PAVE School Facilities Survey Results
Spring 2023
Why are School Facilities Important?

Every student deserves to have a school environment that is **safe**, makes them **feel welcome & proud** to be at school, and **supports their learning and engagement**

Key Components of Modern School Facilities:

**Health & Safety:** All schools need baseline health & safety measures like **locks** on all doors, **soap** in bathrooms, proper **cleaning supplies**, **air conditioning** and **heating systems**, **safe drinking water**, and more

**Modern Design:** Maximizing access to **natural light**, creating spaces to **encourage collaboration**, and **open floor plans** all help keep students interested in learning and **foster curiosity**

**Supports for 21st Century Learning:** Modern learning environment need to **support different types of learners** (hands-on, visual, audio, reading/writing), support both **individual and group work**, promote **interaction** and a sense of community, and foster both formal and informal learning
What is the goal of the survey?

Opportunity to hear from parents and caregivers across the District on their experiences with school facilities to answer the following questions:

- How satisfied are parents with the quality of their child(ren)’s school building?
- What does the state of school facilities look like? Across Wards? Across school sectors?
- How are students and families included in renovation/modernization plans?
- What is working and what can be improved?
Survey Participants
Respondents' Ward of Residence

- Ward 1: 7.51%
- Ward 2: 1.50%
- Ward 3: 1.50%
- Ward 4: 9.77%
- Ward 5: 19.54%
- Ward 6: 9.02%
- Ward 7: 19.54%
- Ward 8: 31.57%
Students' School Location vs. Ward of Residence

- Ward 1: 7.35% School Location, 7.51% Ward of Residence
- Ward 2: 4.90% School Location, 1.50% Ward of Residence
- Ward 3: 0.98% School Location, 1.50% Ward of Residence
- Ward 4: 15.68% School Location, 9.77% Ward of Residence
- Ward 5: 21.08% School Location, 19.54% Ward of Residence
- Ward 6: 9.80% School Location, 9.02% Ward of Residence
- Ward 7: 19.54% School Location, 10.78% Ward of Residence
- Ward 8: 31.57% School Location, 19.11% Ward of Residence
- Not sure: 10.29% School Location

Legend:
- Yellow: School Location
- Purple: Ward of Residence
Comparatively:
About 46% of DC students are considered “at-risk”

Note: A student is considered at-risk if they are experiencing homelessness, are in the foster care system, qualify for TANF and/or SNAP, and/or are at least one year older than the high school grade for which they are enrolled.
Note: In DC, about 52% of students attend DCPS & 48% of students attend public charter schools.
This question served as a baseline understanding of how familiar we expect parents to be with school facilities. Overall, we expect parents to understand big renovations/modernizations, but may not be as familiar with the day-to-day operations.
Survey Respondents' Familiarity of Child(ren)'s School Facilities

- Very familiar: 37.74%
- Somewhat familiar: 46.56%
- Not familiar: 15.68%
Satisfaction with School Facilities
Overall Satisfaction: An Overview

What was asked → Parents’ satisfaction with:
- Facilities to support learning
- Amenities, such as cafeterias, libraries, playgrounds
- School health & safety

What we found: Parents are pretty satisfied with their children’s school facilities; however, parents are much less satisfied with the safety around the outside of the school building

Let’s Dig In!
Note: 11% reported no access to a cafeteria or a library
Satisfaction with School Safety

- **1 - Satisfied**: 57.77%
- **2 - Somewhat satisfied**: 39.60%
- **3 - Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied**: 25.62%
- **4 - Not very satisfied**: 14.85%
- **5 - Not satisfied at all**: 11.05%

**Legend**:
- Safety outside of the school building (street traffic, sidewalks, etc.)
- Safety inside the building (locks, security, etc.)
School Modernization & Renovation
School Modernization & Renovation: An Overview

What was asked:
- Awareness of renovations/modernization
- Satisfaction with renovations/modernization
- Schools’ plans for upcoming renovation/modernization
- How families and students were included in plans

What we found:
- Many parents are *not aware of the status of school renovations/modernizations & any upcoming plans*
  - More DCPS parents were aware of upcoming plans to renovate/modernize than PCS parents
- However, for parents whose children attend schools that *have been renovated/modernized*, they are satisfied with the schools’ facilities
Has your child’s school been renovated or modernized in the past five years?

- Yes: 39.21%
- No: 31.86%
- Not sure: 28.92%
Modernization/Renovations in the Past 5 Years by Ward

Note: Ward 3 has been omitted due to a small sample size
Satisfaction of School Renovation

- Very Satisfied: 65%
- Somewhat Satisfied: 29%
- Not Satisfied: 4%
Across Wards (except Ward 1), parents are not aware of future plans around their child(ren)’s school(s).

Note: Ward 3 has been omitted due to a small sample size.
Awareness of School Modernization Plans by School Sector

- Yes, I'm aware of future plans: 27.90% (DC Public Schools (DCPS)), 7.40% (Public Charter Schools)
- I'm somewhat aware of future plans: 4.65% (DC Public Schools (DCPS)), 11.11% (Public Charter Schools)
- No, I'm not aware of future plans: 81.48% (DC Public Schools (DCPS)), 67.44% (Public Charter Schools)
Incorporation of Student Voice into Renovation/Modernization Plans

- Yes, student voice was incorporated: 22.60%
- No, student voice was not incorporated: 27.82%
- I'm not sure: 49.56%
Incorporation of Family Voice into Renovation/Modernization Plans

- Yes, family voice was incorporated: 32.69%
- No, family voice was not incorporated: 17.30%
- I'm not sure: 50.00%
Overall Takeaways and Areas for Improvement
Parents are pretty satisfied with their children’s school facilities - this includes:

- Facilities to cultivate a **safe and welcoming school environment**
- **Amenities to support learning** (ex. Science labs, classroom technology)
- **Safety inside the building** (ex. Locks, security)
- **Renovations and modernizations**
Areas for improvement

- **School safety:** Addressing traffic, transportation, sidewalks, etc. outside school building

- **Awareness around school renovation/modernization plans:** Across Wards & school sectors, parents are not aware IF there are plans for school renovations and/or modernizations

- **Inclusion of family & student voice in facility plans:** Creating more opportunities for feedback & effectively communicating to school community