

TRANSITION QUESTIONS: Bailey/Wells & Obama/Northwest



What is the timeline for the move of Bailey scholars back to the Bailey building? The Bailey construction will be completed in the spring of 2024. School will resume at the Bailey APAC building located at 1900 N. State Street for the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

What is the timeline for the move of 4th and 5th grade Wells scholars to Bailey? The Wells APAC scholars will be relocated to Bailey APAC located at 1900 N. State Street for the start of the 2025-2026 school year. Bailey APAC Middle School will be reconfigured to serve grades 4-8.

What will the school day look like for Bailey (4-8) scholars? Bailey APAC will operate on the district's middle school schedule.



Will the mascot remain the same or will there be a new mascot? No changes to school mascots are currently being planned.

What will the school colors be? Bailey will retain its signature colors: black and silver.

Will students walk to Wells APAC for Performing Arts Classes? A team is currently assessing which performing arts classes can be accommodated at the Bailey building. In other instances, scholars will be accompanied from Bailey to Wells APAC for performing arts classes.

Will athletics be offered at Bailey? Yes, athletics will continue to be offered at Bailey APAC.

Who will serve as the school leaders at Bailey? Mrs. Robbie Ferguson will continue to serve as principal of Bailey. Ms. Shyla Bishop will serve as Assistant Principal.

What will the leadership structure look like at Wells? Wells APAC will be maintained as a performing arts complex serving grades 4-12 (Bailey & Murrah).



How will Bailey be configured to support new elementary school scholars from Wells? Grades 4 and 5 will be located in the ground level at the Bailey building within a self-contained pod.

What will happen with the Wells school building? Wells APAC will be maintained as a performing arts complex.

What is the current status of construction at Bailey? The Bailey APAC construction process is currently underway. The construction and renovations to the Bailey building represent an over \$21 million investment in the historic school. The construction firm anticipates a completion date in the Spring 2025.

What is the scope of the renovations and construction at Bailey? Bailey construction and renovation includes the following:

- Complete Mechanical System Upgrade (4-Pipe System)
- New Ceilings and LED Lighting in the Corridors
- Ground Floor Reconfiguration to Accommodate Grades 4-5 from Wells APAC
- Full Roof Replacement
- Ground Floor Restrooms & New VCT Flooring
- New Cafeteria Range Hood & Other Kitchen Equipment
- Restroom Renovations
- Plaster Repair, Paint in Corridors, Stairwells, Library & Select Classrooms
- Exterior Drainage Work
- Fire Suppression System
- New Fire Alarm and Intercom System

Are there plans for orientation sessions to familiarize students with the new environment? The school will host school tours in the late spring and summer to acclimate new students to Bailey. Summer bridge programming will occur to support the adjustment for all scholars. Also, there will be consistent staffing from Wells APAC to support the academic and social transitions of scholars.



What is the timeline for the move of Obama scholars to the Northwest campus? Barack Obama Magnet will be relocated to the campus of Northwest Middle School at the start of the 2025-2026 school year. Obama will maintain its own school designation but be co-located in the Northwest Middle School building.

What renovations will be made at Northwest to accommodate elementary school students at the campus? New playground equipment will be installed at Northwest to accommodate the elementary scholars. Additionally, toilets will be lowered near the placement of the lower elementary classrooms.

How will Northwest be configured to support new elementary school scholars from Obama? Elementary classrooms will be located on a single hallway, while Northwest Middle classrooms will occur on a parallel hallway.



What is the school schedule for Obama scholars at the Northwest campus? Obama will operate on the middle school schedule with school starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. This change will accommodate elementary and middle school siblings riding buses to school. The elementary staff schedules will also be modified to accommodate this later start.

What staffing changes will be made as a result of these changes? There will not be wide scale changes to staffing models. Only change of staff locations between receiving school buildings are being considered.

What is the timeline for the move? Will school be ready to start in the Fall 2025? Moving will occur during the spring and summer of 2025. School will begin in August 2025 in the new building arrangements.

Who will serve as the school leaders at Obama? Mrs. Stephanie Wilson will continue to serve as principal of Obama Magnet.

Will pre-kindergarten be offered? We are planning to expand access to prekindergarten at Obama Magnet. The relocation and additional spacing in the Northwest building will support this expansion. The programming will be supported by the district's Prekindergarten Collaborative.

Will Northwest have updated playground equipment? Yes, playground equipment will be installed at the Northwest campus to accommodate the new elementary scholars from Obama.

How will the building be configured? Will elementary scholars be on the same hallways as their middle school peers? Elementary classrooms will be located on a single hallway, while Northwest Middle classrooms will occur on a parallel hallway.



What changes will be made to transportation? New bus routes will be developed to accommodate bus riders. A survey will be developed to assess which families would like to ride school buses to school.

How can families learn more about the transition process? Families are invited to attend the Special Programs Fair on October 29th or their school-based showcase events to learn more about the transition process.