

DHHS Red Devil Task Force
Update Meeting

April 20, 2022



Tonight's Agenda



1. Review of Our Current Situation

2. Events since last Task Force Meeting March 14
 - Community Advocacy: **THANK YOU EVERYONE!!**
 - Clifton Community Engagement
 - Board Member Tours of DHHS
 - Sewage Flooding Incident March 30 and Superintendent's Response
 - Student Video Goes Viral
 - Media Support
 - Superintendent's Response to Media
 - Board Meeting Discussion & Vote April 18

3. Path Forward...What You Can Do To Help

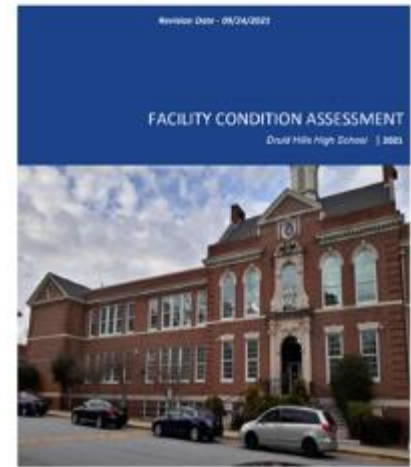
A Reminder of The Facts...



Druid Hills High School ...

- A **90+ year old campus** composed of 7 buildings from various eras, the oldest educational facilities still in use in the DeKalb County School District (DCSD) system.
- This Frankensteined together approach has created a campus with multiple **space, security, health and safety issues** that have been ignored over the years.
- The DHHS campus requires a **Renovation** and **Modernization** to bring us to a standard of what DCSD has provided their other district high schools.
- DCSD commissioned \$2MM to Perkins & Will, the global architecture & design firm, to conduct an analysis of DCSD facilities and create a **10-year Comprehensive Master Plan**. Perkins & Will placed a **DHHS Remodel & Modernization estimated at \$52MM - \$60MM** among the priority list of projects. The minimum repair budget of \$6.8MM is not acceptable.
- On Feb. 25, **DCSD Board voted 4 to 2 to remove DHHS from a facility priority list** submitted to the State; **DHHS was THE ONLY project recommended to be removed by the Board.**
- On April 18, **DCSD Board voted 5 to 2 against modernizing DHHS** and instead approved a new plan to fund Priority 1, 2 and 3 issues for 100+ schools

DRUID HILLS HIGHS SCHOOL FCA SCORE = **69.82%**



<https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/applications/operations/CMP/FCA/druid-hills-hs.pdf>

27 page report on file highlighting deficiencies and cost to repair or replace

Summary of Findings

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B: 5021
22,018 Sq.Ft.
Year: 1953

FCA Score
57.92

B: 5020
17,121 Sq.Ft.
Year: 1950

FCA Score
54.46

B: 5040
31,140 Sq.Ft.
Year: 2010

FCA Score
88.95

B: 5030
11,760 Sq.Ft.
Year: 1961

FCA Score
56.66

B: 5010
61,305 Sq.Ft.
Year: 1927

FCA Score
74.07

B: 5011
27,604 Sq.Ft.
Year: 1965

FCA Score
64.00

DEKALB COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FCA & ESA SCORES



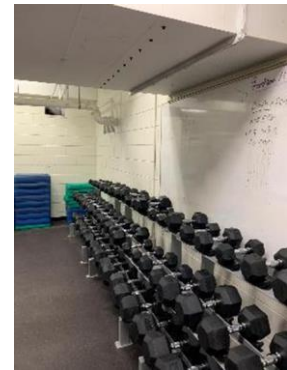
	Facility Condition	Educational Suitability	Avg Score	Board Member	Region
Arabia Mountain HS	96.4	73.6	85.0	Turner	5
Chamblee HS	91.2	73.3	82.3	Hill	1
Miller Grove HS	86.7	71.5	79.1	Turner	5
Tucker HS	87.5	69.8	78.7	Gervertz	4
Redan HS	86.0	71.1	78.6	Morley	7
Towers HS	83.2	70.8	77.0	Pierce	3
Cedar Grove HS	88.5	62.4	75.5	Pierce	3
Dunwoody HS	82.6	64.6	73.6	Hill	1
Southwest DeKalb HS	85.3	61.8	73.6	Turner	5
MLK HS	65.75	80.3	73.0	Turner	5
Stone Mountain HS	75.5	67.2	71.4	DaCosta	6
Stephenson HS	74.7	67.7	71.2	DaCosta	6
McNair HS	75.8	65.4	70.6	Pierce	3
Lakeside HS	79.2	61.0	70.1	Gervertz	4
Cross Keys HS	83.9	55.4	69.7	Orson	2
Lithonia HS	77.9	60.2	69.1	Morley	7
Clarkston HS	65.2	72.4	68.8	Morley	7
Columbia HS	67.9	59.6	63.8	Pierce	3
Druid Hills HS	69.8	57.6	63.7	Orson	2

