



APS PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON FACILITY USE DECISION

The information below was prepared by the [Springdale Park PTO](#). Thank you to the volunteers that put together this detailed overview.

We are sharing this to spread the word to all Midtown residents and Midtown Cluster parents and students. If this decision is important to you or your family, please review and participate in providing feedback.

OVERVIEW OF FACILITY USE DECISION

Recently, Atlanta Public Schools shared two possible scenarios for the future use of the Inman Middle School building with the APS Board of Education. In both scenarios, current and future projections for each Midtown cluster elementary school (Hope Hill, Mary Lin, Morningside & Springdale Park) were considered and discussed. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with both of these scenarios. Affected families will need to remain engaged throughout this process as it affects our school and the communities within our school zone (Midtown, Virginia Highlands, Poncey Highlands, Druid Hills). Your participation and engagement in this process will help drive the direction of the Midtown Cluster for many years to come.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: MEETING MONDAY 3/7/22

YOU can make a difference during this process.

- Attend and/or sign up for public comment at [the next board meeting Monday, March 7th](#)
- Email Board Members to share your thoughts on the final scenarios

SCENARIO 1: NEW K-5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

In scenario 1, the Inman Middle School building, located at 774 Virginia Avenue NE, will become a new K-5 elementary school.

In this scenario:

- Hope Hill Elementary School's attendance zone will remain the same.
- Mary Lin, Morningside and Springdale Park will experience redrawn attendance/school zones to accommodate the addition of the new elementary school.

*How will this scenario affect **Springdale Park**?*

- 400 students from Springdale Park, western portion of the SPARK school zone, will be rezoned to the new elementary school.
- Half of the Virginia-Highland neighborhood currently zoned for Springdale Park will be rezoned to the new elementary school.
- All of the Midtown neighborhood currently zoned for Springdale Park will be rezoned to the new elementary school.
- 8 students from the isolated area east of Morningside but currently zoned for Springdale Park will move to Morningside Elementary.
- 14 students from the DeKalb County/Emory Annexed area currently zoned for Springdale Park will move to Morningside Elementary.
- 159 students, west of Moreland Ave., currently zoned for Mary Lin Elementary, will move to the Springdale Park school zone.
- SPARK's total student population will be 552 with a 73%

- SPARKS total student population will be 932 with a 73% utilization rate and a capacity of 758 students.

*How will this scenario affect **Mary Lin**?*

- Mary Lin will have 159 total students rezoned to the Springdale Park attendance zone.
- Mary Lin's total student population will be 466 with a 61% utilization rate and a capacity of 758 students.

*How will this scenario affect **Morningside**?*

- 8 students from the isolated area east of Morningside but currently zoned for Springdale Park will move to Morningside Elementary.
- 14 students from the DeKalb County/Emory Annexed area currently zoned for Springdale Park will move to Morningside Elementary.
- 239 students from Morningside, north and west roughly along Piedmont Ave., will be rezoned to the new elementary school.
- Morningside's total student population will be 679 with a 78% utilization rate and a capacity of 867 students.

*Who will be zoned for the **new elementary school**?*

- 400 students from Springdale Park, western portion of the SPARK school zone, will be rezoned to the new elementary school.
- Half of the Virginia Highlands neighborhood, currently zoned for Springdale Park, will be rezoned to the new elementary school.
- All of the Midtown neighborhood, currently zoned for Springdale Park, will be rezoned to the new elementary school.
- 239 students from Morningside, north and west roughly along Piedmont Ave., will be rezoned to the new elementary school.
- The New Elementary school will have a total student population of 639 with a 69% utilization rate and a capacity of 932 students.

SCENARIO 2: SPARK DUAL CAMPUS

In scenario 2, Springdale Park will become a dual campus similar to

what already exists in the district with Brandon Elementary, Jackson Elementary, Sara Smith Elementary and Sutton Middle School all in the North Atlanta cluster. Springdale Park already serves as a dual campus with the current SPARK Kindergarten Center and SPARK Main Campus.

In scenario 2, the Inman Middle School building, located at 774 Virginia Avenue NE, will become a 3-5 annex for Springdale Park and the current SPARK main campus, located at 803 Briarcliff Rd. NE, will become a K-2 annex.

In this scenario:

- *Hope Hill Elementary School's* attendance zone will remain the same.
- *Mary Lin Elementary School's* attendance zone will remain the same.
- *Springdale Park Elementary School's* attendance zone will remain the same with K-2 students at the current SPARK Main Campus and 3-5 students at the current Inman Building (SPARK 3-5 Annex).
- *Morningside Elementary School* will experience redrawn attendance/school zone lines and will be rezoned to Springdale Park.

*How will this scenario affect **Springdale Park**?*

- All current Springdale Park students will remain at Springdale Park but at two separate locations.
- Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd – Current Springdale Park Main Campus at 803 Briarcliff Rd. NE.
- 3rd, 4th, 5th – Current Inman Middle School Building at 774 Virginia Ave. NE.
- 282 students from Morningside Elementary, north and west roughly along Piedmont Ave., will be rezoned for Springdale Park.
- 8 students from the isolated area east of Morningside but currently zoned for Springdale Park will move to Morningside Elementary.
- 14 students from the DeKalb County/Emory Annexed area currently zoned for Springdale Park will move to Morningside Elementary.
- SPARK's total student population will be 1106 students.
- 553 students at the 3-5 annex (Inman facility) with a 59%

utilization rate and a capacity of 932.

- 553 students at the SPARK Main Campus with a 73% utilization rate and a capacity of 758.

*How will this scenario affect **Morningside**?*

- 8 students from the isolated area east of Morningside but currently zoned for Springdale Park will move to Morningside Elementary.
- 14 students from the Dekalb County/Emory Annexed area currently zoned for Springdale Park will move to Morningside Elementary.
- 282 students from Morningside, north and west roughly along Piedmont Ave., will be rezoned to the SPARK Dual Campus.

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