

RESOLUTION OF THE ARLINGTON FOREST CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL FOR A NEW SCHOOL/RECREATION CENTER ON THE
LUBBER RUN RECREATION CENTER SITE

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The Arlington Forest Citizens Association understands the pressure that Arlington is under to develop alternatives to handle projected increases in school enrollment over the next 10 years. As the planning process moves forward, the Association would like to ensure that the interests of Arlington Forest are also considered. As the Arlington County School Board and the Arlington County Board select from the many options being considered to address school overcrowding, Arlington Forest wants to make certain that the potential impacts on Arlington Forest of co-locating a new school and community center on the current site of the Lubber Run Recreation Center, were it to be built, are minimized to the greatest extent possible.

The Arlington Forest Citizens Association has long sought an upgrade of the Lubber Run Recreation Center. We continue to believe this too is important. We recognize that some trade-offs will be required as a specific plan is developed. We request that the School Board and County Board maintain an open and transparent dialogue with the Arlington Forest Citizens Association as planning proceeds.

The Association strongly urges the School Board and County Board to adopt the following guiding principles as a new school/recreation center is considered for the site of the Lubber Run Recreation Center:

- Minimize the traffic impact that two adjacent schools plus a recreation center would have on the neighborhood.
- Minimize noise impact and light pollution on the immediate neighborhood.
- Minimize air pollution impact of idling buses and increased vehicle traffic on the neighborhood.
- Maximize the amount of green space on the property.
- Minimize/mitigate impervious surfaces and stormwater runoff.
- Maximize physical and landscape buffers on the property to visually shield the surrounding residential neighborhood.
- Ensure adequate parking for both Barrett School and the new facility without relying on adjacent on-street parking.
- Ensure that existing neighborhood amenities, such as the playground and picnic space, remain available to the public even during school hours.
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