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A new neighborhood school is the best idea.

Enlarged Kenmore to be compressive HS. MS is relocated to Carlin Springs VHC site. (Ped. Clinic could be in HS or MS) . Keep Billy Buck Porperty -- site for new Elem school and new MS. We will need them. Look at growth in Roslyn Ballson Corridor & dev. plans for Lee Highway. New homes are HUGE--families are bigger 7often 2 homes are replacing 1. Also School/County Boards need to be more proactive in large parcel acquisition--shame not to get SunTrust at Lee & underwood. Big miss

Either clarify what you mean by not offering all activities, programs and COURSES (?) anywhere except at the ed center site or well, just clarify. The degree will be complete. Students can still start clubs they want. You're really talking about fields and pool, no? The way you fail to say the positives is so slanted in favor of the 1300 HS seats at the ed center! It feels manipulative and like the decision is already made. The other two options have MANY positives!

I like the option at Gunston. South Arlington could use a comprehensive high school. It would unfortunately probably keep an uneven diversity mix at Yorktown vs. a South County High School.

If you build a school in S Arlington money from parks bond on pool should be used to ensure facility comes with community benefit of pool

We local residents in Glencarlyn are very upset about the proposal to add a high school to the Kenmore Middle site. In our view it would be a terrible development plan by cramming a high school between two existing schools and add to the already overly congested traffic situation on Carlin Springs road. This would rob existing elementary and middle school students of the fields they use for their sports, as well as local residents of important green space. Traffic would be infeasible.

First of all, Arlington county should be planning for more than 1,300 students. The need will be more by the time the school is finished. Secondly, the Kenmore site is a terrible idea, it is entirely too close to houses and a neighborhood to accommodate a full high school. The existing footprint does not provide enough space for parking (people already park on the neighborhood streets and it's a middle school) or sports fields. The traffic situation would be VERY DANGEROUS as a high school.

We strongly oppose the Kenmore site option for the above listed reasons. Adding a 4th school to Carlin Springs rd would have a significant effect on bordering neighborhoods and quality of life.

None of these options seem like a good approach. Think more creativity.

Build on campus next to Virginia hospital center on George mason

The community has overwhelming voiced the need for a 4th neighborhood high school. It's time to listen to the Arlington community / taxpayers!

I think the W-L option is not in the best interest of the students. A school that size is just too large, and it makes it too easy for students to get lost in the fray. Also, it would be a shame to lose the planetarium.

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Don't make an inefficient decision that unnecessary expends extra money and resources or unnecessarily eliminates special resources such as the planetarium. If pursue ed center and spend millions and millions of dollars on it, make sure there is an effective and thoughtful plan for the continued use of the facility as well as for how the instructional focus/curriculum fits into an effective management of capacity into the future.

Why is APS operating independently of the JFAC process where you are supposed to be a co-member? Typical unilateral, unchecked APS actions.

Why does the school board have no courage to build/create a fourth comprehensive high school (i.e. similar size and scope or programs than other three)? Making a 1,300 seat HS will just delay a capacity problem down the road with increasing enrollment. Build a new HS at the Kenmore site (which already makes sense geographically, relative to the rest of the county) as this site offers the space for it. Redraw the boundaries to fill this new HS up and relieve pressure on the other three.

If choice is popular [I disagree], then make all of W & L choice. I am positive you could not find 3400 - 4000 people in Arlington who want IB in 11th and 12th grade. Ask the right questions and not self-serving questions in a true proper survey that an expert develops. APS has a predetermined goal and that goal [1300 seats or more at W & L] unfairly impacts students on one side of the county. Put 400 seats at Wakefield, Yorktown, and W & L; add 100 seats at HB. Go back to the drawing board

I don't think it makes sense to add neighborhood high schools in S. Arlington if minority students continue to be disproportionately located in S. Arlington. That could lead to less diversity in all schools. It may make sense to convert Wakefield into a neighborhood middle school and build a new high school on the Kenmore site. Parents in N. Arlington may be more receptive to redistricting to even out the racial mix across all three neighborhood high schools if the new school is closer.

All of these options are bad. Where is the option to create a 1300 seat county-wide choice school (for STEM/STEAM, or similar)? By choosing to build a new 1300-seat HS, APS is automatically creating a different type of school than the three comprehensive neighborhood schools. Thus, this new school should not be a neighborhood school but instead be a choice school. A choice school would not need comprehensive athletic facilities, allowing it to be built on a less land.

If 1300 seat places can't do all you want, why not go bigger. Is it because of funding? It seems like you are going to outgrow the new seats before you know it. Why not do the WL expansion AND KMS plan. Has anyone considered making all the MS and HS buildings 6-12 but with fewer kids per grade (like HB). People really seem to like the smaller grades at HB. You'd still need more seats but then it wouldn't be like the new small schools would be distinctive. Might be a lot of bussing though

Build in Falls Church (Fairfax County, just over the border).

