


<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	GARY W. COLE, ACTING DIRECTOR <i>G Cole</i>	CITY of <b>BALTIMORE</b> <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET, 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	CCB #08-0217/ CITY PROPERTY- RENAMING TWO SCHOOLS-WOODBOURNE CENTER #372 AND CENTRAL CAREER CENTER AT BRISCOE #451-TO NEW HOPE ACADEMY #345		

DATE: December 9, 2008

**TO**

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400  
100 N. Holliday Street

The Department of Planning has received City Council Bill No. 08-0217 concerning the name changing of schools known as Woodbourne Center #372 and Central Career Center at Briscoe #451, both located at 900 Druid Hill Avenue, to New Hope Academy #345. The two schools are located in the eleventh District area and will be consolidated.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report which recommended approval of City Council Bill #08-0217 and adopted the following resolution, nine members being present (nine in favor).

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #08-0217 be passed by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Wolde Ararsa, Acting Division Chief of Land Use and Urban Design, at (410) 396-4488.

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Attachment

CC:

- Mr. Andrew Frank, Deputy Mayor
- Mr. Demuane Millard, Chief of Staff
- Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office
- The Honorable "Rikki" Spector, City Council Rep – Planning Commission
- Mr. Paul Graziano, Commissioner of DHCD
- Ms. Nikol Naybors-Jackson, DHCD
- Mr. David Tanner, BMZA
- Mr. Larry Greene, Council Services
- Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration
- Mr. Keith Scroggins, BCPSS



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## PLANNING COMMISSION

### STAFF REPORT

December 4, 2008

**REQUEST:** City Council Bill 08-0217 / City Property - Renaming 2 Schools - Woodbourne Center #372 and Central Career Center at Briscoe #451 to New Hope Academy #345

For the purpose of changing the names of schools, Woodbourne Center #372 and Central Career Center at Briscoe #451, both located at 900 Druid Hill Avenue, to New Hope Academy #345.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**STAFF:** Melvin Hicks

**PETITIONERS:** The Administration (Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners)

**OWNER:** Mayor and City Council

#### **SITE/GENERAL AREA**

Site Conditions: The subject property is located at 900 Druid Hill Avenue (Block 474a Lot 1). It is improved with an existing school building that occupies the majority of the block. The school site is also improved with a green open space for the students, a parking lot, and a play area for the recreation center.

General Area: Woodbourne Center #372 and Central Career Center at Briscoe #451 is located on the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Druid Hill Avenue. This site is located in the Upton community of Baltimore City. This site is surrounded by multi-family housing and State Center is located to the east.

#### **HISTORY**

There are no previous legislative or Planning Commission actions regarding this site.

#### **CONFORMITY TO PLANS**

This action is consistent with the City of Baltimore's Comprehensive Master Plan, with respect to enhancing public schools and library facilities as neighborhood assets.

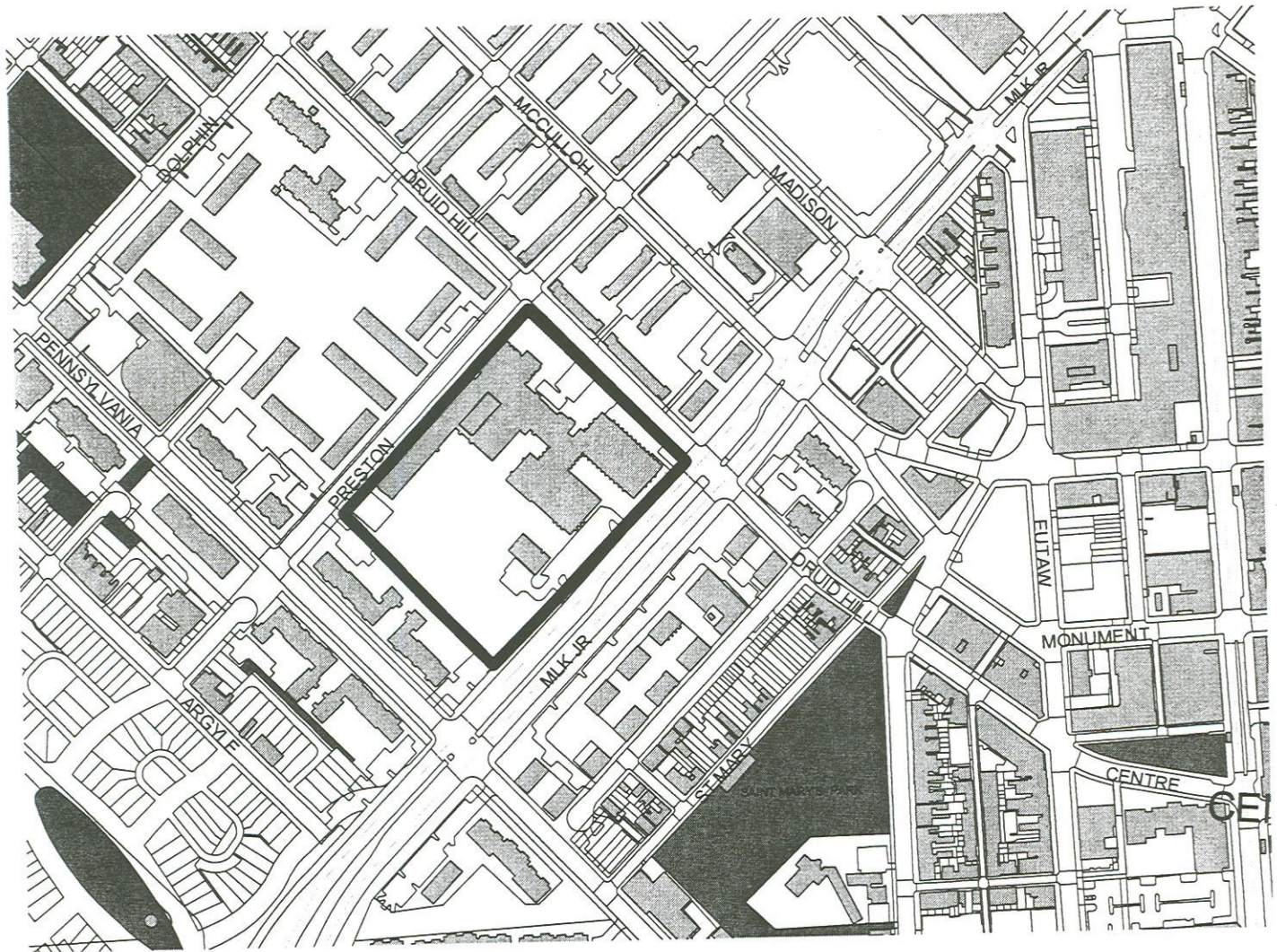
#### **ANALYSIS**

This bill will rename Woodbourne Center #372 and Central Career Center at Briscoe #451 to the New Hope Academy #345. The two schools have been operating separately in the same facility. The two schools will be combined and rename the New Hope Academy Public School #345. The purpose of this renaming is part of Baltimore City Public School System's initiative to upgrade school facilities and to promote and provide better learning environments for its students.

Staff notified Druid Heights Community Development Corporation, Inc., Druid Community Association, Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, Baltimore City Public School System's Chief Executive Officer, Baltimore City Public School System School and Facilities Planning Office, Office of the Chief Operation Officer, and the City Council Representative of this action.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary W. Cole". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and a distinct "W" and "C".

**Gary W. Cole**  
**Acting Director**



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Two Schools - Woodbourne Center #372 And  
Central Career Center At Briscoe #451 To  
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