

# **PROPOSED STATE MARKER**

## **George Washington High School**

(April 2021 Draft)

The City of Alexandria purchased 15.5 acres here in 1933 and constructed George Washington High School. The school served Alexandria's segregated population from 1935-1965. The school was integrated in 1965 and continued functioning as a four-year high school until 1971.

The building with its Art Deco style features is considered one of the finest examples of this architectural style. The main building materials are brick and Indiana limestone. The Mechanical Arts Building was added in 1941 and the Tulloch Memorial Gymnasium was constructed in 1961.

The city stadium grounds at the rear of the main building were built in 1947. This was the site of one of Virginia's oldest public school football rivalries. The Olde Oaken Bucket football games between George Washington and archrival Washington Lee in Arlington were held on Thanksgiving mornings and heavily attended. The game was discontinued in 1968 after 34 years.

## **Location of the PROPOSED state marker for George Washington High School**

The proposed sign will be located in the grassy area in the front of the main building at 1005 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301.

The exact location will be at the entrance to the parking area which separates the main building and the Industrial Arts Building. The sign will be 20 yards from the WWII Memorial and 50 yards from the main building.