The High School Project



School Board Retreat

August 22, 2019



EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS

Essential Questions

- 1. How did the work performed address program options and site concepts required by the Board's motion on March 21, 2019?
- 2. What were the **preliminary findings** of the *Educational Design Team (EDT)*?
- 3. What were the **results** of the site investigation?
- 4. Going forward, what **programs and site analysis** need to be considered?
- 5. What are the **next steps**?



Original EDT Schedule

Date	Time	Topic	
June 4	3:30 p.m 5:00 p.m.	Kick-off meeting	
June 17	3:30 p.m 5:00 p.m.	Current programming, ideas, and solutions	
June 25	1:00 p.m 4:00 p.m.	Two high schools	
July 11	9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Two high schools	
July 25	9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Connected High School Network (CHSN)	
Aug 9	9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Connected High School Network (CHSN)	
Aug 15	9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Is there a third recommendation?	
Sept 5	4:00 p.m 6:00 p.m.	Consensus building	
Sept 19	4:00 p.m 6:00 p.m.	Review report and recommendations	



Revised EDT Schedule

Date	Time	Topic	
June 4	3:30 p.m 5:00 p.m.	Kick-off meeting	
June 17	3:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.	Reviewing board priorities and program of studies	
June 25 1:00 p.m 4:00 p.m.		Understanding course requests	
July 11	9:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	Establishing values and designing two high schools	
July 25	9:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	Designing Connected High School Network (CHSN)	
Aug 9	9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Examining alternative pathways to graduation, extracurricular activities and clubs	
Aug 15	9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Understanding site options and developing elevator speeches	
Sept 24	3:45 p.m 4:45 p.m.	Reviewing September 26, 2019 presentation	



Understanding T.C. Williams High School

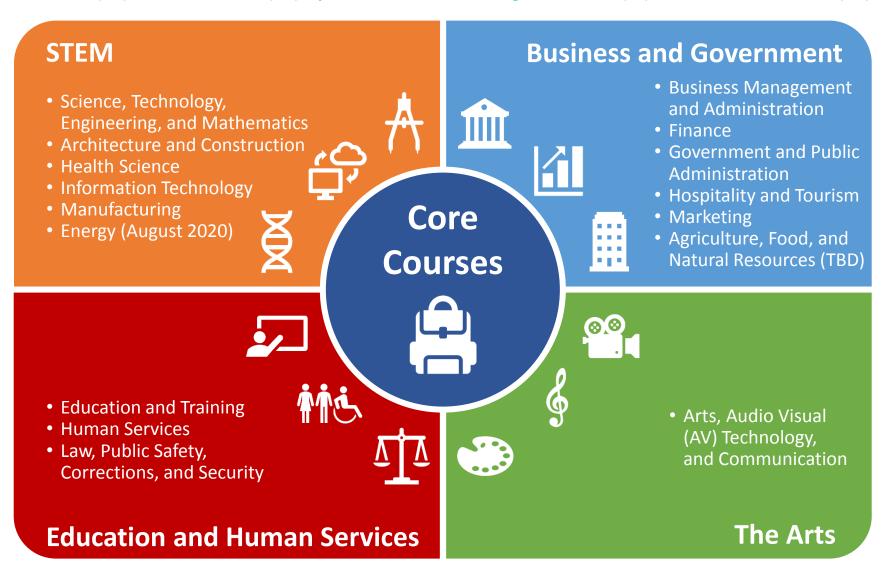
- Listened to students in a Fish Bowl session
- Examined the current program of studies
- Explored 30,000 course requests
- Learned about the 16 industry credentials





Educational Programming Framework

This represents Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) and Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) graduation requirements, 16 Career and Technical Education (CTE) career clusters, and includes program options for Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Enrollment (DE), Specialized Instruction, English Learners (EL), and General Education (GE).



Rating Rubric

Group Value	Equity	Relationships/ Community	Achievement	Student Choice/Multiple Pathways	Impact on Student Achievement, Including the Impact on Subgroups	Access to Academic and Extracurricular Programs and Social Emotional Support
Weight	4	3	2	1	+/-	+/-
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Rate each design from 0-4...1 being hardly evident to 4 being highly evident.

If the presentation does not include this value, rate the value 0

0	1	2	3	4
No evidence of the value in any part of the presentation	Very little evidence, but mentioned at some point within the presentation	Some evidence but not substantial within the presentation	Clear thought of the value but not throughout the presentation	Highly evident thought of the value throughout the presentation.

