

WASHINGTON — A new “satellite school” will be implemented on the new General Electric manufacturing plant site in Washington, D.C. for the children of General Electric employees.

The school district’s superintendent, Greg Hubbard, presented this idea at a School Board meeting last night. His idea is centered around General Electric’s recent plans to build a manufacturing plant in Washington.

The plant will bring more than 600 new employees, many of whom have children. The school is a solution for working parents who feel they do not have enough time to spend with their kids.

“One of the nice things [about the satellite school] is that many will have the opportunity to ride to and from work and also have lunch with their children,” Hubbard said.

There will be a separate building on the premises with three classrooms built to the School Board’s specifications. The rooms are equipped to serve around 60 of the employees’ kindergarten and first-grade children.

The new “satellite school” will cost the neighborhood around \$10,000 per classroom, the same as a classroom in a regular school. To justify the cost of the program, General Electric will have to supply at least 20 students. Hubbard said if this program is successful, it could expand to other companies.

The school will ease overcrowding in the school district’s other public schools if some of the students decide to go elsewhere. Just like those other schools, the cost of attendance will be free of charge for families.