

Questions and Answers- Homewood ELC Parent Update Meeting – June 9, 2025

Q: What happens if I could not attend the meeting?

A: Listen to the recording [here](#) or review the slide deck attached.

Q: Will the new outdoors play space have privacy screening similar to the current ELC building?

A: Yes, the new play space will include privacy features. Rather than a plain fence, there will be an elevation change between the sidewalk and play space, along with significant landscaping—trees, shrubs, and flowering plants—to provide natural screening and privacy.

Q: Has the timeline for the new ELC building been delayed? When is it expected to open?

A: Yes, the timeline has shifted due to city-wide permitting delays in Baltimore. While grading has begun and construction trailers are on-site, building permits are still pending but expected soon. The revised estimated move-in is **Summer 2026**.

Q: If the new building is ready midyear, will children be moved midyear or at the typical transition time in August?

A: Center leadership has two transition plans: one for the standard August transition and another in case the move occurs mid-year. In either case, primary caregiver relationships will be maintained to minimize disruption for the children.

Q: Are these ELC projects affected by the university's recent limitations on capital projects?

A: No. These projects are not affected. Since the ELC construction is already underway and essential for the broader DSAI initiative, it was never considered for cancellation or delay under the university's new guidelines.

Q: Will existing trees be removed in the new outdoor space?

A: Yes, some trees will be removed. The new landscaping plan includes 113 new trees, ten of which will be 20-30 feet tall when planted and provide shade immediately.

Q: How will traffic and safety be managed near the new ELC, especially around University and San Martin?

A: Safety and traffic flow have been key design considerations. The new ELC's entrance and exit points are intentionally located away from the intersection and the site layout keeps

traffic distant from the play space. The building and playground are set back from the road, following all setback requirements.

Q: Will noise from West University Parkway affect the classrooms?

A: No. This was also a key design consideration. Corridors face the street, helping buffer sound, while the classrooms are intentionally placed on the interior of the building, away from the road. The building's design preserves acoustic quality, so activities like nap time will not be impacted by outside noise.

Q: Will the new building increase the number of childcare spots available?

A: Yes! The current center serves almost 90 children. The new center will expand that capacity to approximately **160 children**, depending on age group distribution.

Q: What if I have more questions?

A: You are welcome to email childcare@jhu.edu with additional questions. Parents will also be brought together again as the transition planning becomes more concrete.