

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

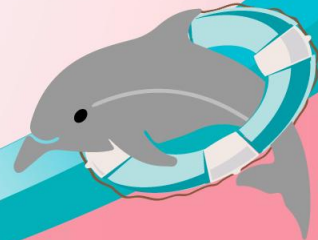
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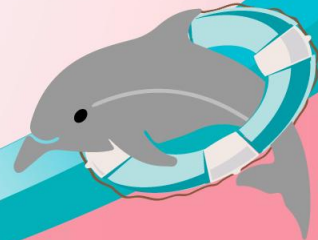
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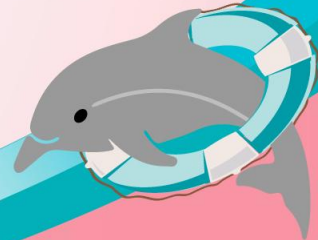


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OPENING REMARKS

Curtis Ford

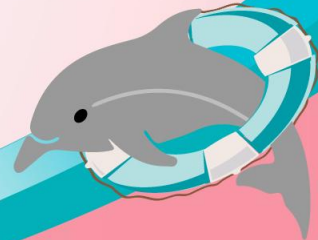
Mayor of Atlantic Beach



Save Atlantic Beach Elementary (SAVE ABE)

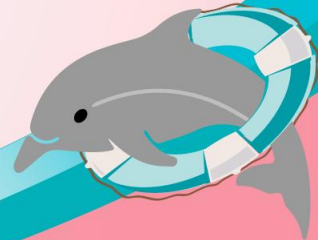
Colleen November

ABE Parent, AB Resident, Save ABE Member



TONIGHT'S AGENDA

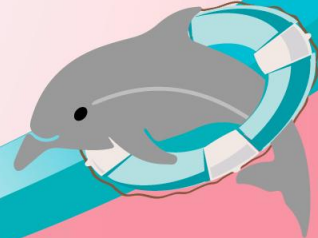
1. **Corey Wright:** DCPS Chief of Staff and Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Assessment
2. **Timeline:** Emily McCarthy
3. **Community Conversation and Call to Action:** Dr. Nancy Staats



COMMENTS

Corey Wright

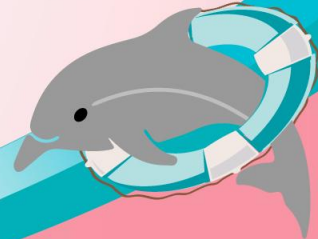
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TIMELINE

Emily McCarthy

ABE Parent, AB Resident, Save ABE Member

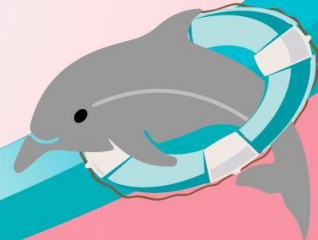


DISCLAIMER ABOUT TIMELINE

We have spent hours researching and collecting data to present as much relevant factual information possible.

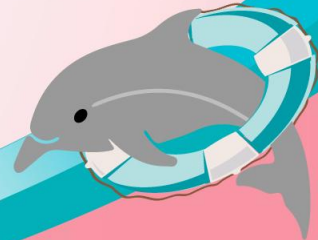
We will share a more detailed timeline with citations at SaveAtlanticBeachElementary.com

If you notice any inaccuracies, please contact us at SaveAtlanticBeachElementary@gmail.com



BRIEF HISTORY

- **July 2019: DCPS adopted a Master Facility Plan called a “Bold Plan for DCPS, Master Facility Plans Recommendations”**
 - From DCPS **“A bold plan that would allow the district to address its aging school buildings (among the oldest in the state), create safe and secure spaces for students and staff, remove most of the district’s portable classrooms, decrease excess seat capacity, and remove over \$1 billion in deferred facility maintenance over the next 15 years.”**
 - Cost of Bold Plan in 2019- **\$1.91 billion**





How a Half-Penny Benefits

Atlantic Beach Elementary

A Referendum for School Facilities and Economic Growth



The Direct Impact on the Atlantic Beach Elementary

This school greatly benefits from the referendum due to its age and large amount of needs. It includes dollars for safety, maintenance and renovation.

