

School district finds fix for Early College location woes

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The Rochester City School District has resolved its latest facilities problem, placing upperclassmen at Early College International High School on the new downtown Monroe Community College campus.

Early College is one of the highest performers in the city; dozens of its students have accumulated college credits while in 11th or 12th grade. A long-discussed move to the downtown MCC campus, though, was slow in materializing.

A lack of space at the school's current Genesee Street campus made some sort of move necessary. The district first suggested moving the school to the Charlotte High School campus, an idea that drew howls of protest from students and staff.

Last Thursday, the district announced the older grades at Early College will go to the downtown MCC campus, while the younger ones will continue to share space with Wilson Foundation Academy at the old Madison High building.

There is not yet a formalized agreement between MCC and the district for the use of the space, though MCC has said there is space available.

There was no announcement about what will happen after the 2017-18 school year.

The decision did not require board approval, but board members exhorted the administration not to put families through the same ordeal again.

'Our community deserves not to have gone through all the stress and turmoil and hare-brained proposals that were made,' Mary Adams said. 'And all of the hundred thousand dollar salaries that were occupied with this problem.'

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Students and staff at Rochester Early College International High School protest a proposed move to the Charlotte campus.

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