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Strengths	Challenges	Other Thoughts
	Parents are very worried about boundary changes-- MANY of us bought our houses based on their inclusion in strong ES, MS, and HSs. Any changes to boundaries need (as you know of course!) need to be managed as carefully as possible, and minimized the maximum extent possible.	All new HS seats need to be able to offer equitable access to sports, extracurricular, fields, etc.
		consider an option of EL (formerly Expeditionary Learning, which is the instructional model in use at Campbell Elementary) which has huge success in middle/high school settings
Again, options are a great thing to have	Does countywide IB Diploma mean that selection is based on lottery? Keep this option open to all who are interested please.	Love the Arlington Tech option and hope that it gets the attention it deserves.
sounds ok		Could we add a new HS that focuses on Science and Technology and Math?
	If there are going to be additional choice secondary seats - make another HB Woodlawn. HB Woodlawn should have had more seats added to it at the Wilson site. It is hugely inequitable for that school not to have to absorb any of the capacity crisis and to have such small class sizes / school size compared to other high schools.	We NEED a fourth comprehensive high school; please build a 1300 neighborhood school at Kenmore (that can be expanded once a new middle school is built elsewhere).
Enlarging Washington-Lee is crazy		

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	APS needs a fourth comprehensive HS - please DO NOT make Washington-Lee much larger - DO NOT add children to the Ed Center because there isn't room - please consider the Kenmore location for a fourth HS	This is a HUGE concern - please consider Kenmore location for a 4th comprehensive HS
seems fine		
Challenges traditional north-south split.	Arlington tech has a long way to go to be an alternative to Washington-lee or having a giant Washington-lee	
Neighborhood attendance areas	Giving neighborhood high schools an identified focus	All three neighborhood high schools should have the same goal of a high-quality college prep education. Combine the four vocational/technical schools into countywide or neighborhood vocational/technical schools.
		what is the role of langston? I've spent 30 minutes on the website prior to taking this survey to get informed and I never read anything about Langston
same as above - I think this is great and gives kids lots of options	will it really work - are there enough schools?	
		Be careful not to over fund one program over the others ex: Arlington Tech.
Options	The high schools are huge. Need more small school options or school within a school.	Consider high density office corridors for HS classroom space, with Rec facilities at community ctr hubs. No student drivers and no drop off within a few blocks. Give HS students free art access.

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	Zone 1 and 2 breaks up communities within Arlington and will lessen participation in school events due to the increased distance between a child's home and the MS or HS they may attend	
High school students should have choices that reflect their interests	The high schools are overcrowded and people are greatly concerned about just having enough seats for Arlington students in the future. The biggest challenge will be finding enough qualified teachers--extremely difficult to get science teachers and native Spanish speakers. How will this be	There is no data about demand and no costs associated with these concepts.
	Not sure what focus you have in mind for neighborhood schools	Will the boundaries for the high school be current or move towards the east/west
	Will continue to perpetuate the segregation withing Arlington County public schools.	My preferred HS option is to have Career Center and/or Kenmore as a neighborhood boundary school. Do NOT add another program. Generally, a concern with the way you've presented the options here, and with program proliferation is that it sorts or tracks kids based upon their parents understanding of programs and ability to access them. I would like to know what the plan is to ensure that Arlington County will not funnel kids off more academically rigorous tracks and into other options.

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???? Maybe it is a slight improvement over current?	Will enough students opt for Arl Tech? Will enough opt out of programs at W-L for someplace else? Will there be enough seats at H-B to make a difference? How would a vocational high school (Arlington Tech) also fulfill the mission of a "neighborhood" high school? The student body and faculty skill sets are different . Which will be embedded in which?- Or will there two schools whose faculty and students don't mix??	If Arlington Tech were my "neighborhood" H.S.. I would be worried about the impact on my kids' college application if they were not interested in pursuing a technical field and worried about my ability to get them into another high school in the county.
	Not inclusive - again dividing lines are economic.	The schools are getting to big and many learners need smaller campus sizes.
Offers several options across the county.	It is critical that the pre-IB program remains in place. The Pre-IB years provide a cultural literacy needed to tackle the IB program rigor successfully.	What is the identified focus for Wakefield?
	We need 4 neighborhood high schools. Offer all students equal options instead of making some students lottery winners and everyone else losers.	
Expanding Arlington Tech as neighborhood school is good option	Recruiting sufficient # of students to Tech program	Allow Tech to accept students who completed Math 8, relocate IB?

