Educational Specifications
Community Meeting #1
February 19, 2014

ACPS & City of Alexandria
Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview of Long-Range Educational Facilities Planning Process
- Overview of the Educational Specifications
- Visioning Exercise
- Questions and Answers
19-member Work Group jointly created by ACPS and City Leadership
15–18 months timeline
Long Range Educational Facilities Plan

Joint City Council/ACPS Subcommittee
(4 members)

LREFP Work Group
Explores the major issues that will impact public school facilities over the long term and guides staff in the development of a draft Long-Range Educational Facilities Plan for consideration by the School Board and City Council.

Sub Committees

Enrollment Forecasts / Demographics
Establishing sustainable short and long-term enrollment forecast program

Facility Capacity Needs Analysis
Understanding current conditions and needs of the existing facilities

Educational Specifications / School of the Future
Planning for our future and matching of facilities to our students and our vision.

Joint Long-Range Educational Facilities Plan
To improve facilities planning, accommodate the growing student population, and enhance educational programs and services.
Overview of Educational Specifications

- Educational Specification Document
- Development Process
  - Technical expertise input
  - Community and stakeholder input
- Project Schedule
Overview of Educational Specifications

- Summary of Overall Planning Concepts
  - Academic Structure & Organization
  - Instructional & Informational Technology
  - Safety & Security
  - Local School Partners & Community Connections
  - Performance & Design Criteria
  - Interior Design & Furniture
  - Energy & Environmental Design
Overview of Educational Specifications

- Summary of Facility Space Requirements
  - Function & Activities & Learning / Working Style
  - Occupants & General Requirements
  - Spatial Requirements & Relationships
  - Ancillary Spaces
  - Furniture & Flexibility
  - Technology & Built In
  - Materials & Finishes
  - Communication
  - Environmental Considerations
Words & Phrases

What a School Facility Should Be
Visioning Exercise
Keypad Polling
Keypad Polling

- Responses are anonymous (we don’t know who has which keypad)
- Responses are recorded by keypad for correlation between responses
- The last button you press before polling closes is the answer that will be recorded from your keypad (If you make a mistake or change your mind before polling closes, press a different button and your first press will be ignored)
- Responses are reported immediately after polling closes for each question
Demographics
What best describes your primary role as it relates to Alexandria City Public Schools?

A. Student  
B. Parent/Guardian  
C. Family Member  
D. Teacher/Faculty  
E. Staff/Administrator  
F. City Employee  
G. Community Member  
H. Other
What best describes your student(s)?

A. Future Student(s)
B. Elementary School Student(s)
C. Middle School Student(s)
D. Both Elementary and Middle Student(s)
E. Other level of ACPS school
F. Past Student(s)
G. Non–ACPS student(s)
H. Other
How long have you been associated with ACPS?

A. 1 year or less
B. 2 years
C. 3–5 years
D. 6–10 years
E. More than 10 years

- 1 year or less: 20%
- 2 years: 20%
- 3–5 years: 20%
- 6–10 years: 20%
- More than 10 years: 20%
Please indicate where you live

1. West of I-395
2. East of I-395 and W of Quaker Lane
3. E of Quaker Lane
4. Other Northern Virginia
5. Washington, D.C.
6. Maryland or Other

- 17% West of 395
- 17% East of 395 & W of Quaker Lane
- 17% E of Quaker Lane
- 17% Other NoVA
- 17% DC
- 17% MD or Other
A. E-News or Daily Digest  
B. Social Media  
C. Teacher or student  
D. PTA  
E. Neighborhood Association  
F. Other
Sample Question

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U.S. Olympic Hockey Strategy–Existing Conditions

1. The team is primarily defense oriented.
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10. The team is primarily offense oriented.
U.S. Olympic Hockey Strategy—Target Aspiration

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Visioning Exercise
The Learning Environment—Existing Conditions

1. Learning occurs in formal classroom settings
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Technology – Existing Conditions

1. There is a *low* level of integration of technology within the schools for staff and students.

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Architectural Quality – Interior Spaces

Existing Conditions

1. Architectural quality is not a key consideration in student and staff achievement, recruitment and retention.

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Architectural Quality – Exterior & Outdoor Spaces Target Aspiration

1. Architectural quality is not a key consideration in student and staff achievement, recruitment and retention.

10. Architectural quality plays an important role in student and staff achievement, recruitment and retention.
1. Faculty and staff interaction with students primarily occurs in formal settings.

10. Faculty and staff interactions with students is fluid and spontaneous.
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Relationship to External Community – Existing Conditions

1. Buildings and program spaces are exclusively for students, faculty and staff. Residents and others rarely use the facilities.

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10. Deliberate actions are taken to ensure facilities incorporate the latest advancements in green building equipment, materials, and design. Building users take an active role in conservation measures.
Environmental Stewardship—Target Aspiration

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Next Steps

- 2\textsuperscript{nd} Community Meeting
  Tuesday, March 18, 2014
  T.C. Williams High School Cafeteria
  7:00–8:30pm
Questions?
Planning & Zoning

Long-Range Educational Facilities Plan

The City of Alexandria and the Alexandria City Public School System (ACPS) are jointly developing a work program for a Long Range Educational Facilities Plan to improve facilities planning, accommodate the growing student population, and enhance educational programs and services.

As part of the program, a 19 member work group was established and is comprised of members from the community, ACPS School Board, City Council, Campagna Center, and the PTA Council, supported by ACPS and City staff. The workgroup meets on a regular basis, generally quarterly, to explore the major issues that will impact public school facilities over the long term and to guide staff in the development of a draft Long Range Educational Facilities Plan for consideration by the School Board and City Council.

The public is invited to all meetings of the work group and is encouraged to stay informed about upcoming meetings through eNews.

- Work Group Members
- Joint COA/ACPS Work Program
- LREFP Work Program Supplement

For more information, contact Facilities Planner & GIS Specialist, ACPS, 703/461-4168 or Karl Moritz, Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning, City of Alexandria, 703/746-3804.

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