Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC) Summary of Recommendations

on the

APS Superintendent's Proposed FY 25-34 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) 4 June 2024

In no order of importance:

Major Infrastructure Projects:

• Go forward with the proposed major infrastructure (MI) projects at Hoffman-Boston ES, Hamm MS, Oakridge ES, Williamsburg MS, and Jamestown ES.

Deep Dive Studies:

- Limit Deep Dive (DD) studies to no more than 3, and no more than can be launched and completed within a CIP's 10-year window.
- Recommend DD studies at Barrett ES, Taylor ES, and Jefferson MS.
- Withhold of MC/MM funding at schools undergoing DDs, until it is determined if renovation/rebuild at the schools would negate the need for MC/MM projects.

Relocation of the MSPA/Use of Legacy Career Center Building:

Recommend Option 2 for the relocation of the MPSA to the legacy Career Center building.

Other Considerations for MI or DD Projects:

- Recommend consideration of other factors not currently captured in the Methodology when picking DD studies and Major Infrastructure projects, especially as the data in the Methodology becomes increasingly dated.
- Recommend prioritizing schools for DD studies with over-enrollment and substandard classrooms.
- Support boundary changes as an option to better use existing schools and do not support use of relocatables as a permanent solution to overcrowding.
- Recommend consideration of equity principles when selecting facilities for DD studies and investment.

Long-term Recommendations for Methodology Improvements:

- Recommend that staff provide the public a simplified step-by-step guide to how the Methodology was used to select schools.
- Recommend that the evaluation factors used in the Methodology be weighted.
- Recommend addition of a glossary of all acronyms used in the LRP or other documents supporting the Methodology.

School Bond/Budget:

- Recommend public outreach to support the Fall school bond.
- Support necessary actions to preserve Arlington AAA bond rating.
- Recommend renovating/rebuilding facilities without student occupation as a means to save funds.
- Recommend taking under-utilized facilities off-line, but not out of inventory, if it would save funds.
- Recommend exploring options to substitute HS commuting use of the iRide program for seats on school buses to reduce transportation costs.