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Please look at less congested areas for siting new schools. Consider a creative hybrid replication of HB along with advantage-taking with DC proximity and numerous national resources close at hand.

I enthusiastically suggest you take all your options to North Arlington to solve your problems.

Has APS given any thought to rearranging the MS and HSs in APS such that there are more 6-12 options overall? (hence re-juggling the numbers in each school dramatically)

I'm concerned the school board will pursue piecemeal steps here, instead of addressing the issue by building a fourth neighborhood high school. I think there is a tendency toward band aid solutions until it is a crisis situation, which is already eroding the reputation of Arlington schools among those with school age kids. 1300 kids = we need another high school.

A centralized ninth grade academy should be avoided. TC Williams' performance does not show benefits to this model.

If the Kenmore site is used for a High School, please move the existing middle school off Carlyn Springs Road. The traffic there really is terrible. Nothing should be done without thorough traffic analysis.

Recommend reclaiming community centers like Madison or Walter Reed that have plenty of room to host both a high school and a community center similar to how TJ and Gunston operate. Land on four mile run would also be a good spot for a school, maybe even leveraging field space from Barcroft or Jenny Dean park.

Build a fourth comprehensive high school. Kenmore is the only option that will allow for that.

APS needs to move Kenmore middle school and place a 1900 seat comprehensive high school on this property. Arlington needs a new 2000 seat comprehensive high school. Arlington's public schools have been the goose that laid golden eggs for decades. It would be a shame to squander this.

Choosing between the 3 sites should not happen by the school board until 1) cost impacts are shared with the public - even ballpark 2) clear statement as to whether sports fields and costs are being weighed for Kenmore and Career Center site - make that statement public and 3) that more time for community input through mid-May with accompanying outreach by both phone call robo call by superintendent's office and by email to all parents - and more outreach to non-APS parent Arlington citizens.

We seem to be always concentrating on South Arlington while North Arlington goes untouched when considering expanding schools. Yet their housing situation and income are higher than most south Arlington residents who have school age children. I think you are further dividing the different classes of students with North Arlington schools being attended by families with increase yearly income.

consider traffic and how new school will impact the neighborhoods
let's consider a plan for instruction FIRST/seats second
ask students what they think - decisions affect them (and their teachers) most directly
ask teachers what they think - they are the experts

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Create a Lab School of Washington!! Do it for all of our learners who are the fall between the crack kids, too capable for some programs but needing a lot of supports/accommodations. Smart kids with severe executive functioning and or dyslexia and or social communication disorders or very high functioning autism. Make a LAB SCHOOL of APS! Otherwise, make a state of the art tech school or state of the art trade school. Stop with all the academic achievement push finally. Kids. Please.

All of the 1300 seat options are NOT enough. We need to accommodate ALL of our students. We need to look at the actual projections and plan accordingly. Avoiding the inevitable is what got us into this situation. So let's take a hard look at our space and find a place that can accommodate the seats we need.

I have major concerns about the high school seats. Please DO NOT put the addtl seats at W-L (Ed Center) & do not make it a virtual high school or shifts. Our children need a fourth comprehensive high school at either Kenmore or Career Center. I'm very concerned about our children's HS experience and also our property value if a 4th HS isn't created. In the future, I will not vote for any School Board member who does not push for a 4th HS. This is a huge issue for Arlington.

Consider carefully the impact on the neighborhood where you would place the school. The area around Kenmore Middle School is already at a saturation point when it comes to traffic.

An additional high school would help the crowding situation. It might be helpful if the school had some kind of special program to encourage transfers.

Why should South Arlington get all the new schools? North Arlington deserves new schools too.

The Ed Center building should be revised with minor adjustments. It can be a smaller : Personalized Learning High School. Make it a non-traditional school without traditional classrooms. Make the different offices into community learning centers.... Think outside the BOX!!!

~~You have committed to the existing school LEAVE MONEY in the budget~~
Ultimately we need a new comprehensive neighborhood highschool. The 3 ideas provided are bandaids that will most likely cost more in the long run when a full comprehensive highschool ends up still being needed after the 1300

Build a 4th comprehensive HS

Will increased enrollment at HB Woodlawn be considered as an option? Its limited enrollment numbers gives HB students a more personal learning environment and essentially is an exclusive school limited by lottery. If all the other high schools are having to make adjustments to accommodate the projected enrollment increase AND an alternative new high school is being considered, will HB also be expected to take more students to help provide a quality learning environment for more students?

