

Summary of Meeting with Deputy Mayor Reinoso
March 10, 2009

Deputy Mayor of Education Victor Reinoso met with members of the SIT on Tuesday, March 10 to discuss Janney's position in the queue for the Master Facilities Plan (MFP) that has been presented to the Council. When questioned about the linkage between Janney's position in the queue and the PPP, and the FOIA'd documents suggesting manipulation of Janney's position to later in the lineup despite our needs, Mr. Reinoso stated that this merely reflected "the iterative nature of the process."

We noted our significant overcrowding issues reflected by the 489 students enrolled vs. 364-student capacity. Inadequate bathrooms, teaching space, and the demand on the multipurpose room are just three examples of how the situation impacts educational programming at the school. These needs alone should place Janney towards the front of the queue. He acknowledged this and indicated that if the PPP fell through, there still may be room for discussion on how Janney might advance from the previously stated date of 2014.

We reminded him that Janney families overwhelmingly support the SIT's active opposition to the PPP, but he replied that he believed the Janney community simply did not have enough information about the PPP to evaluate it. We stated that in fact, the Janney community is well informed about the project in that we continue to analyze and respond to various versions of the plans on the city's website pertaining to the project. When we noted that we have yet to see a final plan, and that the DMPED/Neil Albert team had indefinitely postponed a community information meeting where the developer was expected to share this plan and answer questions, Mr. Reinoso was surprised.