First and foremost, the school will use referendum dollars to improve safety and security. It means system upgrades and improvements such as new security cameras, additional fencing, and more secure entrances and exits.

Many of the maintenance items at this school have been deferred due to cutbacks from the state. With the passage of the referendum, these maintenance items can now be addressed with new funding for repairs. That means anything from playground equipment to drainage fields on school grounds. The school is eligible for roof repairs and exterior facade improvements. If the air conditioner needs repair or replacement, the funds will be there to take care of it. Some things you can't see, such as plumbing or electrical problems, will be addressed as well.

Finally, this school will receive renovation dollars based on the repair need and size of the building. This goes beyond deferred maintenance and includes items such as entire classroom rebuilds and reconfigurations to meet the needs of today's technology and style of teaching and learning.

Overall, students will have a safer, sturdier, and better functioning building in which to learn and enjoy.

School Improvements

\$6,088,046



Safety & Security Allocation

\$234,580

The safety and security allocation is calculated based on the square footage of each school site. This funding is designed to cover any site hardening such as security cameras, gates, and alert systems.



Facility Condition Improvements

\$3,507,666

The deferred maintenance allocation is calculated based on projected maintenance of each school site. This funding is designed to fix all current and projected maintenance issues over five years.



Renovations Allocation

\$2,345,800

The renovations allocation is calculated based on the square footage of each school site. This funding is designed to cover additional repairs and renovations outside of the deferred maintenance allocation such as flooring, painting, and classroom reconfigurations.

What's included in the Facility Condition Improvements?



School Grounds

Includes playgrounds, athletic fields, drainage, etc.



Roofing

Includes all roofing within the school site.



External Repairs

Includes repairs to the exterior facade of the building.



Internal Repairs

Includes repairs to the interior facade of the building.



Mechanical

Includes repairs to all mechanical systems such as AC Units.



Electrical

Includes all electrical repairs to the school site.



Plumbing

Includes all plumbing systems within the school site.



Fire Safety

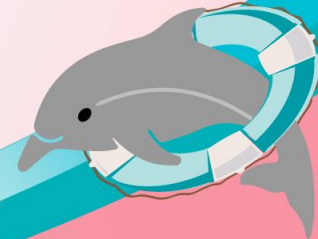
Includes the life and fire safety systems within the school site.

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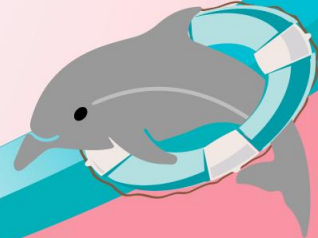
Under the 2019 MFP ABE was Slated for \$6M in Renovations



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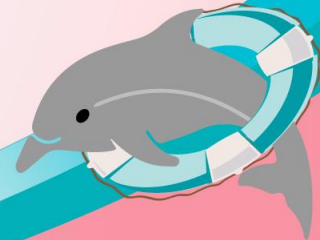
SPRING 2020: Florida House Bill 7097 passed

- **Florida HB 7097 (2020) required levied sales tax be shared with charter schools.**
 - In a December 2023 letter to the community, DCPS explained the impact of this law on our school district
 - “During the 2020 legislative session, after the MFP was already approved by the school board, state lawmakers passed a **law requiring that school districts share revenue from the half-penny sales tax with charter schools on a per-student basis.**”



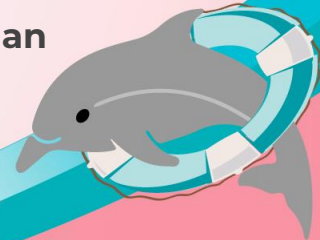
NOVEMBER 3, 2020: Half Penny Sales Tax was approved

- **November 3, 2020: Half Penny Sales Tax was approved to fund Bold Plan**
 - From DCPS “**On November 3, 2020, voters overwhelmingly approved (67%) the greatest renovation and rebuilding program in the history of public education in Duval County.** For the next 15 years, a voluntary half-penny sales tax will fund a facility plan that will accomplish the following:
 - Address more than \$1 billion in maintenance that has been deferred more than 10 years as a result of state funding cuts
 - Enable the district to “right size” and cut administrative costs
 - Improve the safety and security of every school
 - Remove most portables in schools with growing enrollments
 - Improve the learning environment for all students.”
 - From DCPS letter in December 2023: “The expected sources of revenue for the MFP would come from a 75%-25% split between revenue from the proposed half-penny sales tax and the capital outlay revenue the district regularly receives from millage rates. Once the referendum was approved by voters in 2020, district leaders moved Forward in fulfilling the plan with those funding sources.”



