



2016 Arlington School Bond

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2016 Arlington School Bond Presentation

- History of Arlington School Bonds
- Planning for Arlington School Growth
- What's in the 2016 Bond
- Questions



Arlington School Bond History

- School bonds are like mortgages. They spread out the cost of building school structures.
- School bonds help provide space for a growing school population and help repair existing schools.
- Since 1988, APS has requested support for school bonds 14 times.
- Since 1988, Arlington residents have always supported school bonds.
- APS works with the County Board to protect our AAA rating.



APS Enrollment is Rising

- Between Fall 2005 and Fall 2015 APS enrollment grew by more than 6,800 students or 37%.
- APS will grow to an all-time high of over 30,000 by Fall 2021.
- APS enrollment is projected to rise an average of nearly 700 students per year through Fall 2025 – more students than are in most of our elementary schools.
- A student bubble is heading to middle and high school.

CIP – Capital Improvement Plan

- APS' plan to address future growth and needed maintenance and renovation
- Guide for what should be on this bond and in future bonds
- It is updated every two years to ensure APS remains on the right track.
- Future items in the FY 2017-26 CIP include:
 - 1,300 additional high school seats, Fall 2022
 - 400-725 additional elementary seats, Fall 2025
 - Reed building expansion to seat 725 elementary students, Fall 2021.



Recent Bond Results

- Additions and renovations at Ashlawn, Abingdon and McKinley
- New Henry School at Jefferson site
- More seats at Drew Model for south Arlington elementary students.
- Montessori moves to Henry site, Fall 2019
- Discovery Elementary School
- Internal modifications to maximize capacity at Washington-Lee high school



2016 School Bond Projects

- Complete Wilson School for HB Woodlawn and Stratford
- Complete modifications at the Stratford Building for a new middle school
- Addition and renovations to the Career Center for Arlington Tech
- Planning for a new 1200 seat high school
- Needed maintenance



2016 Bond Breakdown

- **\$26.03m Stratford** - majority funding for 339 seat addition to create new 1,000 seat middle school
- **\$78.4m Wilson** - majority funding construction adding an estimated 775 seats
- **\$12m Career Center/Arlington Tech** – addition and renovations to add 300 seats
- **\$10m High School Seats** - planning and design to build an additional 1,300 high school seats [location(s) TBD].
- **\$12.4m APS infrastructure improvements** - HVAC, roofing, and other projects

Please Support the Bond

- “Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$138,830,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the costs of various capital projects for Arlington Public Schools?”



Please Support the Bond

- Seats are needed.
- APS is using the money wisely, incorporating cost saving and eco-friendly measures.
- Investing in our schools is a good investment in our community:
 - All school facilities are shared or joint-use with the community.
 - Good schools attract good businesses.
 - Good schools support local investments.





Questions?

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