

**Motion to Approve the New Middle School at the Stratford Site
Schematic Design - School Board Action item for June 2, 2016
DRAFT – May 26, 2016**

As part of its December 18, 2014 amendment to the 2015-24 CIP, the School Board approved an Addition/Renovation to the historic Stratford Building (Project) to use as a middle school. The Project was approved to create an estimated 1,000 seats.

Since April 2015 there have been numerous meetings with the Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC), Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC), Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB), adjacent civic associations and neighborhoods, County and School Boards, and other Project stakeholders. The School Board previously approved the Concept Design on November 16, 2015. The proposed Schematic Design was presented by APS and the design team to the School Board for Information on March 17, 2016.

Having carefully reviewed the extensive input from the BLPC, PFRC, HALRB and various community groups and leaders, as well as the County Board input provided during the May 14, 2016 work session on the Project's proposed driveway and the Superintendent's recommendation, I move that the School Board approve the Schematic Design for the Stratford Middle School Addition/Renovation Project as generally described in Exhibits A through K of the presentation made at the June 2, 2016 School Board meeting.

By approving Exhibits A through K the School Board approves the following aspects of the Schematic Design:

- Location, height, and massing of the West addition;
- General scope of interior renovations to the existing building;
- General site layout and circulation, including the driveway connection between Vacation Lane and Old Dominion Drive and traffic and safety improvements on Vacation Lane;
- General layout of program spaces and minimum seating capacity of 1,000 students;
- Projected completion date to be in time for the start of school in September 2019;
- \$36.55 million in total funding available, including up to \$250,000 in funding to provide commemorative artwork/interpretation and signage regarding the historic significance of the Stratford building to be collaboratively developed with senior community leaders;
- \$4.21 million in funding from the County/School Board Joint Fund; and
- The process to determine the boundary for the new neighborhood middle school to include all stakeholders.