A Lot Has Happened Since Our March 14th Task Force Kick Off

MARCH 28

BOARD TOUR OF DHHS

- *Principal Mark Joyner*
 - *DHHS PAC Chair Tamara Shipley*
 - **Anna Hill** **District 1**
 - **Marshall Orson** **District 2**
 - **Allyson Gevertz** **District 4**
 - **Vickie Turner** **District 7**
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- **Deirdre Pierce** **District 2** (previous tour with Marshall Orson)
 - **Diijon DaCosta** **District 6** unannounced visit, March 30, left before the sewage flooding
 - **Dr Joyce Morley** **District 7** no visit to date



March 30 Sewage Back-Up and Flooding in Main Building



- Wednesday, March 30 afternoon, 1920's Main Building lower floor hallway began flooding with sewage
- This disrupted all classes on the floor and students were relocated to cafeteria
- All toilets were shut off in the Main Building, even though classes were allowed to continue on all other floors for the rest of afternoon
- **During this time, students and staff had NO ACCESS TO A RESTROOM**
- DHHS Custodial team cleaned up the mess into Wednesday night
- Human waste smell in the building followed by bleach and cleaning smell the following day
- Ground Floor classes were disrupted for 3 days



April 1 Superintendent's Letter Response to Parents



- “Unsettling for everyone”
- “At this point, preliminary findings suggest wipes and other non-flushable items may have clogged the sewer line which caused the sewage to back up from the floor drain”
- Custodial staff worked into Wednesday night to “mostly neutralize the foul odor”
- Classrooms and bathrooms on lower level remain closed out of an abundance of caution
- **“We remain committed that all of our scholars are in a positive learning environment”**
- Classes resumed on lower Floor April 11

The logo for DeKalb County School District, featuring a stylized figure with arms raised in blue and orange, with the text 'DeKalb County SCHOOL DISTRICT' below it.

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April 1, 2022

Druid Hills High School Families, Students, Staff, and Community Partners:

Without question, Wednesday's flooding on the lower level of Druid Hills High School was very unsettling for everyone within the Druid Hills family and around our district. At this point, preliminary findings suggest wipes and other non-flushable items may have clogged the sewer line, which caused the sewage to back up from the floor drain.

I commend the school's excellent custodial staff and district operations personnel for their professionalism in promptly cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing all affected areas. Crews even worked until late Wednesday night to mostly neutralize the foul odors.

Principal Mark Joyner announced Thursday that classes and bathrooms on the lower level will remain closed until after Spring Break out of an abundance of caution.

Many parents, staff, and concerned community partners have contacted me regarding this flooding. The district has well-established, industry-standard procedures to deal with events like this, and these protocols were followed in this instance.

We remain committed to ensuring that all our scholars are in a positive learning environment. Thank you for your understanding and support of Druid Hills High School and the DeKalb County School District.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Spring Break!

Sincerely,
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Cheryl Watson-Harris'.
Cheryl Watson-Harris
Superintendent, DeKalb County Schools

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April 11 Release of DHHS Students Video On Conditions at School Go Viral

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vf5tdZBmIXE>

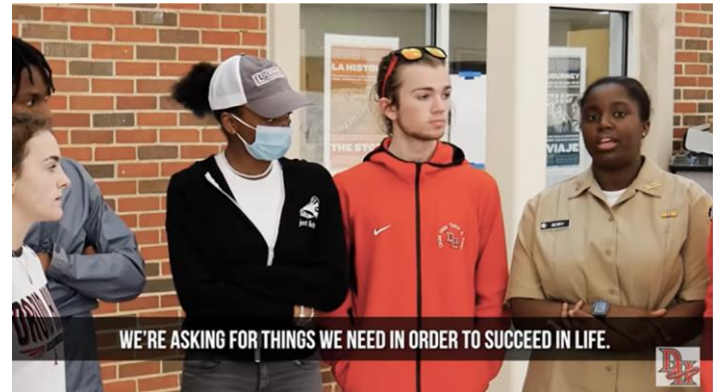
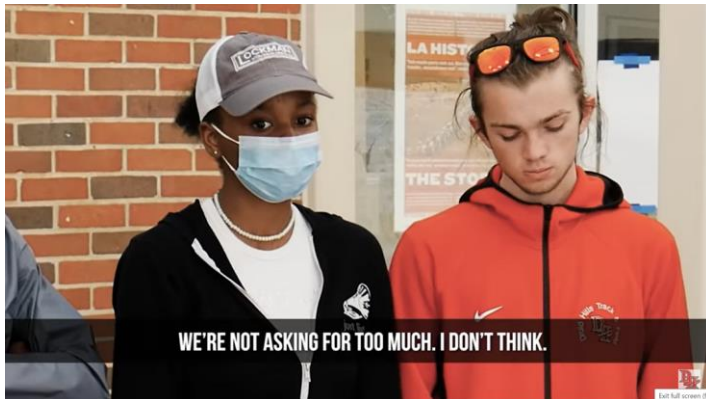
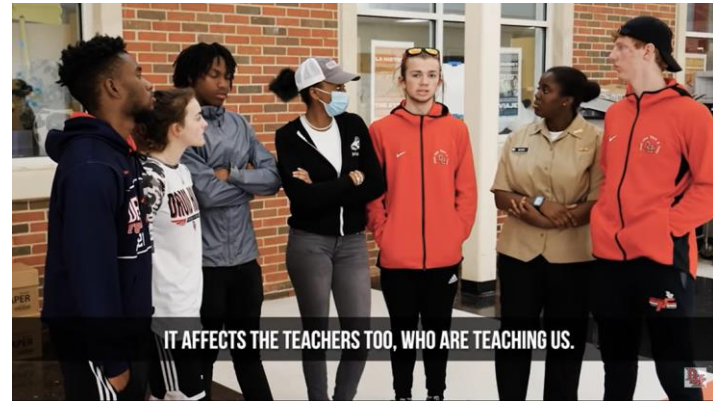
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Gigi C 7 hours ago

