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February 17, 2016

Ms. Natasha Atkins, Chair  
Aurora Highlands Civic Association  
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Dear Ms. Atkins:

Thank you for inviting me to meet with the Aurora Highlands Civic Association on February 10 and for your follow-up letter of February 11. I have shared with County Board Chair Libby Garvey your concerns. For your information, the February 19 Joint County and Arlington Public Schools Work Session will focus on the new elementary school in South Arlington next to Thomas Jefferson, and discussion of development of the Stratford site. However, if you would like to set up a time to meet with Ms. Garvey and myself to discuss your concerns, please let us know.

As you point out in your letter, the School Board, in response to the fourth recommendation of the South Arlington Working Group, directed the Superintendent to prepare a report on options and next steps regarding the possibility of a new elementary school in the Pentagon City area post-2019 no later than April 1, 2016. As part of the process to prepare this report, a meeting will be held in early March with the Aurora Highlands Civic Association, the Crystal City Civic Association, the Arlington Ridge Civic Association and the Oakridge Elementary School community to review enrollment projections for Oakridge Elementary School, discuss alternative locations for a second new elementary school and obtain as much feedback as possible from civic association members. Our Facilities planner, Zach Larnard, will be contacting the Civic Associations to organize this meeting.

As we proceed with the process leading up to adoption of the School Board's FY 2017-26 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) this June, we look forward to further engagement with community stakeholders and ongoing collaboration with the Arlington County Government to align the APS and County CIPs and address our needs for more seats for students in the Aurora Highlands, Pentagon City, Crystal City and Arlington Ridge neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Emma Violand-Sanchez  
Chair, Arlington School Board

CC: Crystal City Civic Association  
Aurora Highlands Civic Association  
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Libby Garvey, Chair, Arlington County Board

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