

BOARD MEMO

Date: January 23, 2020
For ACTION _____
For INFORMATION x
Board Agenda: Yes x
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FROM: Erika Gulick, Senior Planner

THROUGH: Mignon Anthony, Chief Operating Officer
Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Cindy Anderson, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Feasibility Study Update: George Mason and Cora Kelly

ACPS 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:
Goal 4: Facilities and the Learning Environment

FY 2020 BUDGET PRIORITY:
Safe Schools for Students and Faculty
Optimal and Equitable Learning Environments

SUMMARY:
This is an update on the Feasibility Study work that began in the summer of 2019 on the school modernization projects for George Mason and Cora Kelly. The presentation includes existing information as well as confirms the following:

The schools are in the correct order for modernization: George Mason and then Cora Kelly. Based on the evaluation of the existing building condition and educational adequacy, both buildings should be a complete replacement.

Neither school modernization project requires swing space if:

- Re-zoning is permitted at public open space near Cora Kelly.
- Safety, construction logistics, and community involvement are effectively coordinated.

BACKGROUND:
In an effort to plan for future school modernization projects, ACPS pursued feasibility studies for George Mason and Cora Kelly schools beginning in the summer of 2019. This is the School Board’s first presentation on the preliminary findings of the feasibility studies.

RECOMMENDATION:
The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the materials.

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IMPACT:

This project will assist ACPS in planning for future CIP projects.

ATTACHMENTS:

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