I truly commend the students for taking actions when the school board failed the seen better conditions and care for students, as well as staff, in 3rd world count Get it together Dekalb, this is deplorable!

👍 🗨️ REPLY



AD_med 3 days ago

Thank you for making this. I graduated from DHHS in 2013 and I remember being afraid to use the bathroom and walking around floods in the hallway every time it rained. We had a gravel parking lot with a one-way entrance that was extremely dangerous. I thought all this was normal because I didn't feel like I could do anything about it. I later learned that NO ONE else in my college or med school had to deal with issues of this level in high school. I will be sharing this widely. We need a public health intervention.

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👍 33 🗨️ REPLY



Jennyphor Foxworth 2 days ago

Perhaps the County School Board Administration and should have their offices moved to this building where they must use these unsanitary and unsafe facilities. Bet things would get done then.

This is DANGEROUS, FILTHY, AND DISGUSTING!

👍 2 🗨️ REPLY



Jennell Embry 4 days ago

There is NO excuse for this! DeKalb County Schools should be ashamed!!

👍 5 🗨️ REPLY



ToNYD2WiLD ✓ 2 days ago

This is sad, these issues were there when I went years ago but it is so much worse now. I don't know if I am looking at a school or a jail. As one of the best schools in Dekalb county this needs to be fixed immediately

👍 18 🗨️ REPLY



Cami D 1 day ago

Wait a minute!! So, if this is the school that the board removed from its list in February, what are the conditions like in the schools that remained on that list???

👍 4 🗨️ REPLY

DHHS Student Video Caught The Attention of the Metro Atlanta Media



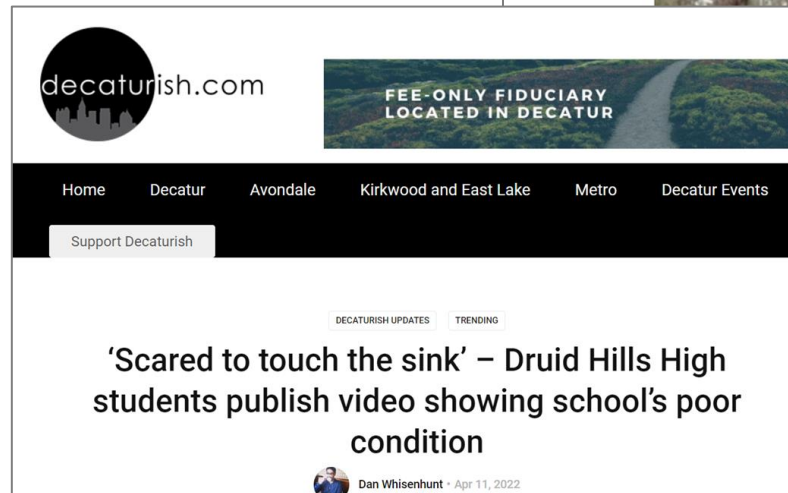
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Maureen Downey
"Get Schooled"



Bill Torpy
"Torpy At Large"



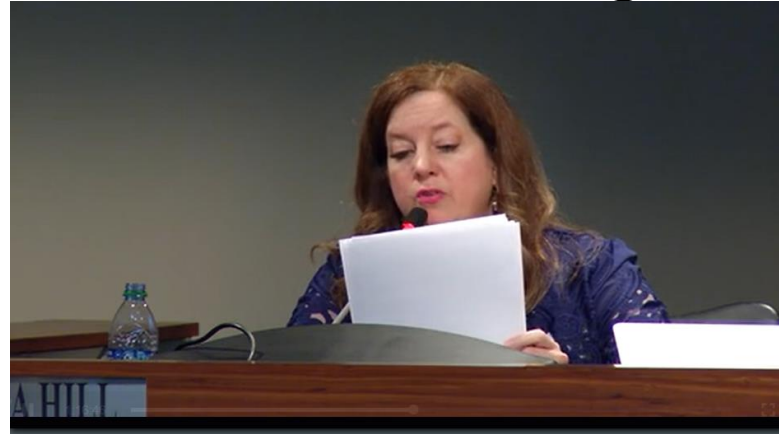
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April 13 Superintendent Letter Response to Parents About the Video

