

## **November 28, 2017 – Budget Community Forum at Washington-Lee Meeting Notes**

### **Priorities**

- Maintain current class size at Elementary level and increase it at Secondary level in order to mitigate current and projected APS budget shortfall.
- Buses are not used to capacity and in some cases are largely underutilized. Whenever is possible school transportation services should migrate to Arlington Transit (ART) services
- Increase the number of Instructional Technology Coordinators and technicians at school sites. ITCs should focus on the instructional component and spend less time on technical maintenance of school electronic devices
- Special programs as ESOL/HILT, ATSS or Special Education Services should not be impacted by potential budget reductions

### **Tradeoffs**

- Look for efficiencies and reductions at Central Office and conduct a comparison analysis with similar school jurisdictions in Virginia (Example: Richmond Public Schools) which have considerable lower per pupil expenditure

### **Communications**

- Continue the Budget Community forums and look for ways to increase attendance and participation