



## Frequently Asked Questions

### SWS Move to Logan Annex

**1. What will be the SWS school boundary for SY12-13 and until a permanent location has been identified?**

SWS will not change its boundary for the 2012-13 school year, the school will continue to share a boundary with Peabody. SWS will remain with the same boundary until a permanent location has been identified.

**2. Will SWS remain in the Capitol Hill Cluster for SY12-13?**

No. SWS will become a stand-alone school, starting next school year. This means that SWS will be staffed as a school and benefit from the comprehensive school staffing model, including having its own principal. For this year's lottery (Jan – Feb 2012), SWS, Peabody, Watkins, and Stuart-Hobson families will all receive sibling preference across all campuses. This preference will not carry over to next year's lottery (Jan – Feb 2013).

**3. What will be the school's feeder pattern?**

SWS will add a grade every year, starting with 1<sup>st</sup> grade next school year. The destination middle school will be determined once a permanent location is identified. We know now that it will not be Stuart-Hobson. There is no room at Stuart-Hobson to support an additional feeder school. The remaining options are Eliot-Hine MS and Jefferson MS. Both Jefferson and Eliot-Hine feed to Eastern HS.

**4. What grades will be offered in the Logan Annex?**

SWS will add first grade in SY12-13 and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in SY13-14. An expansion to PS (3 year old) cannot be supported in the Annex, but we hope will be part of the expansion when SWS moves to a permanent location.

**5. Can SWS families transfer to Peabody next year, if they do not want to move?**

Currently, there is a school level policy that does not allow students in either Peabody or SWS to switch programs. Due to the move, SWS families will be given the opportunity to transfer to Peabody, without going through the lottery, for next school year. Peabody families who have children in both SWS and Peabody will also have the opportunity to switch to SWS, in an effort to limit the burden on families who must travel to two locations. This exception will only be made for next school year. Families interested in doing this must inform their school leader as soon as possible.

**6. When will the long-term site decision be made?**

DCPS will engage the SWS community in this decision. We anticipate the community engagement process to begin in Spring 2013. A decision will be made no later than the opening of the lottery in January 2014.

**7. Will SWS be located in the main Logan building?**

No, Capitol Hill Montessori is located in the main building. The SWS program will be located in the Annex. There may be opportunities to use some space in the main building in year 2 (SY13-14) for auxiliary purposes, but we expect all classrooms will be in the Annex.

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**8. If there are enough Capitol Riverfront and SWS families to re-open Van Ness, why not do it now?**

Some of you have presented compelling data that indicate there are enough students, between SWS and the Capitol Riverfront families, to support the opening of Van Ness now or next year. While we don't doubt the commitment from SWS and the Capitol Riverfront community to fully enroll any classes at Van Ness, we believe that the DCPS inventory will change and the decision of where SWS should be permanently location should not be limited to the buildings we have available right now. Van Ness will continue to be a long-term option we consider.

**9. What are the next steps?**

DCPS is committed to ensuring that the transition for families and staff goes as smoothly as possible, both for SWS and Peabody. Over the next several weeks we will work with schools on the following:

- Move logistics – packing, timeline, classroom set-up, inventory items that move/stay
- Space needs – identify space modifications and needs for Annex and Peabody
- Program development – With SWS expanding to first grade, it is important that the school leadership and staff are able to work on curriculum development and programming.

**10. Who is the point of contact for transition/move questions?**

All questions and concerns should first be taken to your principal. Claudia Lujan will be the central office point of contact for the move. She can be reached at [claudia.lujan@dc.gov](mailto:claudia.lujan@dc.gov). She will be working closely with principals and instructional superintendents during the transition.