 1900 Evarts St NE within Single-Member District 5C07 in Neighborhood Commission Area 5C
- After the 1997 closure and subsequent sale of Woodridge Elementary School<sup>1</sup> and the 2014 closure and subsequent demolition of Thurgood Marshall Elementary School<sup>2</sup>, Langdon ES is now Commission Area 5C's only traditional public elementary school facility, serving as the sole in-boundary Elementary for the vast majority of 5C households
- From 2014-2016, Langdon ES underwent a "Phase 1" modernization<sup>3</sup> focused on the building's "west wing" and subject to a limited scope of work meant for later supplementation in another phase
- In 2016, the DC Council passed the Planning Actively for Education (PACE) Facilities Amendment Act of 2016<sup>4</sup>, which prescribes a scoring formula considering multiple factors related to Facility Condition, Demand, Community Need, and Equity, to determine prioritization for *full* modernization
- Langdon ES's recent Phase 1 modernization left it deprioritized for further modernization by this scoring method
- The score rankings and other information related to near-term school modernizations are transmitted by the Mayor to the Council annually as part of the DC budget process, in the form of the PACE Annual Supplement
- The latest version of this document was issued on July 29, 2023<sup>5</sup> and lists Langdon ES with PACE Prioritization Rank 30, with a Modernization Start Year of TBD

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/local/1997/03/27/school-closings-the-list/b029eb50-ab59-4859-a98a-7b3e51da0d85/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://wjla.com/news/local/d-c-schools-closing-list-to-be-released-tuesday-report-says-82024>

<sup>3</sup> <https://dgs.dc.gov/node/846132>

<sup>4</sup> <https://code.dccouncil.gov/us/dc/council/laws/21-219>

<sup>5</sup> <https://lms.dccouncil.gov/downloads/LIMS/53392/Introduction/RC25-0065-Introduction.pdf?Id=164952>

- In October 2022, reporting by WUSA Channel 9 news widely publicized issues plaguing the Langdon ES facilities, including inconsistently functioning security cameras, HVAC systems, and lights<sup>6</sup>
- On June 28, 2023, DC Council Committee on Facilities and Family Services (Facilities Committee) organized a well-attended Langdon ES site visit<sup>7</sup> where attendees experienced firsthand the inconsistent functionality of Langdon ES's six HVAC systems of varying components, brands, and controllers, earning the school a specific callout in Chairperson Lewis George's subsequent report<sup>8</sup>
- Langdon ES's enrollment has grown considerably in the last year to accommodate approximately 100 children (including an estimated 20 new enrollees in just the past month) from families receiving temporary shelter accommodations nearby, straining, among other resources, facility space and repair bandwidth
- The Department of General Services (DGS), tasked with facilities maintenance in service to DCPS as a client agency, is plagued by inconsistent performance in the management of Work Orders and other tracking artifacts, leading to further frustration as school administration and staff seek to achieve timely repairs
- The Facilities Committee is currently considering the Work Order Integrity Amendment Act of 2023, which would require that the DGS Facilities Management division receive affirmative approval from a school-level staff member before closing a request in the Department's internal work order system
- On September 20, 2023, ANC 5B passed a *Resolution Urging DCPS to Establish a 5B Modular Site*<sup>9</sup>, advocating for the provisioning of a new modular complex in Commission Area 5B to serve as the temporary facility ("swing space") to John Burroughs ES and Bunker Hill ES, DCPS elementaries (PACE rank 8 and 18, respectively) already scheduled for construction in sequence from SY25-26 through SY28-29
- Through the resolution, ANC 5B "encourages DCPS to consider assigning the neighborhood swing space to displaced students, staff, and administrators during Langdon ES and/or Noyes ES modernizations, in the interest of being good stewards of public funds and applying the significant cost associated with a modular complex to at least six years of utilization"
- The 2023 PACE Annual Supplement lists Langdon with a Prioritization Rank of 30, while Noyes ES is not listed among the 34 highest-priority schools with a listed Prioritization Rank, making Langdon ES the more likely candidate for this scheduling

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www.wusa9.com/article/news/education/dcps-teacher-pleads-fixes-broken-hvac-systems-lights/65-4b76e189-541a-400d-8908-cb7fd277fe73>

<sup>7</sup> <https://x.com/vj5c07/status/1674253113169936385>

<sup>8</sup> <https://x.com/CMLewisGeorgeW4/status/1681757672008187906>

<sup>9</sup> [https://resolutions.anc.dc.gov/AttachmentsFiles/22/230920\\_Resolution\\_re\\_5B\\_modular\\_campus\\_FINAL\\_TM\\_20230928101754AM.pdf](https://resolutions.anc.dc.gov/AttachmentsFiles/22/230920_Resolution_re_5B_modular_campus_FINAL_TM_20230928101754AM.pdf)

- The Langdon ES Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) has extensively discussed the need to advocate for near-term modernization, and scheduling this process to align construction commencement with SY29-30, indicating planning work beginning in FY29, would allow the Langdon ES community to capitalize on a nearby swing space facility to make sure the neighborhood school remains in the neighborhood

**Therefore, be it resolved that ANC 5C:**

- **requests the Council expediently consider and pass the Work Order Integrity Amendment Act of 2023** to strengthen the process of performing and adjudicating completion of school facility repairs, with consideration to improve the bill by requiring DGS to close work orders upon affirmative approval by the school and that the public-facing DGS work order dashboard mirror the data in DGS's internal system
- **requests the Mayor, Deputy Mayor for Education (DME), DCPS, and Council prioritize Langdon ES's capital improvement needs in near-term budget cycles**, to include: replacing the outdated and degraded marquee board in front of the school, comprehensively sealing the school to curb rodent ingress and aid in custodial rodent abatement, removal of the unsafe concrete stadium seating at the Early Child Education playground, modernizing the cafeteria and auditorium spaces, setting up modular classrooms on the Langdon ES campus and/or building out unused parts of the structure to add classrooms to accommodate the surge in enrollment, and phased replacement of the HVAC systems with a priority on component brand and controller uniformity
- **requests the Mayor, DME, DCPS, and Council schedule Langdon ES's full modernization to begin planning in FY29**, so commencement of construction occurs during SY29-30, shortly after the anticipated completion of Bunker Hill ES, and that any improvements listed above not yet completed by that time be budgeted and planned for in full during that modernization cycle
- **joins ANC 5B in requesting that DCPS immediately investigate provisioning a new temporary elementary school facility within central Ward 5**, engage in active outreach on the topic with the Elementary School communities in Commission Areas 5B and 5C, and, if there are no nearby alternatives, release an RFP with sufficient time for construction of a new modular campus of the highest quality to be substantially complete in time for use during SY25-26
- **authorizes 5C07 Commissioner VJ Kapur to speak on behalf of the Commission** in advocating for matters relating to this resolution, in cooperation with the sitting Langdon ES PTO Advocacy Committee Chair

**Certification:** Adopted on **10/18/2023** by a vote of **5-0**, with four commissioners required for quorum, at a regularly scheduled and duly noticed public meeting with a quorum present.

  
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Jacqueline Manning  
Chair, ANC 5C