

MacArthur PTA Co-location Survey

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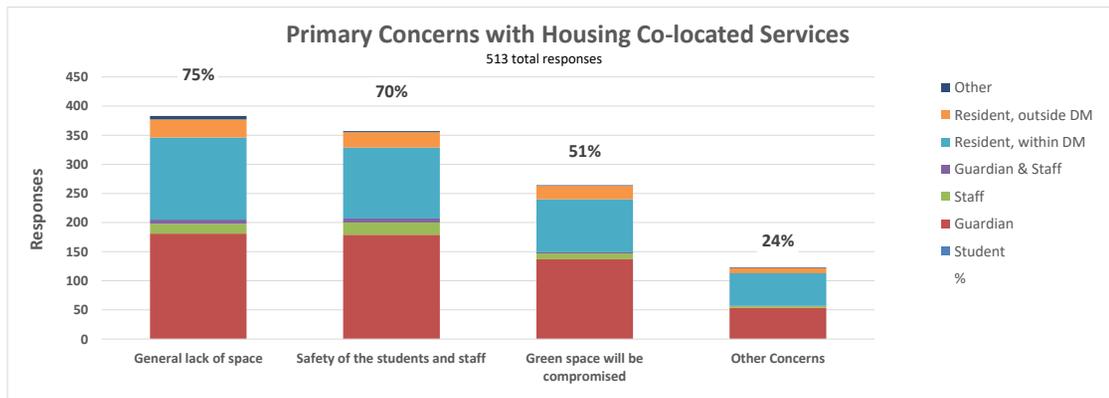
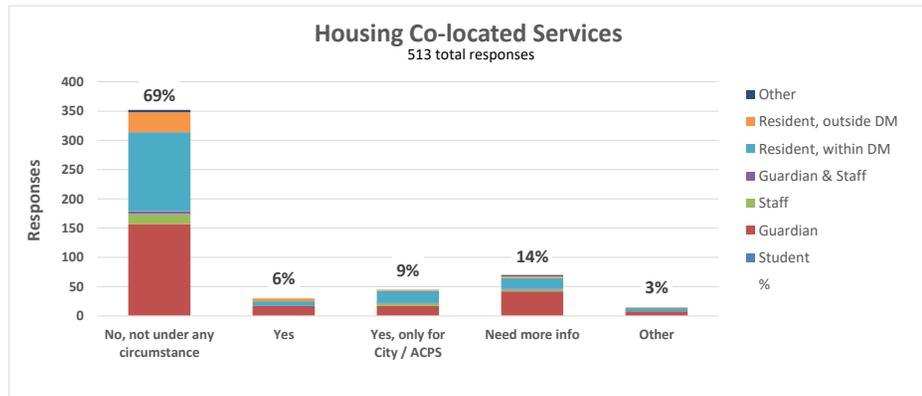
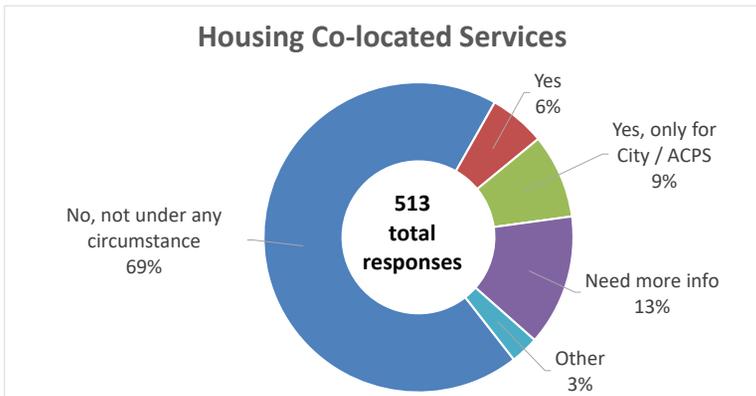
