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PROJECT NARRATIVE

The Proposed project submitted for Community Design Board Review and a Conditional Use Permit is for a new elementary school building on the existing Maplewood Middle School site. This project is in response to the referendum approved by voters in the community on May 14, 2019. The bond called for improvements at sites throughout the district to address safety, security, maintenance, and the programmatic needs of aging facilities.

The elimination of Maplewood Middle school is in response to a district initiative to create two distinct pathways for students in the District. Currently, students from three middle school buildings filter into two high schools. Half of the students from Maplewood Middle School are placed at North High and the other half attend Tartan High. Additions and renovations at Skyview Middle School and John Glenn Middle School will provide space so that students will continue together from middle to high school. Boundaries will be adjusted for the 2022-2023 school year when all construction projects are complete to accommodate this change. The existing middle school is planned to be demolished in summer 2022.

The proposed conditional use for the site is a public elementary school. The new building will house approximately 800 Pre-K through 5th grade students, and will also include center based Special Education programming. The new elementary building will allow for the decommissioning of older and less efficient buildings in the district. It will provide a facility, which meets the teaching and learning needs of a diverse student population. A new bus loop behind the building will separate buses from parent drop-off for student safety. The elongated parent-drop off will allow for car stacking on site and alleviate congestion at Holloway Ave E. Sufficient parking will also be provided for staff and visitors. Both existing rain gardens on site will be repurposed and remain in use with the proposed site layout.