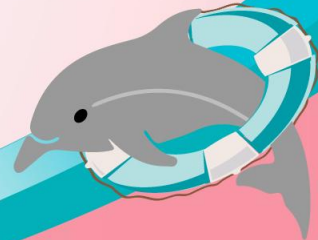
SPRING 2023: Florida House Bill 1259 Passed

- **April, 2023- HB 1259 passed (Fla. Statute Sec. 212.055)**
 - Under the bill, tax revenue collected will be allocated in proportion to the enrollment of charter schools relative to that of the districts. These funds are permitted to be used towards the procurement of land and the construction of facilities, among other expenditures.
 - Beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 school districts will be required to share a portion of 20% of accrued revenue funds, a portion of 40% in FY 24-25, a portion of 60% in FY 25-26; a portion of 80% in FY 26-27, and a portion of 100% beginning in FY 27-28.
 - **From the December 2023 DCPS letter: “As of June 2023, more than \$45 million of the district’s sales-tax revenue (just over 15%) has been reallocated to charter schools.**



SEPTEMBER 2023: Beaches Watch Meeting

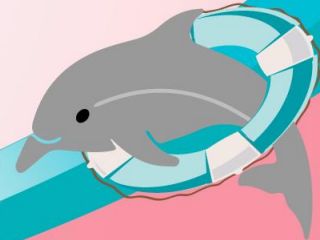
- **In September, 2023: Beach Watch Meeting- State of Our [Beach] Schools”**
 - Guest speakers Interim Superintendent Kriznar and Board Member Carney presented the “State of Our Schools,” specifically pertaining to the beach schools.
 - Dr. Kriznar discussed the master facilities plan for District 2, notably highlighting construction of the new Seabreeze Elementary that is/was slated to occur in 2026.



NOVEMBER 14, 2023: MFP Update- DCPS Board Workshop

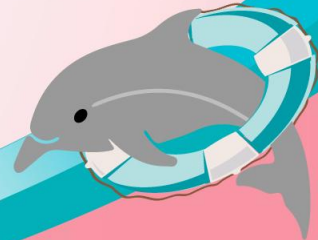
- **DCPS Board met to discuss MFP**

- DCPS staff projected the **original Bold MFP plan will now cost \$3.91 billion** to complete due to COVID-related inflation and supply-chain issues (2019 number is \$1.9 billion).
- DCPS discussed the Bold Plan and because of increased construction costs, decreased enrollment and sharing of tax revenue with charter schools **implementing the Bold Plan will result in a \$1.4 Billion deficit.**
- Recommended Action: Reduce Master Facility Plan Costs by “Right-Sizing Schools”
 - It was noted that “Elementary Schools should have optimally 800 students”
- Important numbers discussed
 - “Schools that are over 50 years old should be considered for closure”
 - Schools who have utilization less than 85% should be considered for closure
- **NOTE:** Individual schools were not discussed
- **NOTE:** ABE is over 50 years old but has utilization rate of 85%



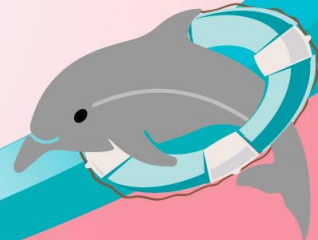
Outside Consultant was asked to draft new MFP

- **Interim Superintendent Dr. Dana Kriznar asked outside company to draft a plan to meet recommendations from November 14, 2023 DCPS Board Workshop**
 - At the April 2, 2024 DCPS School Board Meeting- Dr. Kriznar explained she hired the outside consultant to look at the district as a whole and help come up with a plan to mitigate the \$1.4 Billion deficit. She was “shocked’ to see the number of schools suggested to be closed and consolidated.
 - From April 2 DCPS letter:
 - “the consultants were asked to look holistically at the district, considering each school’s enrollment, feeder patterns, enrollment trends, forecasts for new births, county growth, development, and other variables.”