Create a new countywide option school with a STEM focus similar to TJ in Fairfax County

What if you turned Central Library into the 1,300 seat high school. What if you rented commercial space near Wakefield, and used Wakefield activities, programs and course via a shuttle service, or use Barcroft for fields and gym space during school hours

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Build across from W+L or expand all three of the major high schools and the highly popular HB program.

reverse the 1 & 3 to 3,100. flex the schedules (more college like). locate at TJ. APS is so flush with wealth that it can't figure out how to spend the money creating "a fool and it's money..." situation (again and again and again and ...)

Location needs to address to current lack of diversity in existence with the updated high school boundary decisions. All arlington children deserve to have a quality high school experience.

With all the new home and condo construction developers should be required to include schools and other needed amenities for the increased population. Playing catching up causes too many problems.

Do we really believe that we will need only 1300 additional seats by 2022? We have several high schools that target specific populations (Arlington Tech, Arlington Community, Career Center), why would the county know what to focus it development time and funding on creating a new full service, full-size neighborhood high school? It would alleviate overcrowding and provide options that may illuminate the need for continued transfer policy changes.

The ideas lack creativiity. How about creating a new kind of high school and simply renting office space in Ballto. Or other parts of Arlington with excess office space.

Please lay the foundation for a fourth comprehensive high school!

Please seriously consider moving the IB program to Wakefield. Moving this program would increase diversity in the program and decrease crowding at W-L.

Would be nice if could work with Parks& Rec, and use the Lubber Run site (more central) or even the Four-Mile Run site.

Scrap the new ES at TJ and make it a secondary school, co-locating middle and high students. Add on Elementary seats at Henry.

I don't know if you can have a neighborhood school without traditional features unless you make it a non-traditional school. Students and potential colleges need to know that these schools will not have all the activities that other schools offer. What will make these two sites attractive and stand out? A good alternative curriculum will help compensate for lack of activities.

Could the middle schools be 7th through 9th grade and the grade schools 1st through 6th? This would lessen burden on high school and not sure if capacity at lower levels. Could also consider year round school year with rotating classes. I think something like that occurs in CA, which allows for one school to increase capacity without building more schools.

Do not add more choice schools, please.

We Wil likely eventually need all of these.options, but need to ensure an equitable high school experience for all students in the country. We shod try to keep the over crowding a bay for as long as possible for everyone, rather than piling all the excess into Washington and Lee.

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Move career center to education ctr building, expand tech center facility.

Utilize vacant office space.

All options are awful. Build a new comprehensive neighbor high school.

I prefer WL expansion at Ed site and am. It concierges about the size of the school.

Locating the extra 1,300 seats at WL makes the most sense. Other options as neighborhood, limited activity high schools are not good options. Tax dollars shouldn't go to providing a full high school experience for only some of the county's high school students, while relegating 1,300 of those kids to a less than full high school experience.

APS must work with the county board to require some of the builders who have made a fortune on Arlington's property to BUY property and create a high school where the population density is highest.

~~If you choose one of these options where "A 1 300 seat neighborhood high school may not be able to~~
Please look into purchasing the Febrey-Lothrop estate on Wilson Blvd and N. McKinley Street. It is a HUGE property, on a prime location, large enough to house a fully-functioning high school. T he owner recently passed away and the house is in utter disrepair. Seriously.
See ARLNOW Morning Notes, April 10, 2017: "Northern Virginia Businessman Dies at 100"

Explore land acquisition to build an appropriate facility vs. trying to shove a facility/program on an existing APS site.

The School Board needs to put forth the option of a fourth comprehensive high school. None of the other options listed above are palatable and they cannot keep cramming more students at W-L or make students attend a high school that is not equitable to the other three.

As a former SES in the government who oversaw the development of a "virtual" workplace, I believe APS should also consider the potential for using on-line education to reduce the need for additional buildings and physical seats for high school students. Technology improves every year and there are a number of institutions that use virtual "classrooms" with success. By the time the new high school is available, technology will be even better than today and more viable for a virtual classroom.

Given Arlington's strong reputation for good quality high schools, would hope that the board considers carefully the impact of even larger schools than we have right now. In my experience, expanding existing school enrollment (instead of creating a new high school) risks reducing quality of and access to instruction, including student access to college prep and extracurricular activities due to the enormous size of the student body. School quality was our primary factor in moving to Arlington.

