

Subject: Woodshop Programming
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FY 2027 Proposed Budget
Budget Work Session Follow-up

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The following information is provided in response to a request made by Ms. Coffey and Ms. Cunningham received by email on March 27, 2026, regarding the following question:

For the proposed freeze of the woodshop for one year, what exactly will be happening during the freeze year? How certain are we that the woodshop would be brought back after that? Could changes be made while the woodshop is open?

1. For the proposed freeze of the woodshop for one year, what exactly will be happening during the freeze year?

- The plan during the freeze is the following:
 - DPR will explore possibilities to increase class size with the intent of accommodating more students, while still maintaining safety standards and a high-quality learning environment.
 - A review of current class offerings will also take place to identify less popular or less attended classes that could be replaced with more in-demand options.
 - Fee structures will be reviewed to allow for 100% cost recovery.
 - Finally, this time would be used to explore whether a new operating framework for the independent studio would be beneficial. Potential options could include models such as annual memberships or punch card passes. These concepts are in the preliminary discussion stage and may evolve as analysis is incorporated.

The intent of these efforts would be to strengthen the woodshop program and better align it with student needs and county goals.

2. How certain are we that the woodshop would be brought back after that?

- DPR is certain that the woodshop will be brought back after the 12-month freeze. The plan is to limit it to a one-year pause.

3. Could changes be made while the woodshop is open?

- While some adjustments could be implemented if the woodshop remains open (for example, fee increases and reviewing class offerings), developing a new

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framework for independent study would require more time and careful consideration.