The Future of South Arlington Schools and the Capital Improvement Plan

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What to Expect in this Presentation

- My own interpretation of APS data
- APS Information about the 2012 Bond
- Short term and long term APS projections
- Encourage Arlingtonians to speak up
- Decision on moving forward can be inclusive

APS' 2012 Bond Plan

Why is APS building so much new space for elementary students?



2012 School Bond



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- Construction funds for a new elementary school at the Williamsburg site (\$28.1 million)
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APS' greatest immediate need for space is at the elementary level. In the past five years, the number of APS elementary students has grown by 28% resulting in overcrowding in two-thirds of our elementary schools. Projections show this trend continuing for the coming years.

* APS 2012 School Bond FAQ document

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How were the five projects and locations for adding elementary space selected?



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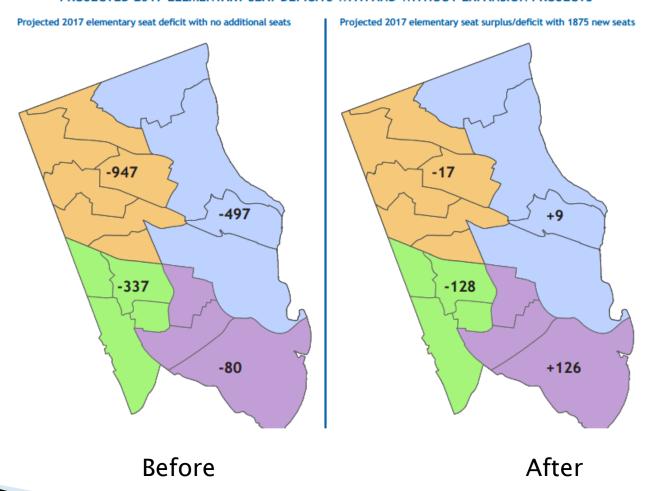
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The projects and locations were selected through a yearlong planning process that engaged the School Board, community stakeholders and staff in prioritized decision-making based on the APS 2011-2017 Strategic Plan. Since the majority of APS' elementary schools are overcrowded and the bulk of student enrollment growth is at the elementary level, the 2013-22 CIP process focused on elementary schools.

APS' 2012 Bond Plan Result

PROJECTED 2017 ELEMENTARY SEAT DEFICITS WITH AND WITHOUT EXPANSION PROJECTS



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The APS 2012 Bond Plan = 1875 New Elementary Seats

Four North Arlington projects and one South Arlington project

- ▶ Ashlawn Addition Fall 2014 ✓
- New Elementary School at Williamsburg site Fall 2015 ✓
- Arlington Traditional School Addition Fall 2016 ✓
- ▶ McKinley Addition Fall 2016
- New Elementary School at Carlin Springs/Kenmore site – Fall 2017?

APS Reconsidering the 600 seat South Arlington Choice Elementary School

- By FY 2019, elementary schools will have a 470seat shortage countywide, which is 3% of all elementary seats.
- By FY 2019, middle schools will have a shortage of 960 seats countywide, which is 16% of all middle school seats.
- By FY 2024, APS projects a 6% shortage in elementary seats and a 24% shortage in middle school seats.

* Chair Raphael's 1/16/14 letter to parents

Seat Deficiencies with Elem. Trailers



Seat Deficiencies									
		Relocatables Number	Capacity Seats	Enrollment Students	Delta Seats %				
FY 2014	Elementary Middle High	96 13 12	12,710 5,065 6,080	12,710 4,676 5,847	0 389 233	0% 8% 4%			
FY 2019	Elementary Middle High	96 13 12	14,015 5,065 6,080	14,485 6,025 6,886	-470 -960 -806	-3% -16% -12%			
FY 2024	Elementary Middle High	96 13 12	14,015 5,065 6,080	14,982 6,655 8,858	-967 -1,590 -2,778	-6% -24% -31%			
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^{*} APS School Bond Work Session PowerPoint 12/2/13
Trailer capacity not included in Middle/High

Seat Count Without South Arlington Elementary School or Elem. Trailers



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FY 2019	Elementary Middle High	96 13 12	13,341 5,065 6,080	14,485 6,025 6,886	-1,144 -960 -806	-9% -19% -13%
FY 2024	Elementary Middle High	96 13 12	13,341 5,065 6,080	14,982 6,655 8,858	-1641 -1,590 -2,778	-12% -31% -46%

MORE Seats for Students

Building capacity does not include trailers.

^{*} APS 2014 Stakeholder Meeting 2 PowerPoint

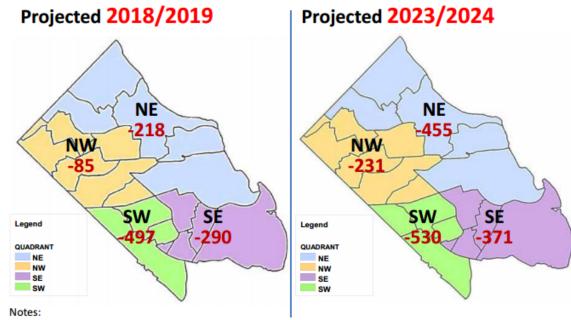
Elementary Projections with North Arlington Additions & New School

South Arlington

2019 -787 Seats

2024 -901 Seats

Elementary School Seat Deficits



- 1. Seat deficit equals Building Capacity in each quadrant, excluding relocatables, minus projected enrollment.
- Peer models and dual enrolled students not included (54 students at Reed).
- 3. Includes planned capacity at New Elementary, ATS, McKinley and Ashlawn.

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Petition with 650 Signatures

- "All of Arlington requires good schools. Please ... don't ignore South Arlington kids."
- "This is kind of like bait and switch."
- "The school board must not think it's ok to plan for double-digit overcapacity in south Arlington to alleviate single-digit overcapacity in north Arlington."



New South Arlington Options

Second New Elementary School

School Board decision to reevaluate means:

- School may be built on Kenmore/Carlin Springs site.
- School may be built on another site south of Arlington Boulevard.
- School may be choice or neighborhood.
- One or more additions may be built south of Arlington Boulevard instead of the new school.
- The 2017 completion date for new elementary seats south of Arlington Boulevard may be adjusted.



What You Can Do

- Engage your neighbors/community
- Write the School Board/County Board
- Attend School Board Meetings (SPEAK OUT)
 Wed, Feb. 19 from 7-9 p.m.
 Jefferson Middle School Theater
- Consider asking the School Board to use creative solutions to solve approaching middle school and high school crunch and build a South Arlington Choice School

• Questions?

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