Is adding on to Yorktown not an option. There seems to be a lot of land around Yorktown HS. Part of the parking lot make a building and then the other part of the parking lot make a parking garage.

The Education Center site is clearly the best choice in serving the students. It gives Arlington students more educational options, while the other two sites give fewer options to the students who would attend HS at those sites.

Why is 1300 the number? Why not figure out a way to make all the high schools equal?

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Expanding the existing high schools will greatly mitigate the traffic problems and the other problems mentioned.

Instead of a neighborhood high school, a choice high school with a focus on math, science would provide better opportunities for students.

In general, I think it's hard to comment on the idea of a neighborhood school without a good sense of the differences between that and a comprehensive HS. I am a proponent of creating a fourth comprehensive HS in Arlington along with the expanding the option schools in the county to maximize options for students (particularly as I look toward my own children's options in the future).

Just to restate - of the 3 available choices, the 9th grade academy at the ed center seems the best. Unless the other 2 options are 'choice' schools (like a second HB woodlawn perhaps??? HB woodlawn needs to expand - too much money spent for a tiny tiny number of students) it does not seem fair that some students would be zoned to go to schools that are 'less than' (as described above). Thanks for your work on this challenging issue.

PLEASE do NOT put the school at the Kenmore site!!!! It is a terrible idea!

I am strongly opposed to the Kenmore location. There are multiple schools already on Carlyn Springs Road. There is horrible traffic problems at school time. Adding a high school there will make it much much worse, and that high school will be unable to offer all of the programs and activities of Arlington's other high schools due to space constraints.

The only really responsible option is to create a new COMPREHENSIVE HS at Kenmore. DO NOT TRY TO CREATE new/flavor of the month programs that can go out of style in the blink of an eye. Our kids need a good, basic education to take them to wherever they need to go. Stop procrastinating about ridiculous non-comprehensive HS options and start building and stop spending over the top \$ on construction...stop the HB new construction...total waste of taxpayer money. Build on a more appropriate space

What makes you think 1,300 is the magic number? You've absolutely never gotten your numbers right for any expansion.

Green Space is important for learning. There is not enough emphasis on the importance of creating climate conscious exterior spaces for tomorrow's adults. ESPECIALLY as Arlington county approves development projects that drop apartment units into the community. Schools need to be an oasis from the Concrete Jungle of the future. Capital bikeshare doesn't suffice! APS- provide children with green space, shade, safe hydration, foliage, and the ethic of gardening and the use solar technology.

Use the VA Hospital site on Carlin Springs either as a middle school so an expanded Kenmore could be the HS or as a place for athletic fields, etc. Do a truly comprehensive 4th High School.

Add the additional 1300 seats at Wakefield High School.

What about Drew? There is a ton of space to construct a new school there. I can't imagine being able to offer up a NEIGHBORHOOD school without the same activities as other neighborhood high schools - only if the school was a choice school like HB. Otherwise you are short changing the students that are forced to go there.

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The site of the old Northern Va. Doctor's hospital, by Long Branch Nature center on S. Carlin Springs Rd, has not been suggested for a new high school. There might not be enough time for the land swap to go through, but the site seems large enough for a neighborhood high school that could be converted into a full-fledged high school. A Spanish Immersion High school would be a great program.

It does not make sense to offer different instructional focuses for the different locations. There is little dependency between the site locations what the instructional focus should be. If APS cannot offer a full (i.e., similar) set of activities, sports, and course offerings in a 1300 seat "neighborhood school" then that school instead should be a choice program with a highly sought after curriculum like IB, STEAM/STEM. Increase Arlington Tech's capacity and figure out what kind of school it is - it could be so much more with some public/private partnerships with local businesses. Look at TJHSST - try to make something like that, minus the high pressure...but get more real world experiences for students.

~~Create a stand alone IB program at a local high school, if there's always a waiting list to get in to IB at W~~
I believe that Arlington needs to stop using the excuse that it is too expensive to underground parking. With all the stick construction Arlington constantly runs out of space. We can not grow intelligently as a community without more bold long range planning. We are urban not suburban and need to build up, not out and not take up available green space for surface parking.

I used to think the South Arlington/North Arlington tension and perceived disparities was a myth. Now that I have lived here for seven years, I see it all the time. In this scenario, North Arlington gets more attractive programs and South Arlington (if you choose the CC site) gets a HS shoehorned into a too small site with no place for traffic. How can the options be shifted so some attractive programs land in South Arlington and some general purpose seats land in North Arlington?