- “the release of a video earlier this week from Druid Hills High School students showed many areas of concern throughout the building that we have long known about and have been working to address in meaningful ways”
- “At its regular meeting April 18, Board members will consider a resolution to modernize Druid Hills High School as part of the E-SPLOST VI project plan”
- “...this process will guide our next steps in moving forward with renovations at the school including addressing any immediate needs. Renovation plans have been in the works for many months.”
- “DCSD and the Board of Education remain fully committed to ensuring all scholars are in positive learning environments”



And Then Came The April 18 Board Meeting...



<https://view.earthchannel.com/PlayerController.aspx?&PGD=dekalbschga&eID=858>

Modernizing Druid Hills High School Unexpectedly Transitioned to ***“Funding Priority 1, Priority 2, Priority 3 at ALL SCHOOLS”***

- **District 1 Board Member Anna Hill** read a prepared speech announcing her alternative to Modernizing DHHS by funding all of the Priority 1, 2, 3 listed issues at every school; Hill laid out her plan which will “help DHHS and every school” by focusing only on the Priority 1, 2, 3 issues reported in each school’s facility report (FCA)
- **District 5 Board Chair Vickie Turner** immediately endorsed the plan followed by **District 7 Joyce Morley** saying it was a “drop the mic moment, Hill solved it all”
- **District 4 Allyson Gevertz** said this was basically throwing away the recommendations they spent \$2MM in favor of a plan that she had not seen before; suggested Board should take time to review it including the cost; ***Gevertz was ignored***
- **District 2 Marshall Orson** pushed back strongly; He was also ignored & Board went immediately to a vote
- **Only Gevertz and Orson voted No.** All other Board members voted yes, 5 to 7 to NOT modernize DHHS (the original agenda item they were supposed to be voting on) and instead voted yes to a just revealed new plan hatched by Anna Hill. It appears other Board members were also aware of this new plan prior to the meeting except at least the two Board members who had voted in favor of DHHS modernization the first time.
- Superintendent Watson-Harris and staff were clearly caught off guard and asked for time to digest the news and prepare costs and implications.

Anna Hill's alternative plan would downscale Druid Hills HS to \$3,590 funding in Priority One projects to fix Fire & Safety issues. Specifically, Emergency Exit light replacement.



Facility Condition Assessment

DeKalb County SD - Druid Hills High School

The following table summarizes this site's current deficiencies by building system and priority.

Table 2: System by Priority (Site & Permanent Buildings)

System	Priority					Total	% of Total
	1	2	3	4	5		
Site	\$0	\$0	\$379	\$52,797	\$0	\$53,176	0.83 %
Roofing	\$0	\$1,553,337	\$13,623	\$131	\$0	\$1,567,091	24.48 %
Structural	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00 %
Exterior	\$0	\$245,756	\$11,992	\$4,033	\$0	\$261,780	4.09 %
Interior	\$0	\$0	\$136,340	\$357,966	\$338,762	\$833,068	13.01 %
Mechanical	\$0	\$1,147,763	\$278,172	\$433,472	\$0	\$1,859,408	29.04 %
Electrical	\$0	\$89,246	\$651,122	\$0	\$0	\$740,368	11.56 %
Plumbing	\$0	\$0	\$1,053,688	\$0	\$0	\$1,053,688	16.46 %
Fire and Life Safety	\$3,590	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,590	0.06 %
Conveyances	\$0	\$0	\$26,581	\$0	\$0	\$26,581	0.42 %
Specialties	\$0	\$0	\$3,727	\$0	\$0	\$3,727	0.06 %
Total:	\$3,590	\$3,036,102	\$2,175,622	\$848,399	\$338,762	\$6,402,475	

The building systems at the site with the most need include:

Mechanical	-	\$1,859,408
Roofing	-	\$1,567,091
Plumbing	-	\$1,053,688

Anna Hill's alternative plan provides \$1.14MM in Priority One Funding to fix Dunwoody HS Fire & Safety Issues



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Site	\$0	\$4,010	\$5,899	\$0	\$2,001	\$11,910	0.33 %
Roofing	\$0	\$9,721	\$4,766	\$0	\$0	\$14,487	0.40 %
Structural	\$139,454	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$139,454	3.84 %
Exterior	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00 %
Interior	\$0	\$0	\$36,347	\$89,615	\$1,360	\$127,322	3.51 %
Mechanical	\$0	\$51,114	\$0	\$453,536	\$29,134	\$533,784	14.71 %
Electrical	\$0	\$135,958	\$1,423,936	\$14,110	\$0	\$1,574,004	43.39 %
Plumbing	\$0	\$2,523	\$48,630	\$12,341	\$0	\$63,494	1.75 %
Fire and Life Safety	\$1,140,709	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,140,709	31.44 %
Conveyances	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00 %
Specialties	\$0	\$0	\$3,026	\$19,740	\$0	\$22,766	0.63 %
Total:	\$1,280,162	\$203,327	\$1,522,604	\$589,342	\$32,495	\$3,627,930	

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Electrical	-	\$1,574,004
Fire and Life Safety	-	\$1,140,709
Mechanical	-	\$533,784



**District 1 Board Member
Anna Hill represents
Dunwoody HS & Chamblee HS**

The Dunwoody High School facility has a FCA score of 82.59% which is considered "Average".

