


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2020

TO: THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE
CITY COUNCIL / SCHOOL BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE

FROM: MARK B. JINKS, CITY MANAGER 

RE: DRAFT JOINT RESOLUTION ON CO-LOCATION AND SHARED USE ON
SCHOOL SITES

Attached for your review is the proposed draft guiding Joint Resolution on Co-location and Shared Use on Schools Sites proposed for consideration by both City Council and the School Board in February. The intent of the resolution is to put both bodies on record as supporting the concept of co-location. It does not, however, commit to any specific co-location proposal. City and School staff worked collaboratively in developing this draft resolution. Also attached is information on co-location presented to the MacArthur Advisory Group Meeting held on December 16.

cc: Dr. Gregory Hutchings, Superintendent, ACPS

Attachments

RESOLUTION NO. XXXX

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA AND THE ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD JOINT RESOLUTION ON CO-LOCATION AND SHARED USE ON SCHOOL SITES

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Ad Hoc Joint City-Schools Facility Investment Task Force established by City Council provided recommendations for the City Council and the Alexandria City School Board to collaborate more effectively in future capital planning and decision making;

WHEREAS, Alexandria is one community with varied organizational structures, neighborhoods and interests;

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria and Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) serve the same community;

WHEREAS, Alexandria is a community of growing needs operating within a constrained land area;

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria and ACPS face mounting challenges associated with meeting the capital needs of our community with limited public resources,

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria and ACPS require creative and flexible planning and delivery solutions including a robust look at co-location and shared use options;

WHEREAS, joint development and occupancy of public capital investments and services is a means of reducing both capital and operating costs;

WHEREAS, the collaborative delivery and co-location of services can produce better results and outcomes for ACPS students, their families and adjacent neighborhoods;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA AND THE ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD:

1. All future redevelopment of existing City or ACPS owned sites and/or development of new sites will include a core team of ACPS and City staff to ensure that citywide needs are met as part of site-level planning to the fullest extent feasible.
2. ACPS programming and capacity needs are the priority on school sites and will not be reduced to fit other uses.
3. For the purposes of maximizing available space and services for the community, colocation of uses and services will be explored to the extent feasible by the core staff team on each site including, but not limited to:

- a. Recreational programming/facilities to meet existing (at minimum) and future demand.
 - b. Accommodations for services provided by the Department of Community and Human Services at levels appropriate to each surrounding community, including early childhood/childcare, youth development, behavioral health and benefits services.
 - c. Accommodations for public health specialty clinics and services, making them accessible to more families. Public services provided at school sites respond to student needs and the needs of their families.
 - d. Colocation with workforce, senior and/or affordable housing.
 - e. Joint use/colocation to provide public library services.
 - f. Colocation with other public facilities.
 - g. Such other uses that may emerge to serve community needs.
4. Consideration will be given to compatibility between co-located programs to ensure the site is functional and promotes the school and other uses on the site.
 5. Design and planning framework developed in the City-ACPS Joint Facilities Master Plan will be followed in future planning processes for school and other public sites.



COLOCATION AND SHARED USE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES ON SCHOOL SITES

Community needs throughout Alexandria including facilities and services are increasing. With land at a premium within the city, it is critical that sites owned by the City and ACPS are maximized to deliver the range of services our community needs.

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 reduced to fit other uses.

Potential uses to be explored for colocation/joint use on school sites include, but are not limited to:

- Recreational programming/facilities to meet existing (at minimum) and future demand.
- Accommodations for services provided by the Department of Community and Human Services at levels appropriate to each surrounding community, including early childhood/childcare, youth development, behavioral health and benefits services.
- Accommodations for public health specialty clinics and services, making them accessible to more families. Public services provided at school sites respond to student needs and the needs of their families.
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The Joint City/ACPS Facilities Master Plan process is underway and will guide decision making relative to the above.