It seems like the county has chosen three options that due to other known issues at Kenmore and W-L sites almost defacto pushes the Career Center as the only potentially viable solution. I find it hard to believe that there isn't a fourth better option.

Your presentation about what can and can't be offered at the new high school are not articulated clearly and seem swayed to encourage growth at W&L without adequate thought as to the advantages of the other two locations. Why is there so much emphasis on a world languages program? That has never been discussed as an area that needed improvement. Currently the system is unable have an actual German teacher at the high schools. This issue needs to be addressed before creating a entire program.

We need another comprehensive high school in the county and stop focusing on weird choices that you all can barely describe and please do not ever have a meeting again where you ask people to come in and write questions on file cards when we could have stayed home and emailed all of responses....many of us are angry about the meeting at YHS on 4/4/17...it was insulting to be told to simply write our questions on file cards....

The process has been badly mismanaged by the school board, and the process now appears to be no more than a charade for the board's presumptive decision. Several school board members have irresponsibly expressed the expectation that the Ed Center would be the site for the new high school. Staff has now fueled this presumption in their presentation of the current options. The Ed Center is
The process to locate the 1300 seat high school has been rushed and not followed established protocols to get community input.

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They are all very bad options that will damage APS's reputation and cause even more people to leave for Falls Church City and Fairfax County schools? Why not approach Falls Church City and propose a merger of the two school systems, and then help fund a larger neighborhood high school on the George Mason site that would serve both Falls Church City and part of Arlington? I am so disappointed with the lack of foresight on APS's part.

Go with Kenmore. The education center puts too many children in one spot. The strongest need is at Carlin springs

The W-L site provides the opportunity to combine high quality with more reasonable cost by taking advantage of what's already in place. Using the Buck property to provide additional fields, facilities etc. to the expanded school is a much better return on investment than many of the storage uses currently under consideration. Thank you for your time in seeking and considering this input.

Please please please think long term. We have to use what we have, and Kenmore is the biggest land available. For now, we build a 1300 seat high school there, and in the future, we build a new middle school at the VHC site and then turn Kenmore into a comprehensive high school. It's the only way to address not just the 1300 students but to also prepare for the next 2,000 students after that. PLEASE THINK LONG TERM.

Arlington needs a 4th high school. Options 1 and 3 (adding to W-L and Career Tech) are stop-gap measures that will not fully address the need for more seats. The first option creates a high school that is alarmingly large and not fitting within the vision of APS. PLEASE - build a 4th high school. I understand it's complicated and difficult - but we must do this. There isn't another viable option that will result in providing the high quality education for which Arlington is known.

The HB program is very popular. It should be expanded.

The only solution that makes sense to me is locating a high school at the Kenmore site. The site is large enough to house a comprehensive high school. The Arlington County Board needs to work with the School Board to procure land for the school system. The VHC parcel on Carlin Springs would be a good location for the middle school program currently located at Kenmore.

We need a 4th hs at Kenmore.

Decrease the amount of money spent per student and build more than 1,300 seats. We need more than 1,300 seats and we need them today. It's so frustrating that the school system is talking about only adding 1,300 schools for a school that won't open for 3 more years. APS has been behind in planning for middle and high school students for many years. The quality of our children's education is diminishing each year.

Don't let Lisa Stengle anywhere near the process.

We're going to need a fourth comprehensive HS, sooner rather than later. Maybe you should plan for that now. It's not like some magical land and money will appear. Make a PLAN. And then execute it instead of playing catch-up all the time.

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We purposely moved to this area and purchased our home based on the quality of education of APS and the specific schools in our area. Shifting the boundary lines has already resulted in one school change for our child, and I am concerned that the future changes will create additional (and ongoing) uncertainty. I realize this is a very complex situation for our community to solve together, but it is still an area of frustration and anxiety for me as I look ahead.

I would strongly recommend that APS explore other options with the county so that we can utilize a different site than the 3 currently proposed locations. I believe it is critical that the new high school be able to offer all of the activities, programs, and courses that are presently offered at Wakefield, Washington-Lee, and Yorktown. It seems there may be opportunities at the Virginia Hospital Center site on Carlin Springs. Absent that, I rank them Kenmore #1, Career Center #2, W-L #3

Build the fourth comprehensive high school the county OBVIOUSLY needs. It's time to lead or get out of the way, because failure in this imperils my child's education.