Summary of Findings

The table below summarizes the condition findings at Dunwoody High School.

Table 1: Facility Condition by Building

Number	Building Name	Current Deficiencies	5-Year Life Cycle Cost	Yrs 6-10 Life Cycle Cost	Total 5 Yr Need (Yr 1-5 + Current Defs)	Total 10 Yr Need (Yr 1-10 + Current Defs)	Replacement Cost	FCA Score
Exterior Site								
	Exterior Site	\$6,011	\$212,162	\$1,281,796	\$218,173	\$1,499,969		
Permanent Building(s)								
5010	Building 5010	\$610,204	\$3,907,221	\$4,507,606	\$4,517,425	\$9,025,030	\$25,004,970	81.93%
5011	Building 5011	\$843,904	\$1,012,812	\$4,370,882	\$1,856,715	\$6,227,598	\$9,709,698	80.88%
5012	Building 5012	\$1,837,260	\$2,818,656	\$14,421,276	\$4,655,915	\$19,077,191	\$26,270,370	82.28%
5013	Building 5013	\$330,551	\$1,211,763	\$2,800,220	\$1,542,313	\$4,342,534	\$12,475,750	87.64%
Sub Total for Permanent Building(s):		\$3,621,918	\$8,950,451	\$26,099,984	\$12,572,369	\$38,672,353	\$73,460,782	
Total for Site:		\$3,627,930	\$9,162,613	\$27,381,780	\$12,790,542	\$40,172,322	\$73,460,782	82.59%



DUNWOODY

The Druid Hills High School facility has a FCA score of 69.82% which is considered "Poor".

Summary of Findings

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	Exterior Site	\$52,797	\$0	\$229,423	\$52,797	\$282,220		
Permanent Building(s)								
5010	Building 5010	\$1,644,473	\$4,022,527	\$4,132,802	\$5,667,000	\$9,799,802	\$21,852,170	74.07%
5011	Building 5011	\$630,446	\$2,912,055	\$2,307,377	\$3,542,501	\$5,849,878	\$9,839,446	64.00%
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**DRUID HILLS
HIGH SCHOOL**



District 1 Board Member
Anna Hill

The Chamblee High School facility has a FCA score of 91.20% which is considered "Good".

Summary of Findings

The table below summarizes the condition findings at Chamblee High School.

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Number	Building Name	Current Deficiencies	5-Year Life Cycle Cost	Yrs 6-10 Life Cycle Cost	Total 5 Yr Need (Yr 1-5 + Current Defs)	Total 10 Yr Need (Yr 1-10 + Current Defs)	Replacement Cost	FCA Score
Exterior Site								
	Exterior Site	\$82,192	\$0	\$0	\$82,192	\$82,192		
Permanent Building(s)								
5010	Building 5010	\$793,600	\$7,916,780	\$7,119,405	\$8,710,380	\$15,829,785	\$99,627,780	91.26%
5020	Building 5020	\$0	\$10,262	\$0	\$10,262	\$10,262	\$99,806	89.72%
5030	Building 5030	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$71,290	100.00%
5040	Building 5040	\$147	\$0	\$0	\$147	\$147	\$71,290	99.79%
5050	Building 5050	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$71,290	100.00%
5060	Building 5060	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$71,290	100.00%
Sub Total for Permanent Building(s):		\$793,747	\$7,927,042	\$7,119,405	\$8,720,789	\$15,840,194	\$100,012,742	
Total for Site:		\$875,939	\$7,927,042	\$7,119,405	\$8,802,981	\$15,922,386	\$100,012,742	91.20%



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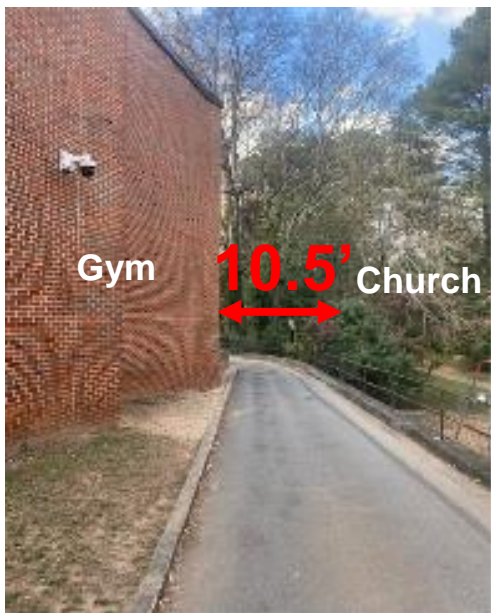
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Meanwhile, NO FIRE TRUCK OR EMERGENCY VEHICLE can access the entire back of the DHHS campus



