

Survey on Future of Gage-Eckington School Property

The Mayor has announced that at the end of this school year (June 2008) Gage-Eckington Elementary will close.

The city has committed to making sure that none of the schools being closed remain unoccupied. The Office of Planning is in the process of identifying short-term uses for Gage-Eckington, with a long-term use plan being developed in parallel.

YOU, as part of the community, have a unique opportunity to influence the future plans for this building and the grounds surrounding it. Your input will help the LeDroit Park Civic Association to work effectively with the Mayor's Office, the Office of Planning, Councilmembers Graham and Thomas, and ANC Commissioners Moss, Hoerrner and Salatti to propose both short-term and long-term plans for this property.

This survey is designed to be just one of several opportunities for the community to voice its ideas and offer its input. **But we need your input!**

Short-Term

Inside the School:

1) There are several options being discussed by city officials for the use of the internal space of the school in the short-term (June through September). *(Note: Although these options would be implemented in the short-term, there is a distinct possibility that short-term occupants will transition into long-term occupants. The Civic Association will actively participate in the process of choosing final occupants.)*

Of the following options, please rate them as follows:

No Opinion 0	Do Not Support 1	Somewhat Support 2	Definitely Support 3
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- Charter School
- Police Substation
- Offices for Non-profit Organization
- Recreational Center/Community Center
- Daycare Center/Pre-school for Children
- District of Columbia Administrative Office Use (Agency or Department TBD)
- Mixed Use (for example, day care center and charter school; or, non-profit and charter school)

2) If you are interested in a Charter School, what age bracket do you think would be most appropriate for our community? *(Note: There are a lot of Charter Schools in DC looking for space next September. Due to the size of Gage-Eckington, it is possible that more than one Charter school would be able to fit in the space, or a charter school and another occupant. The Civic Association will participate in choosing the final occupant.)*

Please rate your choice.

No Opinion 0	Do Not Support 1	Somewhat Support 2	Definitely Support 3
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- Daycare/Preschool
- Junior High School
- Elementary School
- High School
- Middle School

3) If you support the use of the space for Non-profit organizations, which types of organizations would you prefer?

No Opinion 0	Do Not Support 1	Somewhat Support 2	Definitely Support 3
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- Art/Music
- Environmental
- Community Outreach/Volunteer
- Health

- ___ Senior Issues
- ___ Job Training
- ___ Sports and Recreation
- ___ Professional Association

- ___ Family Issues
- ___ Religious Issues
- ___ Early Childhood Development/ Children's Issues

Short Term/Long-term:

Outside of the School:

1) Which of the following outside space uses do you believe might be good ideas? None of these options excludes any of the others. In fact, with the right design, they all could possibly be part of an inviting community space around the school.

<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Do Not Support</i>	<i>Somewhat Support</i>	<i>Definitely Support</i>
0	1	2	3

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ___ Community Garden space (area devoted to edible plants managed by community residents) ___ Playground (swings, slide, sandbox) for children and families ___ Public garden area (area of flowers, trees, benches, period lighting) ___ Walking and exercise area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ___ Dog park (fenced area for dog exercise) ___ Recreation: tennis court ___ Recreation: basketball court ___ Recreation: hopscotch or 4 square court ___ Area for chess/checkers ___ Open grassy area for athletics (soccer, etc) or gathering of residents ___ Add your own. |
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Long-term:

Overall:

Thinking about the long-term sustainability of our community, what kind of uses/services/benefits would you like to see from the reuse of Gage-Eckington?

<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Do Not Support</i>	<i>Somewhat Support</i>	<i>Definitely Support</i>
0	1	2	3

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ___ Community Classes: Computer Training, Literacy, Tutoring ___ Community Gathering Place ___ Police Substation ___ Recreation Center ___ Office Building with a variety of occupants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ___ Increased Foot traffic through community ___ Park/Green Space for Community ___ Safe Area for Children to Play ___ Dog Park ___ Add your own |
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On what street and block do you live? _____

<p>Are you interested in participating on a community committee to work on this effort?</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>email: _____</p> <p>phone: _____</p>
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Please bring completed surveys to 309 T Street or to the LeDroit Park Market.