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M-DCPS HOSTS TOWN HALL MEETINGS TO UPDATE COMMUNITY ON GOB PROGRESS

Superintendent of Schools Alberto M. Carvalho launched the first of a series of town hall meetings last night to inform the public of the status of General Obligation Bond (GOB) funds, approved by voters in 2012.

Highlights from last night's meeting include:

- There were 68 projects in Year 1 and there are 79 projects scheduled for Year 2.
- More than \$57 million has been spent on capital projects and technology.
- The Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) has been developed to increase outreach efforts with community organizations, business owners and other civic groups, in order to ensure opportunities for all local companies, including small and minority-owned businesses.
- To monitor accountability and adherence to project timelines and budgets, the School Board created the 21st Century School Bond Advisory Committee, with representation of all key sectors of our community.
- The District's digital transformation is well underway, with 11,000 Promethean interactive boards being installed in classrooms across the district, and Wi-Fi installation completed four years in advance of the national average.
- More than 100,000 electronic devices, including laptop computers and tablets, will be available to students, providing them access to online textbooks and digital content.
- The GOB is a major tool in helping us transition to a digital learning landscape, close the digital divide and eliminate opportunity gaps by providing state-of-the-art learning tools.

For more information on projects in your area, please visit our GOB Capital Projects Dashboard, located at <http://bondsforschools.dadeschools.net/>

For a complete list of the nine upcoming town hall meeting dates and locations, please visit http://news.dadeschools.net/releases/rls14/036_townhalls.html.

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TOWN HALL MEETINGS/Add one



WLRN Host Kelley Mitchell discusses GOB projects with Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho, Chief Facilities Officer Jaime Torrens and Economic Development Officer Brian Williams at first Town Hall meeting.

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