- DHHS has a 10.5 foot wide single lane road to the back of our Campus leading to a 90 degree turn.
- There Is NO ACCESS to the back of our Campus for Emergency Vehicles!
- This safety Fire & Safety concern was not identified in Perkins & Will FCA report; only the need to fix Emergency Exit lights for \$3K at DHHS



Single Lane Entry to Back Campus Area



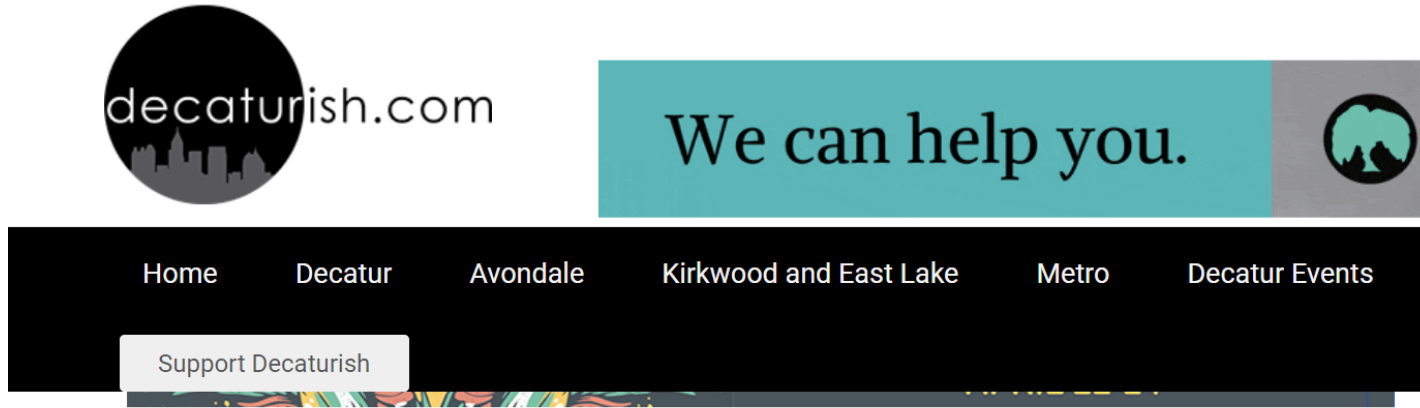
Exit from Back Campus Area
Classified - Confidential



Reported to DeKalb County Fire Marshal & confirming an Inspection occurred on 4/19



Also on 4/19, Georgia Dept. of Education Sent a Facility Team to DHHS to Tour Facility with DeKalb Officials, Marshall Orson and Principal Mark Joyner




Now, the Department of Education is confirming the concerns raised in the video prompted the facility team's upcoming visit.

"We do not have inspectors, or statutory authority to cite or fine school districts over facilities," state DOE spokesperson Meghan Frick said. "The issues were brought to our attention and our facilities team has been in touch with DeKalb to schedule a tour of the facility. They will then meet with the DeKalb County facilities team and other district leaders to allow them an opportunity to share their immediate and long-term plans to address concerns if any are noted. We will continue to follow up and stay in touch with their staff as needed."

Today's latest developments...Some Student's & DHHS PTO social media posts have been blocked for 24 hours





 **You can't post or comment for 24 hours**

This is because you previously posted something that didn't follow our Community Standards. You also won't be able to go live or advertise for 30 days.


This post goes against our standards on human exploitation, so only you and the admins of Druid Hills High School Alumni Group can see it.

Repeatedly violating our Community Standards can cause further account restrictions.


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 **Druid Hills High School PTO** » **Druid Hills High School Alumni Group**
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Statement from the Red Devil Task Force:
We are profoundly disappointed in the DeKalb County School Board's decision at Monday, April 18's Board Meeting to NOT follow their professional contractor's... [More](#)




A poster with a dark background and a building image. The text 'RED DEVIL TASK FORCE MEETING TONIGHT' is written in large, bold, red capital letters. There is a small circular icon in the bottom right corner of the poster.


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
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Our standards on human exploitation

We don't allow people to exploit others for a profit.

