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**FROM:** Richard Jackson, Director of Educational Facilities

**THROUGH:** Clarence E. Stukes, Chief Operating Officer  
Dr. Alvin Crawley, Superintendent

**TO:** The Honorable Karen Graf, Chair, and Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** Patrick Henry Pre-K – 8 School and Recreation Center Schematic Design

**BACKGROUND:**

As approved in the CIP Budget, both the ACPS and Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities staffs have moved forward with the development of the Patrick Henry Pre-K-8 School and Recreation Center.

**CRITICAL PATH:**

This memo serves to provide the School Board with an update and overview of the schematic design to date. In order to stay within the project timeline, the School Board is scheduled to vote on the schematic design on September 15, 2016. A timeline for submissions to the City for review is listed below:

- Concept II Submission was made June 24, 2016 and comments were received on July 15, 2016
- Completeness Submission was made August 11, 2016 and comments were received on September 1
- Preliminary Site Plan submission is due September 20, 2016

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

Since the last update to the School Board in May 2016, the following community engagement has taken place:

- Advisory Group meetings were held in June, July and August to review the final design including floorplans and site plans in detail. In addition, Keller Construction as the Construction Manager for the project and the team reviewed the role of the Advisory Group until December 2016.
- Electronic updates were given to all of those interested in the Patrick Henry project via e-mail including design plans and images.
- The Design Review Team held a Patrick Henry parent focus group to solicit input on some of the aesthetics and environment the new school should provide.

- The Design Review Team also met with the Playspace Technical Advisory Team (PTAT) to review plans for playspace at the site.

The Design Review Team is currently planning Advisory Group meetings as well as community meetings in late September. The team is also planning to meet with representatives from the Arts Commission and relevant Patrick Henry staff about the arts spaces in the building. Staff working on the new Patrick Henry Pre-K-8 School and Recreation Center will be present at Back to School Night on September 22, 2016, as well.

#### **SCHEMATIC DESIGN:**

The current design incorporates all requirements from the Site Specific Program Document with minor changes based on programmatic needs. The design is approximately 18,000 square feet above the original Site Specific Program Document's estimated 120,000 square feet for the school portion of the building only. Reasons for this increase in square footage are:

- Desire for massing off of Latham Street
- Direct access from the school to the athletic fields
- Preventing overlap with the existing building for safety in phased construction
- Avoiding conflicts with adjacent powerlines
- Accommodating the site's challenging site topography
- Addition of a staff lounge separate from teacher team rooms

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

*Critical Path* – Minor changes to the design may be pursued; however, large scale changes to the schematic design could delay the DSUP schedule and therefore overall project schedule.

*Community Engagement* – ACPS will have a community meeting for a design update in the fall as well as Advisory Group meetings through December 2016. The Advisory Group meetings will begin focusing on construction phasing and planning.

*Schematic Design* – The School Board is scheduled to vote on schematic design on September 15, 2016 and the DSUP Preliminary Site Plan will be submitted on September 20, 2016. The School Board will engage in a budget discussion to determine if additional funds are needed and how these funds will be provided to the project. The Design Review Team will look further into a phasing of guaranteed maximum price (GMP) to get the most accurate cost estimates throughout the Design Development phase.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Superintendent recommends approval of the Patrick Henry Pre-K – 8 School and Recreation Center Schematic Design.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center: School Board Work Session

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