Don't overcrowd either Kenmore/Carlin Springs or W-L. There is room at the Career Center Site.

I think that the county should not separate the entrance to the schools to South and North Arlington. It creates a clear segregation because it is apparent that the North is more affluent than the South. All schools, old and new, elementary through high, should be specialized and everyone from the county should be able to apply.

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Strongly in favor of preserving the option of having a 4th comprehensive high school in case current county growth projections prove accurate. The Ed and Career Center options do not offer the same opportunities for sports and other activities, and the Ed Center option would create an extremely large and crowded campus. Both seem to be based on the expectation that growth will slow or reverse. If that doesn't happen, they are not good options. Kenmore allows for future flexibility and adjustment

I would like to see that APS listen to the public response and think more about another option high school for these 1300 seats.

Kenmore is our best option to offer an equal comprehensive school. I'd be happy to send my kids there

What is being done through curriculum innovations and alternative educational approaches such as "school without walls" or having high schoolers do projects/internships/labs/etc. in off-site study locations or via online learning on some days? Does the projected need for 1,300 new seats assume that this is education as usual?

1) Tying the instructional options to various sites seems like an attempt to skew the results in favor of the Ed Center. 2) After all that APS should have learned about community outreach during the SAWG. this hurry-up process with a somewhat misleading title seems like a regrettable reversion to the old habits of making arbitrary decisions and announcing them with very limited substantive input.

I strongly oppose building the new high school space at the small W-L site. The administration should do the hard work of redistricting. Interestingly, W-L's entering class is smaller than the graduating class. The projections of growth may be too large and Arlington may make a very costly mistake.

Engage with AHCA and surrounding neighbors before proposing such a radical and unproductive use of the Career Center site.

If you want to add to the Kenmore site. Why not, pull the Middle school and expand Kenmore as a full size high school, then figure out a another place to put the middle school like the career site.

I think is interesting that you do not have any multiple choice questions. Makes it much harder to have meaningful analytics on preferences of survey respondent. Text analytics will provide some insights but not nearly as much as a mix of multiple choice and free text. Makes we wonder how much you really wanted feedback.

Have you considered a 3,000 seat high school to be on par with the other high schools? Can we use one or more of the community centers? What happened to considering decking over 66? What about using some of the retail space in Ballston that has been sitting empty, especially if we can create field space nearby?

Here are several solution oriented ideas: 1) How about re-purposing sites like the career center near Walter Reed, or Fairlington Community center? These are great spaces and could seat many if returned / converted to schools. 2) there is a property in the heart of arlington, right in Clarendon, that used to be a school and is for the most part I believe unused at this time: St Charles Catholic Church's former school. It's a prime location, former school space, With easy access to metro!

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The VHC parcel on Carlin Springs should be in consideration. Again, realize that providing oversized and undesired school options could drive parents away, drop home values, and that reduced value/taxes would cost county far more than paying for proper solution. Look at the premium for Arlington property compared to other close in neighborhoods with less high performing schools. This is for the future for all residents, not just parents and students.

"may not be able to offer all of the activities, programs, and courses that are presently offered at Wakefield, Washington-Lee, and Yorktown." We'd really need more info on what that means to make a good decision. Wouldn't this be true even if the W-L option was selected? Seems a much smaller percentages of students would be able to participate in these program/activities due to size/capacity of fields/pools, etc.

The career center site, while not the simplest path, seems to offer the best potential for all. The issues seem manageable with some thought and planning.

Just want to reiterate my opposition to the Ed Center site for a HS. In my opinion, it would be better to save that site for a future elementary school. The superintendent has said in 10+ years multiple additional ES's will be needed. Smaller sites should be reserved for those. I think the 1300 seats should be a neighborhood school, regardless of location (Kenmore / CC). Plenty of districts have comprehensive HSs of that size and manage to provide a full range of sports, arts, clubs.

What can I say? I am providing comments to you, but I really don't think you are interested in hearing what anyone (other than those who agree with what you appear to have already decided to do. I understand that you have already hired an architect to design a new not-quite-full-size (yet still very large) high school on the Career Center/Patrick Henry property in Arlington Heights, even though you told us that no large expansion was possible there.

We must have a fourth comprehensive high school!! I will vote out any Board member who just doesn't get it. I'm tired of APS kicking the can down the road. Plan for a 40K student body already!

Why not lol at the Drew site? There is a lot of space and central based on east-west divide.

How about in the Dawson Terrace area? No schools near there.

Find another location for the 1,300 new seats.