School Without Walls Partnership
District of Columbia Public Schools and
The George Washington University

COMMUNITY PRESENTATION - March 23, 2006
School Without Walls Partnership

• The History of the Partnership
  – In partnership since 1980
  – Facilities Sharing
    • Gelman Library, Marvin Center, Smith Center
  – GW course opportunities for SWW students and faculty
  – Educational and Teaching collaborations
  – Stephen Joel Trachtenberg Scholarship Program
    • 12 of 84 recipients have been SWW students
The Partnership is reinforced through the new agreement

- Formation of a Programmatic Taskforce
- Funding to support further development of the programmatic partnership
- Continuation of existing partnerships, additional synergies to be identified by the Taskforce
School Without Walls Partnership

- MOU Recently Executed by DCPS and GW lays groundwork for continuation of partnership as well as development initiatives
  - Supports the Superintendent’s goals for improving facilities
  - An example of the type of public/private development partnership that DCPS hopes to create to assist in the renovation of other public school facilities
  - Summary of the DCPS/GW Agreement
    - Institutes and provides funding for the Programmatic Taskforce
    - GW purchases a small parcel of land (currently the SWW back parking lot) and additional development rights generated through PUD process
    - Funds GW pays to DCPS under this agreement will be used to help fund the modernization and expansion of the SWW facility
Civic Presence: The building is freestanding
Civic Presence: The G Street “skyline”
Urban Design Principles

1. Reinforce the civic presence of the school on G Street, NW

2. Preserve the appearance that the existing building is free-standing by designing the addition to:
   - allow the corners of the existing building to be seen from the street
   - feature existing elevations within the addition where the addition attaches to the existing

3. Create an inviting & useful landscaped plaza on G Street

4. Reinforce the G Street “skyline”
Natural light is pervasive

Lobby

Stair

Classrooms
Renovation & Addition Principles

1. Natural light should be pervasive
2. Restore the historic finishes
3. Work with original classroom module/structural system
4. Use existing M/E/P distribution pathways
5. Distribute accessible bathrooms appropriately
6. Create an accessible entry & building
7. Maintain the “volume” of the classrooms
Educational Design Principles

1. Accommodate multiple modes of learning
2. Foster informal interaction for teachers & students
3. Actively use “common” space
4. Encourage personalization of the learning environment
5. Maintain non-institutional character/no “corridors”
6. Natural light should be pervasive
7. Create useful outdoor space
8. Accommodate active community and GW use
9. Foster a “subtle” means of security & one point of access
10. Accommodate current & future technology
Preferred Option - 61,000 GSF
The Grant School Appears Freestanding
First Floor Plan
Civic Presence: Exterior Spaces
An New Accessible Entry & One Point of Control
Second Floor Plan, Natural Light is Pervasive
Roof Terrace
Media Center
Site Plan

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GW Residence Hall Project

• Design reflects principles developed through summer community-based planning process and adopted in the proposed Foggy Bottom Campus Plan: 2006-2025
  – Additional on-campus undergraduate housing
  – Pathways & linkages
  – Open spaces
  – Maintaining the character of the “campus streets”
  – Providing underground parking while limiting the impact of parking/loading activities

• Providing student housing on the site is also consistent with the current Foggy Bottom Campus Plan
GW Residence Hall Project

• Additional on-campus housing for undergraduate students
  • Provides approximately 474 beds
  • Typical unit includes four single bedrooms with shared kitchen, living area and two bathrooms
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- Additional on-campus housing for undergraduate students
  - Assists GW in maintaining long-term compliance with the Campus Plan housing condition that comes into effect in fall 2006
  - Provides additional housing facilities to replace facilities off-campus that are being transitioned from undergraduate housing in coming years
GW Residence Hall Project

- **Building Massing**
  - 90 foot height
  - Approx 74% lot coverage

- **Building use and massing is consistent with the existing Foggy Bottom Campus Plan as well as the proposed Foggy Bottom Campus Plan: 2006-2025.**
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Pathways & Linkages/Open Space

• Goal is to provide pedestrian-oriented connections between open spaces and various University uses
• Provides alternate access to the residence hall from the center of campus
• Interior courtyard provides gathering place for students
• Courtyard is adjacent to planned mid-block open space
• Encourages students to traverse the campus from the interior
GW Residence Hall Project

• Minimize the impact of parking and service activities
  – 178 space underground parking facility
  – Service bay located inside the building
  – Helps to replace parking that is contemplated to be lost by redeveloping the University Parking Garage for academic program space (*as proposed in the Foggy Bottom Campus Plan: 2006-2025*)

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• Maintain the character of F Street
  – The only F Street site proposed in the new Campus Plan
  – Maintains the diverse and articulated scale of existing buildings on F Street
  – Provides a transition between campus, institutional and private residential uses
  – The new building will be consistent with the built environment on F Street
Site Plan
The Joint Planned Unit Development

- Project Statistics
  - Total above grade square footage: approx 235,000 sf
  - Total land area: approx 45,690 sf
  - Maximum height: 90’ on F Street, 89’ on G Street (at existing tower)
  - Site FAR: approx 5.14 FAR
  - Maximum FAR under a PUD proposed SP-2 Zone: 6.5 FAR
• Moving forward…
  – Joint PUD filing – early April
  – Hearings expected late summer, early fall 2006
  – Construction commencement to closely follow project approval
  – Estimated 18-24 month construction period
  – Delivery of the SWW & GW buildings targeted for 2009
Continued Information Sharing

• Neighborhood.gwu.edu website
  – Website will be updated to include a section dedicated to the joint SWW project
  – Currently, information can be found in the Information/Documentation Sharing section of the Campus Development site

• School Without Walls HSA website
  – www.swwhs.org
  – The School Without Walls HSA website will provide information on the SWW building project