

## **Woodrow Wilson High School: Phase 1 status report April 9, 2008**

### **Introduction**

Grimm +Parker Architects was contracted in January of 2008 by the Woodrow Wilson High School Management Corporation to provide design services for Phase I of the planned modernization of Woodrow Wilson High School. The scope of services to be provided under Phase I include; review of existing building and site conditions, development of the Site Specific Educational Specifications for the school, traffic study, architectural concept development for the master site and building plans for the school, development of phasing plans and cost estimates related to the concept plan. Phase II services for preparation of design documents for the construction of the school will be provided under a separate contract.

### **Schedule**

Completion of Phase 1 work is scheduled for August 2008.

### **Summary of activities to date**

1. G+P and WMC held separate kick off meetings with the board of WMC and the staff and faculty of Woodrow Wilson High school in February 2008 where the goals, objectives and expectations for the project were discussed
2. G+P obtained existing building plan documentation from WWHS and DCPS sources. Existing floor plan information is being entered in AutoCAD.
3. G+P obtained a copy of the DCPS 2007 Design Standards document from DCPS for use in the development of the SSES.
4. G+P historical consultant has been engaged in gathering historical data for the school. The draft report will be available in mid April for review and use in the concept plan development.
5. G+P consultants reviewed the DCPS Hazardous material plan for the school and conducted on site walk through to verify and update the hazardous material information. The draft report will be available in mid April for review and use in the concept plan development.
6. G+P developed an online survey to gather the opinions of the Woodrow Wilson stakeholders including students, staff, faculty, parents and community members, on current perceptions of the school and desires /expectations for the modernization. The survey was prepared in English and Spanish and was advertized via the WWHS web site, PTSA and community list serves, email and flyers within WWHS. The survey was conducted in March of 2008. A total of 204 responses were received. Results are currently being collated for use in the SSES and concept plan development.

7. From mid March to early April, G+P and WMC conducted the first of a series of individual meetings with the various departments of WWHS. The SSES process was discussed and DCPS 2007 Design standard guidelines for the departments were reviewed and distributed to the departments for their input on functional, space, adjacency and equipment requirements. Report backs from the departments are due into WMC the week of April 7 -11, 2008. Reports will form the basis of the SSES narrative.
8. G+P conducted a tour for the faculty of WWHS on April 4, 2008 of two Arlington County schools, Kenmore Middle and Washington and Lee High to showcase possible building design and program elements that could be incorporated into the WWHS modernization.
9. Held first presentation to the WWHS- PTSA on April 9, 2008. Process and timelines, challenges and opportunities to the modernization, High school design opportunities images and preliminary results from the survey were presented.

**Future Activities:**

- SSES program development: complete early May 2008.
- Concept plan options and cost estimates development: April 1, 2008 - May 21, 2008.
- Review of concept plan options, presentation to Community, selection of option for further development: May 21, 2008- June 15<sup>th</sup> 2008.
- Final feasibility design narrative including the SSES program, existing conditions and Concept plan, phasing and cost estimates June 15 2008 - August 1, 2008.