Non-negotiable considerations for each project:

- Impact on student achievement, including the impact on subgroups (e.g., English Learners, students with disabilities, underrepresented minorities);
- > Access to academic and extracurricular program and equitable social-emotional support (counselors/social workers)



Alternative Pathways to Graduation, Extracurricular Activities and Clubs

- Different format for learning
- Specially designed locations, spaces, and schedules
- Flexibility
- Specially trained staff
- Leads to career and other postsecondary options

Alternative Pathways to Graduation



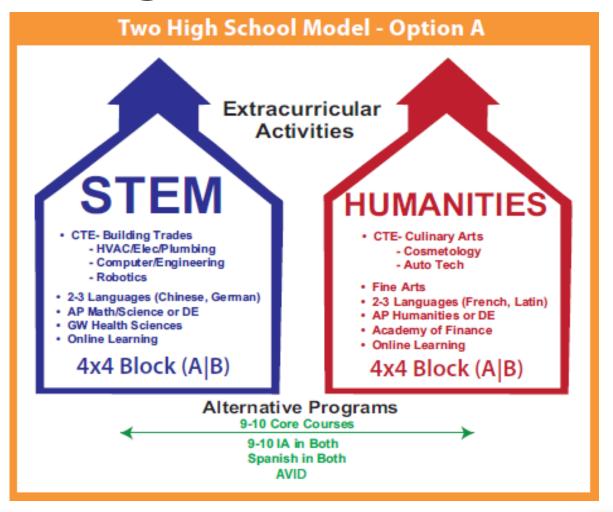
- Understanding Virginia High School Sports League (VHSL) rules and regulations
- **Staff sponsorship** is critical for clubs
- Offered **74 clubs** in 2018-2019 school year
- Plan forthcoming for better advertisement of opportunities

Extracurricular Activities and Clubs



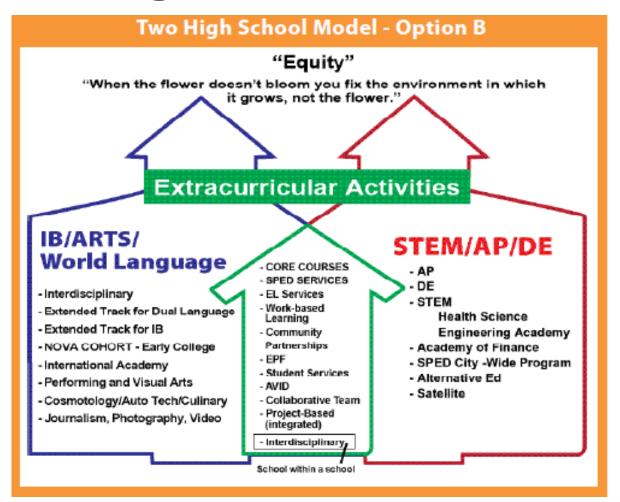


Two High School Model (A)



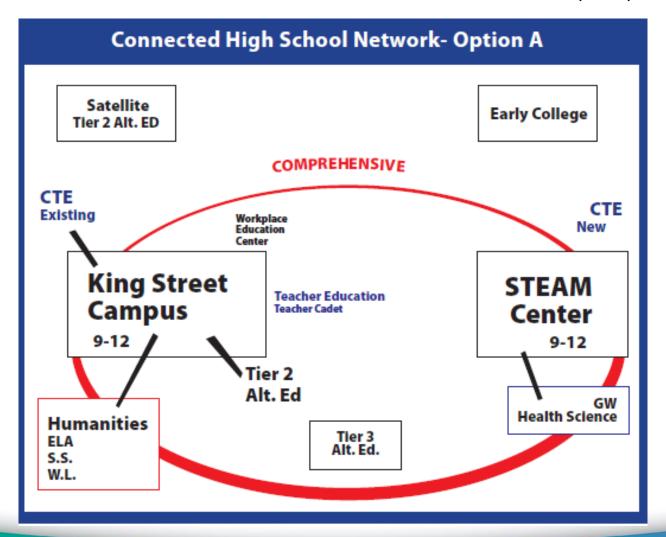


Two High School Model (B)



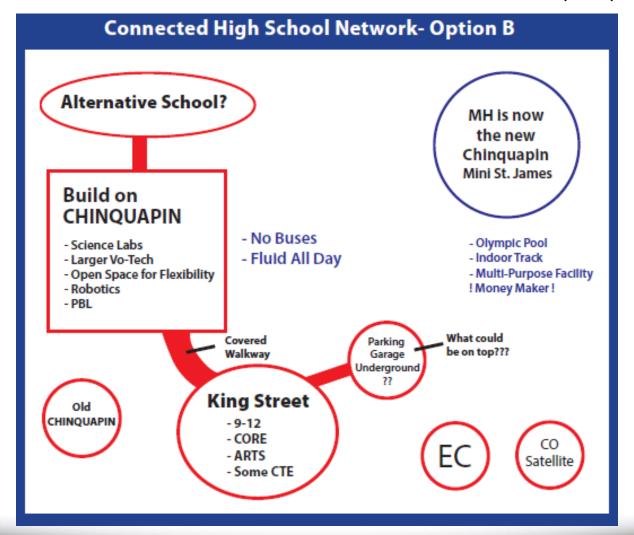


Connected HS Model (A)





Connected HS Model (B)





Site Investigation

ACPS engaged Savills to conduct research to uncover market opportunities that could be used in one of the two high school strategies being considered.

