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Community input meetings scheduled for Booker T. Washington High School study

NORFOLK, VA – Norfolk Public Schools will host two meetings to gather community input as the division considers the future of the historic Booker T. Washington High School.

In December 2019, the City of Norfolk School Board passed a [resolution](#) to provide funding and guidance for a study of Booker T. Washington High School’s academic programs and how they align with the current physical structure. Such a study has not been conducted since the opening of the existing structure in 1974.

Norfolk Public Schools hired HBA Architecture to conduct a Feasibility Study. HBA Architecture has already begun this work by meeting with new principal Dr. Diron Ford, school staff including instructors and program heads, as well as the director of the BTWHS Academy of the Arts, and with students, who provided valuable insight into how they use the school and what they would like to see.

Members of this group will also visit “exemplar schools” to see how other schools with arts academies use their physical spaces in support of academic programs.

Now, the group seeks to inform Norfolk residents about the Educational Specifications Planning Process as well as to facilitate discussion and input regarding overall goals, opportunities, and perceived challenges.

All Norfolk residents are invited to participate in the meetings.

September 22, 2022

6 p.m.

Booker T. Washington High School Cafeteria
1111 Park Avenue, Norfolk

October 6, 2022

6 p.m.
Ruffner Academy Cafeteria
610 May Avenue, Norfolk

For more information and to stay up to date on this process, please visit the [Booker T. Washington: Vision for the Future page](#). It is located at npsk12.com. Find it from the banner at the top of the page or click on “Our District” and then “Educational Planning.”

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