FEBRUARY 13, 2024: First Draft of Revised MFP

- **February 13, 2024: First Draft of Revised Master Facility Plan was presented and discussed by DCPS Board**
 - From April 2 DCPS letter “These consultants presented a first draft to begin School Board discussions in February.”
 - **3 “Enhanced Boundary Scenarios” were presented at this workshop**
 - The following 2 slides are taken from the February DCPS workshop



Fletcher (Current)

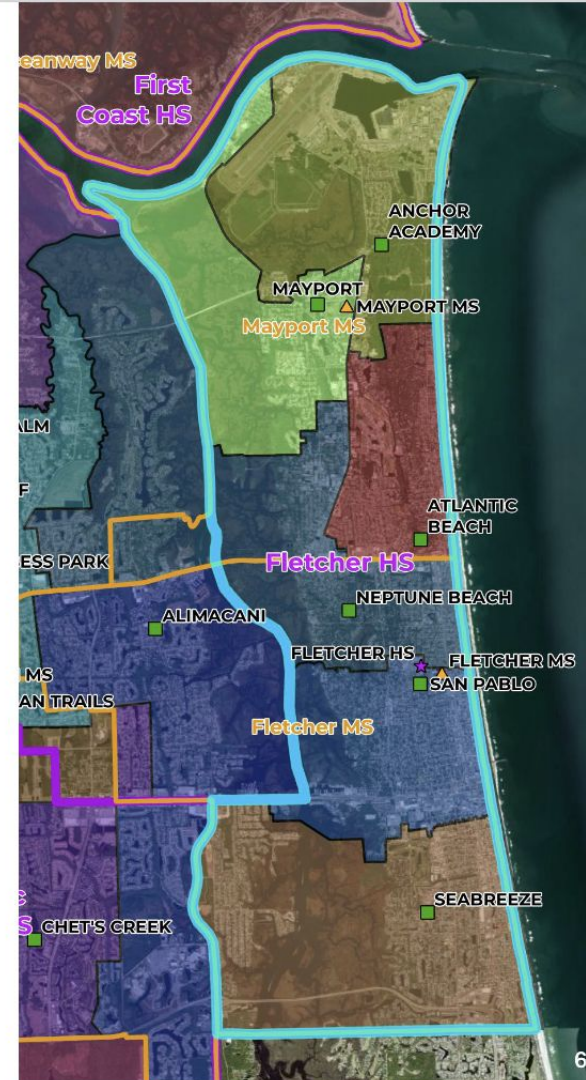
Level	Students
ES	2,415
MS	1,110
HS	1,765

Comments

- 6 elementary schools is too many for 2,400 students within the boundary
- Neptune Beach, Seabreeze, Mayport MS, and Fletcher all pull students from West of the intercoastal... This used to help reduce over-utilization in the Sandalwood feeder schools, but that is no longer necessary.

Current Feeder Schools

- Middle
 - Fletcher, Mayport
- Elementary
 - Anchor Academy, Mayport, Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach, San Pablo, Seabreeze



FEBRUARY 13, 2024 MFP Scenarios

Fletcher (Proposed)

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Scenario: Mayport K-8 / Fletcher MS

- Close Anchor, Mayport ES, San Pablo
- Rebuild Mayport MS as a K-8 -> Fletcher HS
- Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach, Seabreeze feed to Fletcher MS -> Fletcher HS