Savills is a **160 year-old global real estate brokerage consulting firm** that provides expert services and support.

On May 14, 2019, Savills published and shared a website (www.acps-eoi.com) that detailed the precise land and building information ACPS needed from interested and willing sellers and partners.

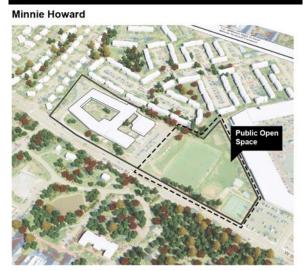
Savills also proactively engaged the market from the beginning of the process through direct, targeted contact with real estate brokers, developers, and large land-owning institutions within the City of Alexandria.

No privately-owned sites were offered either through the public notice or through Savills' direct discussions with brokers, developers, and landowners.



Analyzed Sites

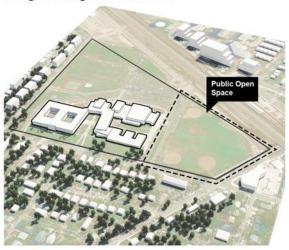
Two High Schools Sites



Hammond Middle School



George Washington Middle School

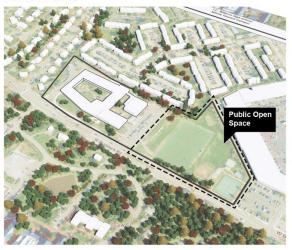


Connected High School Network Sites

King Street Campus



Minnie Howard



Potomac Yard



Minnie Howard Analysis

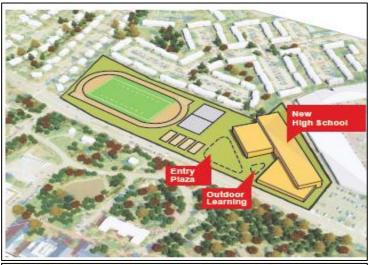
- Site Area: 522,000 Gross
 Square Footage (GSF)
- Current Building Size: 166,500 GSF
- Zoning allows 320,000GSF
- Contains multi-use field, basketball and tennis courts
- Open spaces used by ACPS and the Community

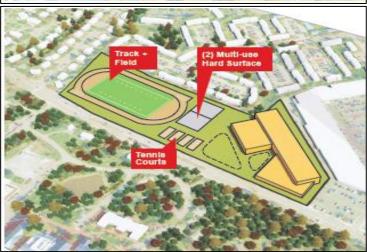




Maximum Development

- 320,000 GSF, 1,600 Students
- Density studied as a 2nd high school and as a part of a connected network
- Existing uses include multiuse and small ball field and tennis courts
- Additional development could impact a small ball field, but could be off set by a track with a strategy to provide parking under ground.

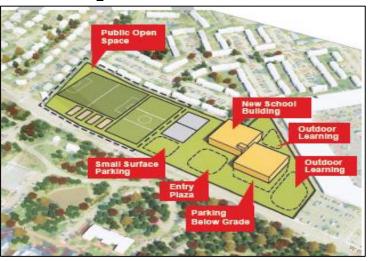


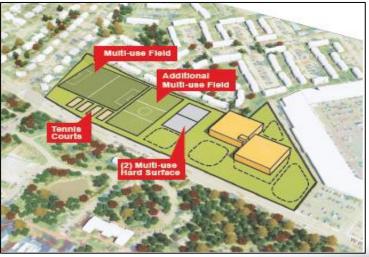




Medium Development

- 240,000 GSF, 1,200 Students
- Density studied as a component as a part of the connected network
- Existing uses include multi-use and small ball field and tennis courts
- Additional development could impact small ball field but could be off set by an additional multi-use field or hard surface with a strategy to provide parking under ground.







Next Steps

Continue stakeholder engagement, including teacher outreach;

Begin early coordination with the City on archaeology and historic preservation issues;

Develop preliminary site analysis of the four models proposed by the EDT;

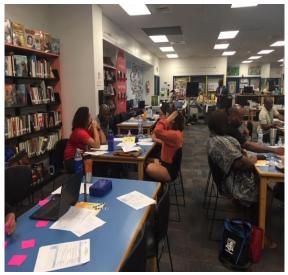
Formulate design and construction procurement strategies; and

Refine cost estimates.



Questions and Discussion





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