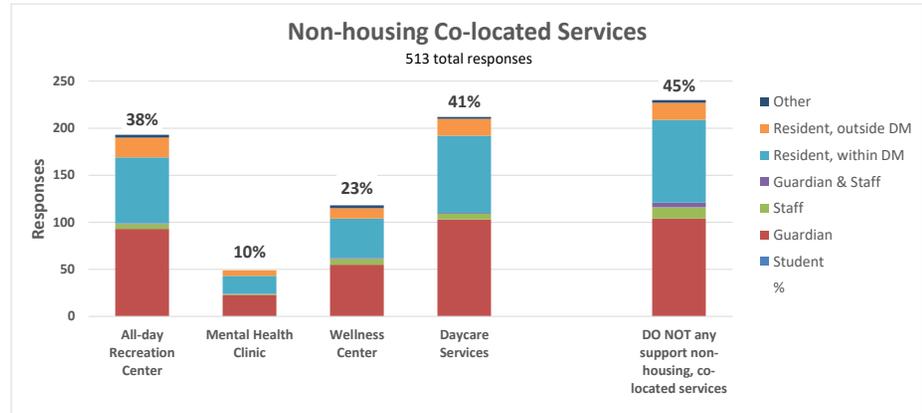
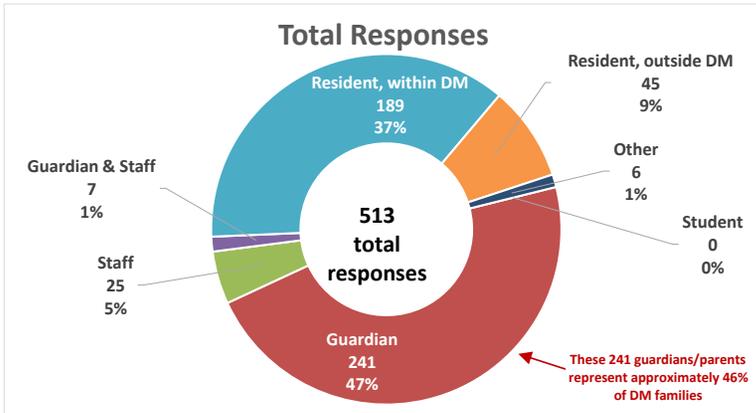
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MacArthur PTA - Co-Location Survey - Interim Results