Alternate 1: Three K-8s

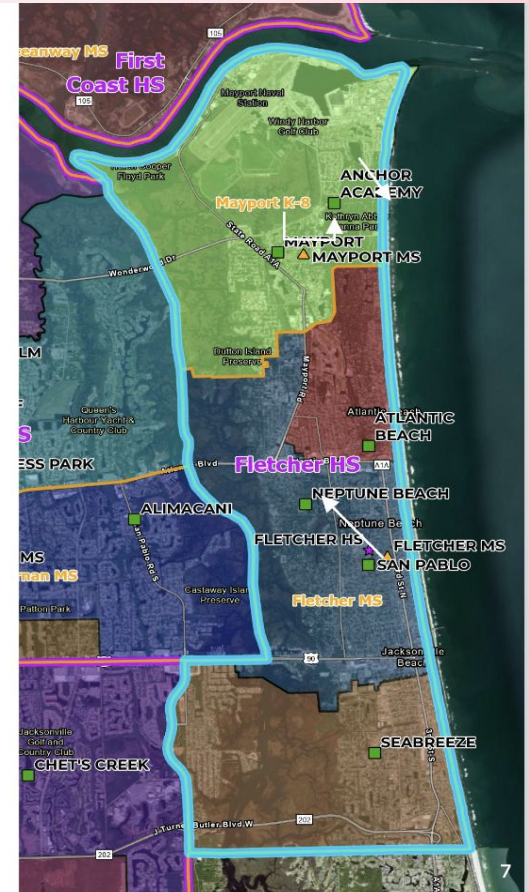
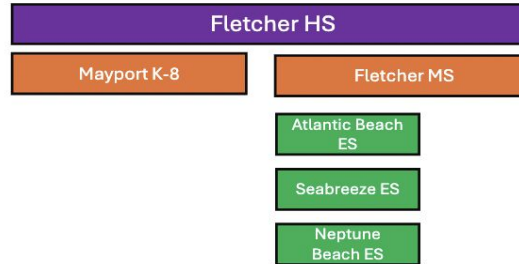
- Close Anchor, Mayport ES, San Pablo, Atlantic Beach
- Rebuild Mayport MS as a K-8 -> Fletcher HS
- Rebuild Seabreeze as a K-8 -> Fletcher HS
- (Pick between Neptune Beach and Fletcher MS to be the 3rd K-8 -> Fletcher HS

Alternate 2: ES – MS – HS

- Close Anchor, Mayport ES, San Pablo
- Rebuild Mayport MS as a 900 student ES
- All students feed to Fletcher MS -> Fletcher HS
- Atlantic Beach ES would have 334 students and needs to be in the consolidation discussion with Mayport

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Proposed Feeder



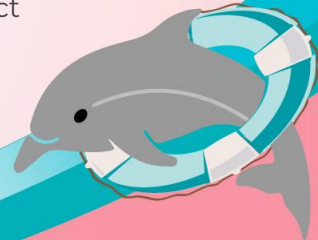
MARCH 11, 2024: 2nd Master Facility Plan was presented at DCPS Workshop

- **March 11, 2024: 2nd revised Master Facility Plan was presented to the DCPS Board**

- ** This the current plan as of April 2024*
- From April 2 DCPS letter: “Initial discussions among the board members led to a second draft presented over a six-hour meeting on March 11. In their proposed changes to the MFP, these consultants did more than just examine school consolidations. They also proposed new, geographically sensible, cohesive boundaries that ensure students from each elementary school feed into the same middle school, and students from each middle school feed into the same high school.

Many of the district's current boundaries are disjointed, and in some cases disconnected, often lacking meaningful, strategic feeder patterns. Opportunities to build cohesive academic and career pathways along with strong school-family communities are immediately visible in the consultants' draft. As always, the district will remain a full-choice district for families looking for additional options.”

- The DCPS board spent 6 hours discussing this district wide plan.
- **2 plans were presented** - Both plans include closure of ABE



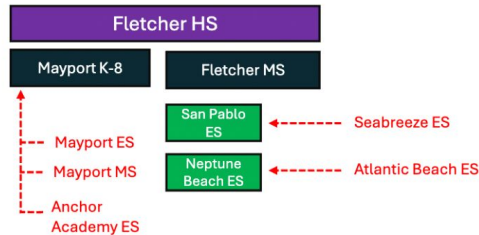
PROPOSED PLAN 1: Close ABE & Consolidate into NBE

Fletcher High School

Proposed Feeder Pattern

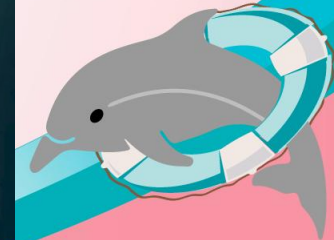
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Proposed Feeder



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- Close Anchor, Mayport ES, San Pablo, Atlantic Beach
- Convert Mayport MS as a K-8 -> Fletcher HS
- Build new ES at San Pablo site instead of Seabreeze site
- Neptune Beach, San Pablo feed to Fletcher MS -> Fletcher HS

