

MacArthur PTA Co-location Survey

**Material to be discussed by
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**ACPS School Board
Meeting**

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The Douglas MacArthur PTA is **requesting your feedback by January 28** on this brief survey to help better understand the community desires for the MacArthur Rebuild (aka "Modernization"). These survey results will help inform the MacArthur PTA board's position and communication related to the matter. Further, individual responses to this survey will be kept anonymous and only shared in aggregate if you opt-out of the "Anonymous Responses" question below.

The school board will vote on a design concept for the new building on February 6th. We have asked and are hopeful that ACPS and the city to conduct another community meeting prior to February 6th to address the co-location services in consideration in further detail. In addition to this survey, we encourage everyone to provide feedback directly to the ACPS Project Team, School Board, and City Council [more information at the end].

Given that land is at a premium within the city and that community needs throughout Alexandria including facilities and services are increasing, the City and ACPS established the Ad Hoc Joint City-Schools Facility Investment Task Force in 2017. The Task Force determined it is critical that sites owned by the City and ACPS are maximized to deliver the range of services our community needs. Although we are currently at the beginning of the 18-month development of a Joint City-Schools Facility Capital Improvement Plan, all large facilities projects must consider potential colocation of services.

What is colocation?

As the City and ACPS serve the same families, the City Council and School Board have emphasized the expectation that all feasible opportunities for colocation and shared use of publicly owned sites and services will be explored. To the extent feasible, spaces within school facilities will be designed, programmed, and deployed in a manner that allows for utilization by multiple user groups – schools and the broader community. **ACPS programming and capacity needs are the priority on school sites and will not be compromised to fit other uses.** Given all this discussion, we want the community's feedback on the possible colocation services being considered and discussed. For awareness, some level of service colocation already exists at MacArthur with the use of the gymnasium and outdoor areas for afterschool Rec programs and evening sports practice of basketball in the gym and soccer on the turf field. Co-located services range from the current offerings to more comprehensive services, such as physical / mental health clinics, daycare facilities, all-day recreation centers, and restricted housing (e.g., affordable and/or workforce housing).

Thank you for taking the following short survey.

Please contact Kristina Seppala, PTA President (president@dmacpta.org), with any questions or concerns.

1. [Optional] Contact Information

Name

Email Address

2. Anonymous Responses?

Check here to keep your individual responses anonymous and only shared in aggregate

3. I am a/an...

- MacArthur Student
- MacArthur Parent / Guardian
- MacArthur Teacher / Staff Member
- Alexandria Resident, within the MacArthur attendance boundary, but do not currently have a child at the school
- Alexandria Resident, outside the MacArthur attendance boundary
- Other (please specify)

4. **Non-housing Co-located Services:** Which co-located services **do you support for consideration** at the MacArthur site?

- All-day Recreation Center
- Daycare Services
- Mental Health Clinic
- I DO NOT support non-housing, co-located services (beyond the current use of fields, gym space, and after school programs)
- Wellness Center
- Other (please specify)

5. Co-located Housing Services. The City generally uses the terms “affordable” and “workforce” housing to describe which levels of income are being served by the housing. Households that earn up to \$75,000 (depending on household size) are typically eligible for City-sponsored “affordable” rental housing. The city uses the term “workforce” rental to describe households (again adjusted for size) with incomes that may range up to \$100,000, or just above. The city gauges housing affordability as spending no more than 30% of gross income on housing and related costs.

Affordable housing and workforce housing are being studied as possibilities for co-location on the Douglas MacArthur site. **Are you supportive of co-located housing services on the MacArthur site?**

- No, not under any circumstance
- Yes
- Yes, only if it is workforce housing for employees of the city or ACPS
- I need more information to make a decision
- Other (please specify)

6. If you have concerns with co-located housing services at MacArthur, what are your primary concerns?

- General lack of space (the 4.97 acre site is too small to accommodate anything beyond educational programming for the expected 840 students)
- Safety of the students and staff
- Green space will be compromised
- Other (please specify)

7. Please provide any comments you would like to share on the process.

Thank you for providing feedback through this survey. Please contact Kristina Seppala, PTA President (president@dmacpta.org), with any questions or concerns.

The following email addresses are provided for your convenience if you would like to share your feedback directly with the MacArthur Modernization team, ACPS School Board, and/or City Council. For awareness, we kindly request that you also copy Kristina on these messages.

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