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	Immersion at Wakefield has made several attempts at providing additional classes in Spanish for Immersion students as parents have also requested. The problem is that the population continuing into HS was not large enough to support additional option classes in Spanish to make the program stronger. It has not been recently that the enrollment has grown that students have taken advantage of additional classes in Spanish to further strengthen their biliteracy abilities.	Immersion at the HS level will become weaker if it is divided into different schools.
Same as above.	The new hs needs to offer same options as other schools.	Vocational education classes should be prioritized.
None		Specialize portfolios of each school so parent s and kids have real choice; don't try to make them all the same.
	We need a 4th comprehensive high school.	We need a 4th comprehensive high school.
equal access across county	transportation; too many options not necessary for a 10-11 year old; with multiple options of elementary schools, you lose the neighborhood connectedness --possible that neighbors go to 2-3 different schools; except for Immersion, no need to differentiate IB and STEAM-should be part of all schools	
Gifted Students need to be challenge and expanding those options to a wider community of Arlington Children is always a good thing. I like this option the best.		
I think Arlington Tech is a great addition.		I would encourage a 4th comprehensive high school.

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	IB is only for 11th and 12 grade. Really.	
People always like options.	At some point APS and County Board need to consider whether the County can everything in the latest educational panoply of ideas or perhaps focus on fewer options but do them really well with a dedicated commitment of resources in both staff and programs.	Is there a strong, sustained community commitment to a wide range of options or are small vocal groups running the dialogues?
I like this concept		
	Need to make sure none of the schools are too big. Need to be fair & equitable in providing access to each program to students who are interested in it.	It's hard to understand this plan. I don't understand how it will be made fair. For example, how can HB be so small while W-L campus will have 4000 kids on it? Doesn't seem fair. My kids are zoned for Wakefield and I don't see how this plan benefits Wakefield kids either.
		this only works if students are allowed to move between the 3 neighborhood schools w identified focus. if not, then students are "stuck" in a school w a focus that may not be right for him/her.
IF this is the current system, I agree to keep it..no need to change the focus of the schools	need 1 more Comprehensive HS	
Uses property we already have	we need so many more seats in HS, with either a 4th HS or adding buildings to existing high schools, and expanding HB and Are Tech	We need to expand HB and Arl Tech
The number of options available to students at the high school level.		
	Arlington needs a 4th Comprehensive HS	

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Option schools are good, people like to have options but do we need 7 high schools?	Too much specialization creates conditions for uneven distribution of resources and income based preferences that shouldn't be present in public education.	This appears at face value that APS is dumbing down high school. Foci cannot be forced on students based on where they live.
Fine.		
		IB in immersion
	Need to guarantee access to the IB Diploma program. If there is a lottery, it should only be for certificate students, not for full diploma ones.	Do not be timid about expanding the IB program at the high school level. Some will say to be careful about assessing demand, but you should also anticipate that expanding the IB at the elementary and middle school levels will CREATE demand.
	IB is not going to fill 1300 seats or 700 seats or 300 seats. There is not enough demand right now. Fewer applicants to transfer for 2018-19	Putting an IB academy at the ed center is a commitment to running our own charter/private school.
		oppose, we need a 4th comprehensive high school
Like variety	I think there should be four comprehensive neighborhood high schools. And more than one school should have ib. I took both ap and ib classes in high school.	
		What happened to just earning a regular diploma? The push that everyone is college material is unrealistic. Allow for trades to be learned. Bring back vocational programs.
I think we need a fourth HS		
		expand the HBW format in another school, expand STEAM offerings
	there needs to be a fourth comprehensive high school soon.	

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a lot of options as students prepare for the real world	transportation, after school program participation (sports)	
	Your data will not show how many students will actually attend these "choice or option" schools. This will continue to increase the enrollment at our 3 comprehensive high schools.	Stop trying to change the demographics of schools. Focus on neighborhood schools.
	Need a fourth comprehensive high school	It is clear from talking to other APS parents that the school board has not done a good job in fleshing out programs such as Arlington Tech. A high school STEM program sounds great, but what actually IS Arlington Tech? Who is it for? I can't picture my STEM loving middle schooler going there for high school.
		don't move the boundaries to East/West. One main reason houses are bought is to go to the best high school in the district. Make all high schools great. Fire poor teachers
What are the focuses of the neighborhood HS? Are transfers going to be allowed if you prefer a different focus? This needs to be better define. Would be a good thing to mix things up at the HS level, and even better if you can accomplish that through choice.	We really need a 4th comprehensive HS with all the amenities. Whatever we build now should be working towards that end, or at the very least, not precluding that possibility.	Our current schools are not built on sufficient land to become mega schools. Nor is that what current parents nor future parents want for their kids.