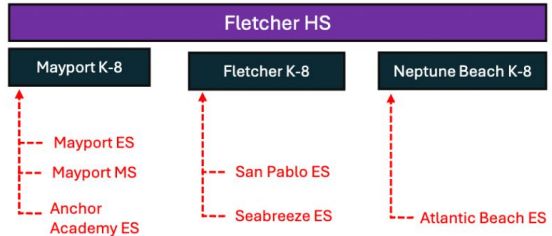


ALTERNATE PLAN 2

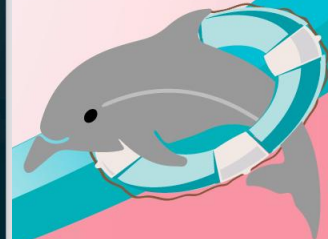
3 K-8s: ABE into NBE K-8

Alternate 2

Fletcher



- Three K-8s at Fletcher
- Close Anchor, Mayport ES, San Pablo, Atlantic Beach, Convert Mayport MS as a K-8 -> Fletcher HS
- Close Atlantic Beach, Convert Neptune Beach to a K-8
- Close Seabreeze and San Pablo, Convert Fletcher MS to a K-8



NOTES ON K-8 Plan

- According to the March 11 MFP, the K-8 plan was created from “feedback from DCPS board members”
- District 2 Board Member Carney said the community was in favor of K-8 model
- Seabreeze Survey: In January, 2024- Seabreeze zoned residents were surveyed about potential of K-8 at Seabreeze site
- Sports Issue: Traditionally when new K-8s are built they do NOT include sports facilities- so if NBE becomes a K-8 there no plans for onsite middle school sports- students would have to go to Fletcher K-8 or Mayport K-8 for sports



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To: Duval County Public School... >

Reply To: Duval County Public S... >

Your input needed: K-8 for Seabreeze? Please take survey.

Dear Seabreeze Elementary School families,

Thanks to passage of the half-penny voluntary surtax in 2020, Duval County Public Schools is preparing to build a new school for students in the Seabreeze Elementary School attendance area in the near future.

Seabreeze is currently a traditional elementary school serving students in kindergarten through fifth grade (K-5).

We are exploring the feasibility of designing the new facility for students in kindergarten through eighth grade (K-8).

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Your input on this topic is important to us. Please click on the link below and complete the brief survey. As you consider your answers, understand that a new K-8 would have normal physical education programs for those grade levels but would not offer middle school after-school athletic programs.

The final day to complete the survey is Tuesday, Jan. 16.

Thank you for taking just a couple minutes to share your thoughts.

[Seabreeze Survey](#)

APRIL 1-2, 2024: Widespread Community Knowledge



EDUCATION

Facing higher costs, more open seats, Duval schools weigh new closings. Which ones will go?

Steve Patterson
Jacksonville Florida Times-Union
Published 5:20 a.m. ET April 2, 2024 | Updated 11:54 a.m. ET April 2, 2024

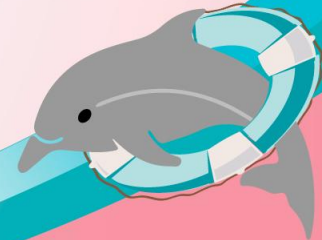


In this 2017 photo, children line up in a crosswalk to reach Atlantic Beach Elementary. The school is one of dozens that Duval County school officials have weighed closing as they struggled this spring to manage ballooning costs for school facilities. *Bob Mack/Florida Times-Union*

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April 2, 2024 DCPS Regular School Board Meeting


The School Board said this was **just a plan** and there has been no board action or vote. DCPS provided this timeline:

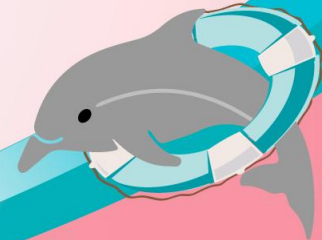
Mastery Facility Plan Retreat

Overview

**EVERY STUDENT.
EVERY DAY.**

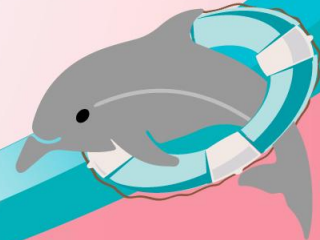
- March 13th - Master Facility Plan Retreat
- March 13th- 27th - Post Retreat: Individual Board Member Meetings
- March 26th - Principal Meeting: School Leader Feedback Process
March 27th - Discuss Policy Related to Attendance Boundaries
- March 26th- April 9th - School Principal Feedback
- April 2nd - Communication Updates to Community
- April 16th - Board Workshop: Retreat Follow-up Items and Discuss Potential Timeline to Board





IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **April 16, 2024 at 9am: MFP School Board Workshop: Develop Timeline and Action Plan**
 - From April 2 DCPS letter: “The next step – the district will provide the School Board with a timeline and process for conducting this dialog in the community, so that Team Duval can move collaboratively to the best decisions for students, schools, and the community.”
 - Location of meeting: Administration Building at 1701 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32207; Conference Room 613 (6th Floor)



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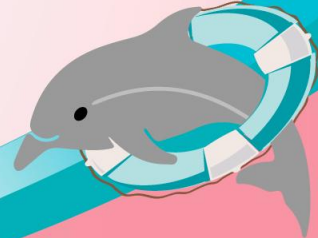
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CALL TO ACTION

Communicate:

- Ask DCPS Board to vote to REMOVE ABE from any consideration of closure immediately
- Call and email ALL 7 DCSP Board Members (each has a vote and we need 4 votes)
DCPS Board Member's phone numbers, emails, and an email template is located at SaveAtlanticBeachElementary.com
- Frequency is critical - Send emails tonight! Send daily! Make it Personal!

Stay Informed:

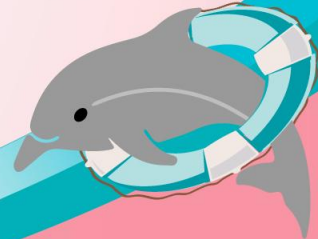
- Follow and save S.O.S Save ABE Facebook page for updates and future events
- Attend April 16th Board Workshop (will have sign up list for shifts)
- Attend May 7th DCPS Board Meeting

Spread the information:

- Ask your neighbors to also email and call ALL 7 DCPS Board Members

Donate to help cover costs

- Cash or Go Fund Me at SaveAtlanticBeachElementary.com



Send an Email NOW



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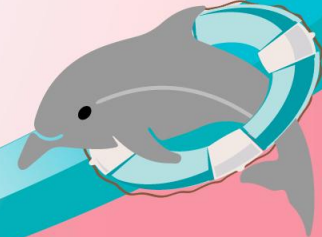
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Thank you for coming!

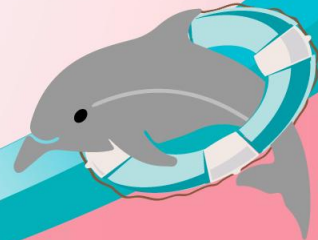
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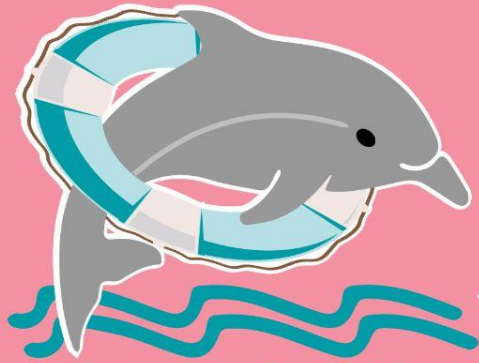
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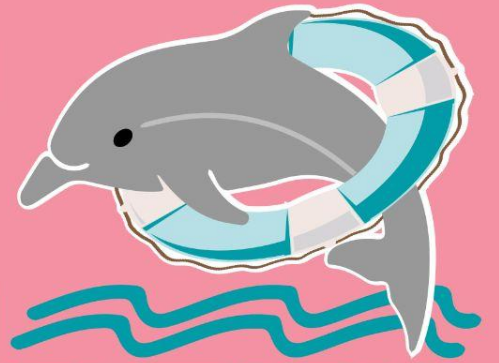
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