

APS GALLERY WALK COMMENTS

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Ed Center:

- We absolutely need to stay on budget to maintain public trust and Kenmore has the lowest ratings.
- Ed Center seems the most practical approach for short- and medium-term. If they can get hold of buck property, then you will have a lot of options.
- Great choice – especially for having expansion of IB.
- Buck property must have field space and no public /commercial storage building. Even a remodeled 600 seat Ed Center should have a cafeteria.
- Hybrid or 1300 seats at W-L is already bursting at seams. Even if you provide cafeteria, the same facilities will be required to address the “whole child”.
- 9th grade academy -800 students per grade is too many even if they start in another building.
- IB option – I prefer this over an academy but concern about facilities bursting at the seams still stands.
- I like the options of Ed/ Career Centers to expand HS programs getting us 1300 seats with eye to maintaining budget. I’m a little concerned how we “sell” programs – since no one’s obligated to go, how will APS assure there are 1300 students filling those seats?
- This seems to be the best option for seats at this time. Buck could be an ideal location for use – just space-wise. Fields over I-66 are SO perfect and so central to rest of the county. IB needs to be expanded and, because of IB, 9th grade needs to be expanded. I think backing down off this option due to pressure is short-sighted and cowardly.
- This site makes a lot of sense.
- Makes for big school but like using site to expand W-L for 9th grade or IB. Alternatively, use existing site with Career Center to create stop-gap situation.

Career Center:

- What would be the neighborhood boundary?
- I am against expanding the Career Center with 1300 seats. Site is too small to accommodate Drew Program, Arl Tech and 1300 seat school. I am open to hybrid option if additional seats are for a vocational prep program. Our son attends Arl Tech and loves it and we need more programs prepping kids for work.
- Career Center could be viable if entire property (including Henry site if used) has underground parking. This site is not good choice if it includes an elementary school program as that would leave little room for extra-curricular or outside amenities.
- Scale of photos differ so it is not clear how 1300 seats will fit on site.
- Not sure how you expect to squeeze 1200 kids on top of the 800 Arl Tech students. There is no room for sports facilities – isn't even enough room for teachers to park. The weighting system seems completely unrealistic for sports and traffic.
- I take woodworking class every semester – I hope that will remain available.
- Please no – worried about density in our neighborhood. #1 – Ed Center.
- Save and enhance the library – high priority! If this is chosen, prefer to be a neighborhood high school.
- I am concerned with this site:
 - Impact on traffic
 - Impact on programs like ACHS
 - Impact on neighborhood infrastructure
 - Lack of sports facilities
 - # of students far larger than neighborhood.
- Career Center site too small for the maximum capacity being proposed. It doesn't have the capacity for the development unless you buy the Ethiopian building. I get frustrated because you keep getting community involvement for your unformed schemes. Bring some real formed-up ideas to us for review rather than these "what do you think of this" big "maybe" projects.
- Career Center offers more flexibility. There is room to add fields, pool, performing arts facility to serve the additional students. The facility could also be available to have Tech offer more activities and for use as a county amenity

year-round. It would be good to add a beautiful new facility to a south Arl neighborhood.

- Career Center was originally planned to be a larger school than what is planned now. Like IB at W-L – Career Center Arl Tech with amenities of music and other high school options would be as popular as HB easily. I only worry about what the boundaries look like.
- Hybrid: I worry about the popularity of Arl Tech to attract enough people to the school to absorb the numbers needed.
- Pro: I love that there is an elementary school here. I grew up on a campus with all buses and kids to one site. My family went to one school for one drop-off and release. Very convenient and cuts back on traffic.
- Potentials are here! Stadium could be at TJ possible. Career Center could be much taller. 12 acres with serious height is so much more doable than the massive infrastructure that Kenmore would require.
- Disagree with the rating for Career Center for both 4d and 4e. Both cases should be “does not meet expectations” – especially with respect to pool.
- Idea of having 3,088 students on this site of different levels (with different needs for elem and HS students) is concerning. Where is rec space for HS? Certainly need to keep elem fields and playgrounds.
- Trying to shoehorn in more seats is very short-sighted. APS should have an open process with real community involvement to master plan the whole superblock. There are some major opportunities – more height, consolidated parking – that should not be undermined by piecemeal additions.
- It is extremely difficult to see any reasonable scenario for a comprehensive high school at Career Center. If current programs are expanded and classrooms are needed – sure. Comprehensive and keep current infrastructure? Nope.
- Concern about putting so many kids on such a small site ..does that condemn these kids to an inferior high school experience compared to those at other high schools?

Kenmore Site

- Kenmore site seems to offer lots of opportunities for future growth. Eventually put a comprehensive high school particularly if there is potential to use the VHC site at Carlin Springs for school purposes.
- Kenmore site is huge compared to other sites – looking at 2954 students on 30.8 acres compared to 3,088 at one time on Career Center site on 12.3 acres and 3,868 at one time on less than 20 acres at WL.
- I disagree with traffic challenge. Staff said there is only one bus stop by the school but bus stops 4a and 4b on Rte 50 drop-off at 50 and Carlin Springs with a walkway .
- If we get creative with buses for kids and you have one family at one campus (elem/ms/hs) could have one drop-off and pick-up time. There was zero traffic at pick-up from 2:23-3:38 at Kenmore -15 to 20 minutes of traffic at drop-off if you get creative with one drop-off for the campus to all start and end may help.
- Safety and equity concerns – how could you even consider putting this option out there? Carlin Springs cannot just “be fixed”. 60,000 people work about 2 miles away at the Mark Center and Carlin Springs is a commuter road. The quality of life would be completely destroyed. The park would be an echo chamber of traffic noise. The water quality would become worse. Why do the people in Arl Mill get to have their green space taken away when they are not the reason for the growth in the student population? Put the high school where all the houses are having their tops popped!
- I can’t imagine how this site will hold a HS, MS and ES. Traffic, egress, safety, open space all seem to point elsewhere for a solution.
- This space is certainly big enough for a lot of seats. How do we plan for the use of space in the future?
- I like the idea of placing 1300 seats here so there is an option to make a high school down the line and relocate the middle school – but where does the middle school go?
- Kenmore has the most acreage to build more than 1300 seats. Our students deserve the same education and attention to the “whole child”.
- This plot has the most space.

- How could it be that Carlin Springs/Kenmore meets expectations for alignment with the community feedback? The neighborhood of Glencarlyn is very opposed to any more students added to Carlin Springs Rd.
- I agree with those who say we should wait to put HS seats on this site. Otherwise they lose field space, but, more importantly, it places high school kids too close to a compulsory elem school and we surely should build out this site only once if/when Kenmore becomes the high school and the middle school moves.
- Not great given traffic but would value arts education.
- Considerations that lead to any possibility of a comprehensive high school at the Kenmore site would be tremendously damaging to our community as a whole - due to the traffic, due to the possibility of trying to place an entire middle school on the VHC site, due to noise.