We define human exploitation as promoting, facilitating or coordinating things like:

- Sex trafficking
- Illegal adoption
- Forced marriages
- Forcing people to engage in labor or other activities against their will



Today's latest developments...DHHS Students Hold A Walk Out at 2:30 pm to Protest DeKalb County's Lack of Support For Modernization of DHHS



Next Steps and Where We Need Your Help



Write Each Board Member a Letter To Let Them Know How Shocked and Dissapointed You Are In the April 18 Board Decision to Derail DHHS Modernization

Some Ideas To Consider in Your Letter

- We do not want to settle for a bare minimum \$4.4MM “repair” band aid approach to systemic issues ignored for decades; DHHS is the oldest facility in the District and cannot be fixed this way
- Voice your concern for the lack of specific costs associated with the new plan approved In place of Modernizing Druid Hills; Estimates Run at \$444MM and cannot currently be verified if it can even be done or if the figures in the FCA report are still accurate after 1 year of rising mateiral costs.
- As a Taxpayer, voice frustration with how the Board spent \$2MM of taxpayers money for a detailed analysis only to disregard their recommendations.

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- Ask them to consider Additional Sources of Funds for the \$60MM DHHS Remodel and Modernization as including GO Bonds and Deficit Borrowing. Model other Metro Counties that are fiscally responsible and manage to leverage Bonds to support safe & modern school facilities.
- **BROADER QUESTION TO THE BOARD:** No other Metro Atlanta County School System has the number and extent of failing buildings as DeKalb County Schools beyond DHHS. Why?
- **Remind Board Members of the Facts About DHHS**
 - ✓ Oldest Facility in Dekalb County dating back to 1920's
 - ✓ 7 Buildings constructed over 6 decades with 3 of those buildings failing FCA scores in the 50's
 - ✓ Equity issue – No other High School students in Dekalb have to deal with conditions of a 1920's building, an old elementary school from 1950 and sewage system that backs up causing relocation of classrooms for multiple days
 - ✓ Safety Issue – emergency vehicles cannot access the entire back campus of DHHS
 - ✓ IB Program – with school choice, modernizing DHHS benefits ALL students in DeKalb County by providing a safe, healthy, productive learning environment for a positive IB experience

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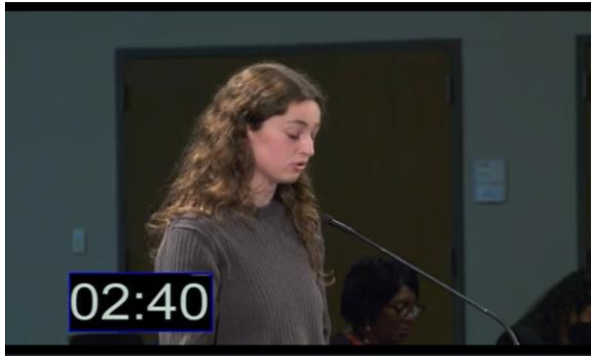
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Volunteer to Speak at the **May 9** Board Meeting

<https://view.earthchannel.com/PlayerController.aspx?&PGD=dekalbschga&eID=859>

- Sign up by Noon the Wednesday before (May 4) by emailing Dorothea Brown; dorothea_brown@dekalbschoolsga.org
- Provide your name, address, phone number and school affiliation
- Speak live at Board Meeting at 5:45 pm, or record 3-minute message the Friday before the Board meeting
- 20 speakers max. each session – DHHS had 5 speakers Monday night; **can we get 10 for May 9?**



Reese Fischer, Senior at DHHS



Trey Palmer, Teacher, DHHS



Cathy Zedd, Parent, DHHS

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- **Advocate for DHHS in Social Media** with messages of support; combat misperceptions with Facts; Don't let detractors lead the narrative



- PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS TO THE CHAT TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE INVITED TO FUTURE **RED DEVIL** TASK FORCE MEETINGS

FACTS ABOUT DHHS

We Are Not A Rich, Predominantly White School or Part of Emory.



EMORY
UNIVERSITY

FACTS ABOUT DHHS



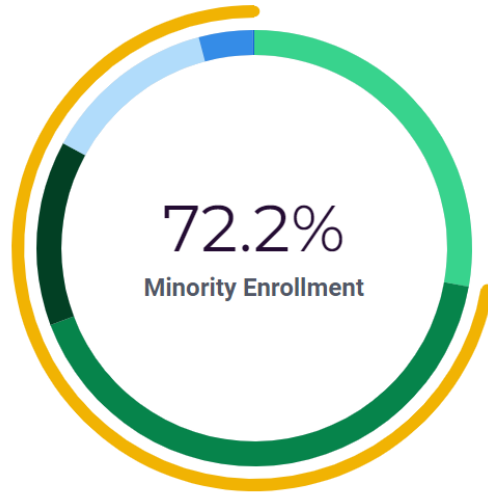
We Have A Diverse Student Body Reflecting DeKalb County's Diversity



Druid Hills High School

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Student Diversity



72.2% Minority Enrollment

- 27.8% White
- 41.4% Black
- 13.7% Hispanic
- 12.9% Asian
- 4.0% Two or More Races
- 0.1% American Indian/Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander is not included in this breakdown due to an enrollment of 0%.

FACTS ABOUT DHHS



We Have The Oldest Facility in DeKalb County Dating Back to 1920's



Women got the right to vote only 7 years
Before our high school was built!

