

I attended the Reimagining SLPS Phase II meeting tonight at Compton Drew. Dr. Borishade, Hubbard, Marston, many district cabinet members, interpreters, SLPS Foundation leadership, PAC co-chair leadership, community members, parents, and students attended.

Dr. Borishade recapped the district's vision/values, SLPS Student Success Goals, Portrait of a Graduate, and some information from Phase I. She spoke about the importance of achieving 2.5 years' reading growth and how more than 5,000 students attained this goal.

Dr. Borishade addressed a rumor and stated *repeatedly* that she does not have a list of buildings the district intends to close. She asked her cabinet to confirm this, which they did. She acknowledged she has a list of damaged buildings. She is working with the City and the insurers to assess damage, which changes based on the weather (such as when it rains and then is hot after it rains). She discussed how staff have not been back in the damaged buildings since 5/16 and haven't been able to collect their belongings. She spoke about families who are still displaced, the trauma the students endured, and how SLPS attendance plummeted the final week of school. She is seeking attendance forgiveness for that week from DESE and is awaiting a response.

The next round of transportation letters will go out on 6/15. Dr. Borishade has been delivering Metro passes and other supplies to families personally to let them know we still support them and they are not forgotten.

The Phase II meeting, "Shaping the Future Together," is intended to build upon the data and information shared in Phase I and focused on three areas: (1) Exploring Diverse Pathways: delving deeper into potential educational programs and their possibilities; (2) Optimizing Resource Utilization: examining how we can best leverage all of our resources to support student success; and (3) Considering Efficient Feeder Patterns: discussing how students progress through our school system. There was a station with a district cabinet member facilitator to correspond to each topic. At each station was a QR code to a brief survey in which the participant could choose as many answers as applicable. In the "Other" section, we were encouraged to provide additional thoughts that weren't covered on the survey. We visited each station for 10 minutes. There was an opportunity for discussion, but no notes were taken contemporaneously from the verbal feedback. We were encouraged to add it to the survey (even if we had already completed that station's survey). Participants could circulate to all three stations or stay at the stations they felt most passionate about.

After the time to visit stations concluded, Dr. Borishade presented the data collected in real time and read aloud the "other" comments. She stated she had gathered feedback from the principals and will gather student voice data from students at summer school sites and teachers at those sites. She reiterated no decisions have been made yet about the 2026-27 school year.

Dr. Borishade mentioned she spoke to folks in Jeff City. They asked her our teacher to student ratio in the average SLPS classroom. When she told them typically 15:1, she was told she could not maintain the district at that ratio because it was cost-prohibitive. The ideal ratio is 22:1. The small class size is due to under-enrollment in some schools. She was surprised to get this information.

She will share feedback from Phase II at the end of June or beginning of July after the other sessions are held. At the Phase III meeting, Dr. Borishade will share next steps.

A community member asked how the district was collecting feedback from Northside families who have been impacted and will be impacted but who cannot attend these meetings. Dr. Borishade recognized attending these meetings are not their priority with tornado recovery. The community member then stated it seemed as though these decisions would be made without their input. Dr. Borishade said she did not deny this.

Another community member asked if there were equitable steps to take to include their voices in this process. Dr. Borishade said she was open to suggestions. One suggestion was to email the survey to families districtwide since we filled out a survey during the meeting. Dr. Borishade did not consider that an option. When asked why, she said she wanted to see and hear the feedback in person. Another community member noted sending out a survey may not be an equitable solution either. Other suggestions included: working with local clergy to get word out about the district's plans; moving the Phase II meeting scheduled at Soldan to another community location; canvass the Northside neighborhoods; and visit Chaifetz Arena where the City has its tornado relief resources available to collect feedback. Dr. Borishade indicated the Soldan Phase II meeting would need to be moved.

After asking 10 people share an "optimistic closing word," Dr. Borishade ended the meeting at 6:30p.