

**BOARD BRIEF**

Date: October 11, 2019  
For **INFORMATION**:   X    
**Upcoming Board Agenda**:  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No   X    
Agenda Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** Mignon Anthony, Chief Operating Officer  
**THROUGH:** Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
**TO:** The Honorable Cindy Anderson, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board  
**TOPIC:** Douglas MacArthur Project Team

**ACPS 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**  
Goal 2: Family and Community Engagement  
Goal 4: Facilities and the Learning Environment

**SY 2019-2020 FOCUS AREA:**  
Focus Area 4: Douglas MacArthur Swing Space

**FY 2020 BUDGET PRIORITY:**  
Optimal and Equitable Learning Environments

**SUMMARY:**  
The design for the Douglas MacArthur new build has kicked off per the timeline presented to the School Board in the spring. ACPS has brought DLR Group on-board as the project architect and their work has commenced. DLR Group has a vast amount of experience designing twenty-first century K-12 schools, including in DC Public Schools. The architect team and ACPS staff worked collaboratively to identify the key stakeholders and the appropriate approach for engagement of different groups. Below are the key stakeholder groups for this project:

<b>Core Team</b>	DLR Group Design Team Construction Management Team (To Be Selected before November) ACPS Project Management Team
<b>School Team</b>	School Administration Central Office Administration Teacher and School-Based Staff
<b>Advisory Group</b>	Clover-College Park Civic Association Representative Taylor Run Civic Association Representative Seminary Hill Civic Association Representative PTA President Planning Commission Member City Council Member School Board Member At-Large Community Member

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Regarding the different groups and member process for the Advisory Group, the Civic Associations have been asked to send three candidates, of which the Superintendent will appoint one from each Civic Association. The Planning Commission, City Council and School Board have been asked to identify the member they would like to appoint to serve on this group. Community members interested in being the At-Large Community Member have been asked to provide their information to be considered for appointment. ACPS is interested in nominees with a background in architecture or landscape architecture, engineering or construction. Anyone interested in applying for the at-large position should email their interest and qualifications to [news@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:news@acps.k12.va.us) by October 21, 2019. The Douglas MacArthur Advisory Group will be a Superintendent's Advisory Group and therefore all members will be appointed by the Superintendent prior to the first community meeting on October 29.

A community meeting to introduce the core team and have an initial discussion on the project will be held on October 29, 2019 at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School. A webpage has been created for this project and the community engagement process:

[Douglas MacArthur Project](#)  
[Community Engagement Process](#)

### **BACKGROUND:**

Following a decision by the School Board on April 4, 2019, to use the old Patrick Henry building as swing space to advance the Douglas MacArthur Elementary School modernization, ACPS has begun pursuing the Douglas MacArthur project and is kicking off this process with the community.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the information provided in this brief.

### **IMPACT:**

An Advisory Group will be formed and will serve for the duration of this project.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

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