Is it time for a modernization?



Our school was built during Prohibition



Calvin Coolidge
was President



A new dance called
"The Charleston" swept
the country when our
high school was built



Our high school was built the same
year sound was added to movies

FACTS ABOUT DHHS



We Are A School Choice Option For ALL DeKalb Students with Our IB Program



**Improve Druid Hills High School,
You Improve the IB Experience For All DeKalb High School Students**

FACTS ABOUT DHHS



- Our Campus Has **7 Buildings**...Built In **6 Different Decades**.
- Our Facility Condition Score of **69** is **Over-inflated** by 2010 Science Building
- 3 Buildings Score in the Failing **50's** including a **1950's Elementary school building**



Preliminary Building Inventory:

Variety of Building Construction type ranging from 1924 thru 2009:

- 5010 - Original Building 1924
- 5011 - Gymnasium 1930's
- 5012 - Gymnasium 1965
- 5020 - Original Elementary School 1950
- 5021 - Addition 1953
- 5030 - Cafeteria 1961
- 5040 - Science Classroom Addition 2010



It's Time For A Modernization Plan!

FACTS ABOUT DHHS

The April 18 Board Plan To Only Fund Priority 1, 2, 3 projects is **INADEQUATE** to address decades of deferred maintenance and neglect at DHHS

DeKalb County
SCHOOL DISTRICT

DeKalb County SD - Druid Hills High School

Summary of High Priority Deficiencies

Priority 1 - Mission Critical Concerns

Cost

Emergency Exit Signage Replacement

\$3,590

Total for Priority 1

\$3,590

Priority 2 - Indirect Impact to Educational Mission

Cost

Built-up Roofing Replacement

\$415,967

Modified Roof Covering Replacement

\$1,137,370

Aluminum Window Replacement

\$179,698

Composite Exterior Siding Replacement (Bldg SF)

\$31,717

Metal Exterior Door Replacement

\$31,367

Wood Exterior Door Replacement

\$2,974

Cast Iron Water Boiler Replacement

\$103,531

Ductwork Replacement (SF Basis)

\$469,814

Gas Piping Replacement (SF Basis)

\$279,966

Mechanical / HVAC Piping / System Is Beyond Its Useful Life

\$247,986

Steam Heat Exchanger Replacement

\$46,467

Distribution Panel Replacement

\$17,453

Electrical Transformer Replacement

\$13,703

Panelboard Replacement

\$45,261

\$6.4MM total repairs over 5 years

System	Priority					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
Site	\$0	\$0	\$379	\$52,797	\$0	\$53,176
Roofing	\$0	\$1,553,337	\$13,623	\$131	\$0	\$1,567,091
Structural	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Exterior	\$0	\$245,756	\$11,992	\$4,033	\$0	\$261,780
Interior	\$0	\$0	\$136,340	\$357,966	\$338,762	\$833,068
Mechanical	\$0	\$1,147,763	\$278,172	\$433,472	\$0	\$1,859,408
Electrical	\$0	\$89,246	\$651,122	\$0	\$0	\$740,368
Plumbing	\$0	\$0	\$1,053,688	\$0	\$0	\$1,053,688
Fire and Life Safety	\$3,590	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,590
Conveyances	\$0	\$0	\$26,581	\$0	\$0	\$26,581
Specialties	\$0	\$0	\$3,727	\$0	\$0	\$3,727
Total:	\$3,590	\$3,036,102	\$2,175,622	\$848,399	\$338,762	\$6,402,475

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Next Meeting

DHHS **Red Devil** Task Force

Monday, May 16, 2022

7 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89950804692?pwd=RHNXRkIEODk2dkJVT2NYOGNnSm92QT09>

Meeting ID: 899 5080 4692

Passcode: 262176



The **Red Devil** Task Force



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Chair, Druid Hills Cluster Alliance

Contact Tamara Shipley at tamarashipley@bellsouth.net

Chair, Druid Hills High School PAC (Principal Advisory Council)

Thank you for your support of

Druid Hills High School!

APPENDIX

Why Oppose DHHS Remodel & Renovation?

This is what we have heard so far...



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- 2. Druid Hills Will Just Get Annexed to City of Atlanta or Decatur in the near future so why should we invest our Tax Dollars in DHHS?*
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DHHS score 69 is weighted with an 88 score for a new Science Building. 3 of 6 buildings scored in the 50's.
- *Druid Hills Will Just Get Annexed to City of Atlanta or Decatur in the near future so why should we invest our Tax Dollars in DHHS?*
There is Legislation approved to protect DeKalb County investments from Annexation.
- *Why Don't You Just Flip the Middle School (the former Shamrock HS) with the High School and It Solves the Problems.*
We would still have the same issues whomever occupies this campus.
- *Druid Hills Has Been Making Do With This Facility For Years, And They Don't Need A Major Renovation.*
The aged facilities can no longer be ignored or put off. No other DeKalb County High School has to deal with such old, deteriorating facilities.