

Board of Education

CIP Testimony

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Good evening. My name is Kelly Giblin and along with JZ Zenklusen I am the cluster coordinator representing the Einstein cluster schools.

Overall the schools in our cluster are in good shape and the cluster thanks the Board for the attention over the years that has puts us in this position.

The cluster, and especially the communities of Oakland Terrace and Woodlin elementary schools look forward to the opening of our new elementary school on the McKinney Hills site. This past fall the entire kindergarten population from Oakland Terrace settled into the Sligo Middle School campus and is making the best of the situation. We have made it thru opening day AND Halloween, no small accomplishment with five year olds. The Sligo and Oakland Terrace principals, staffs and students are to be commended on making this situation such a positive one. We look forward to working with MCPS to see this project through and opening the school on time.

Our leadership also appreciates that MCPS has gained wisdom from this situation and the communities of the BCC cluster are having their overcrowding situation addressed so quickly and will not have to endure the same taxing situation.

The schools in the cluster do continue to be concerned with security. We request that a schedule of installation of security cameras around buildings and portables be implemented.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to be heard and feel free to stop into the Sligo/Oakland Terrace campus to see collaboration in action.

Kelly Giblin

Thank You