

TO: Arlington County School Board

CC: Arlington County Board

March 11, 2016

RE: CIP Funding To Develop Conceptual Site Plans
for a new School Facility within the
Oakridge Attendance Boundary

Last year, the Arlington School Board established the South Arlington Elementary Working Group (“SAWG”) to analyze site options for a new neighborhood school in south Arlington. After exhaustive review of data and policy considerations during a lengthy series of meetings, SAWG concluded in its final Report, which has since been adopted by both the County and School Boards, “that there will be a need for [a] new elementary school within the current Oakridge attendance boundary by the mid-2020’s” and strongly recommended “that the School Board work with the County Board to start a process in 2016 . . . to find a site for a school in that general vicinity . . . [and] advocate[d] that **both boards provide funding to support this planning effort**” in their 2016 CIPs. SAWG Report p. 10 (emphasis added).

We, the undersigned Presidents of all four Civic Associations located within the Oakridge attendance boundary, respectfully urge APS to include funding in its 2016 CIP to evaluate all siting options for a new school facility within that attendance boundary. This includes development of conceptual design plans for each possible site, whether owned by APS, the County, or private parties. We trust that this request will be addressed by APS at the upcoming meeting on March 16th at Oakridge.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF:

/s/ Natasha Atkins

Aurora Highlands Civic Ass’n

/s/ Arthur Fox

Arlington Ridge Civic Ass’n

/s/ Sandra Borden

Crystal City Civic Ass’n

/s/ Lindsay Demidovich

Long Branch Creek Civic Ass’n