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1	Resident, within DM	An elementary school is no place to have housing for anyone or provide a Mental Health Clinic on premises. You have to think about the worst case scenario, individuals in close proximity to a young children. What about the potential for alcohol, drugs, firearms on school property? Does this sound like a good idea? The safety and security of the students and staff is the #1 priority. Where would people park if they went to any of these facilities? The underground parking won't be enough for staff and the others that need a place to park. Where will people park? Students at TC can't even park in their own parking lot due to space limitations and poor planning.
2	Resident, within DM	We have no room on our streets for any extra cars. The traffic is so bad in our neighborhood no one will be able to access the facility. We are a 10 min walk to school. It took me 20 minutes to drive to cub scouts at the school many times.
3	Guardian	A rec center (like the one attached to Charles Barrett or the one by Duncan Library).
4	Guardian	Dont mix adukts w children
5	Guardian	after-school recreation center
6	Guardian	Some sort of recreation center - but I'm not sure if I'm comfortable with an all-day rec center.
7	Resident, within DM	I do not support housing co-location at public school spaces either.
8	Guardian	I'd be open to mental health services depending on the nature of those services
9	Resident, within DM	Library
10	Resident, within DM	Scouting activities, ESL classes in the evenings, other child related activities, and possibly evening classes for parents. While I support mental health clinics, I don't know that an elementary school is the best/safest location for one.
11	Guardian	Support is largely contingent on how it would impact the educational space and green space for MacArthur students.
12	Resident, within DM	MacArthur should be used to teach elementary students, that's it!
13	Resident, within DM	Surely other City owned property besides an ELEMENTARY SCHOOL with YOUNG CHILDREN can be used
14	Resident, within DM	library
15	Resident, outside DM	School offices such as central office or facilities, etc.
16	Guardian	I believe that school buildings should serve the community as social services centers.
17	Resident, within DM	McArthur's location within CCPCA requires the City and the School Board to be a thoughtful, good neighbor. This neighborhood has already been asked to absorb ever increasing cut through traffic. Approval for Bishop Ireton's attendance numbers to significantly increase has been approved. The property at the intersection of Yale and Duke has been approved for increased development. The fields at McArthur are planned for non-McArthur use. 100 parking spaces are planned for a elementary school?? I do NOT support any additional use for the McArthur site.
18	Resident, within DM	The site is too small for co-location without dramatically changing the character of the neighborhood, which is already suffering from ill-considered expansion and traffic congestion.
19	Resident, outside DM	I do not support collocated services on school property, especially housing, clinics, wellness centers or other facilities that introduce adults not associated with children in the school to the school property. Day care, MAYBE.
20	Guardian	The space at the school doesn't allow for anything else.
21	Guardian	Library
22	Guardian	Extra fields and nature center also seem like appropriate co-location services for the space
23	Resident, within DM	I would support a wellness center and mental health clinic for MacArthur students and their immediate families only
24	Resident, within DM	special consideration should be given to providing meals for students on snow days and all of the other days kids are off.
25	Guardian	Based on the small size of space, uncertainty of a parking garage, and traffic, I do not believe any of these can be accommodated on the small property while maintaining security and separation at the school. The property is simply too small to secure separate entrances and exits. I am concerned about general members of the public coming in and out of the school, playground, etc. (that includes pre-K through 5) for business who may or not be safe for our children to interact with. Particularly those using a mental health clinic or with communicable diseases at a wellness center.
26	Guardian	I need more information for anything in school grounds that would include invetted adults coming and going. My primary interest is preserving the safety and security for the children while on school grounds.
27	Guardian	Continued co location of gym space, fields and after school programs
28	Guardian	Open to other suggestions
29	Resident, within DM	I would support child focused services across the age spectrum. The goal being persons vetted for close contact and access to young children. I could support unique living options for teaching staff, again contact with children the determining factor, as distinguished from non-teaching staff.
30	Resident, within DM	Whatever is needed
31	Guardian	soccer on the field
32	Resident, outside DM	The Duncan Library and Chinquapin Rec Center have totally inadequate parking. These are not neighborhood resources.
33	Guardian	In general, I think services that result in people coming and going throughout the school day are a mistake. Recreation programs outside of school hours are fine.
34	Resident, within DM	I support low-cost housing for city employees such as teachers, police, and fire fighters on upper levels (so the young kids don't have too many steps) with separate entrances. They would have to deal with the noise and other potential nuisances of living on top a school.
35	Resident, within DM	Child only wellness, evening rec, library
36	Resident, outside DM	affordable housing
37	Guardian	Limited use rec facilities, i.e., basketball courts or soccer fields

Comments: Non-Housing

38	Guardian	While an all-day Rec Center at MacArthur is a lovely idea, there is no way there is enough space at the site to consider this. Space is already incredibly limited for the new school, which will need to better accommodate the 700+ students who are already crowded in the existing way-too-small school. With the location in a residential neighborhood, it's hard to imagine where both a school AND an all-day Rec Center would be built on that limited amount of land without building a 5-story high-rise. On the other hand, mental health services, daycare services, and a wellness center would require a much smaller amount of space, and these would truly serve both the local community but most importantly be really useful services for the MacArthur students AND their families.
39	Guardian	All day recreation center during the day only in circumstances that do not present safety issues to children during the school day or limited to weekends and after school hours. Daycare only if limited to a number of slots that will not significantly impact traffic congestion in a negative way relative to the amount of students already planned to be attending. Any collocation at the MacArthur site need to address traffic concerns given that Janney's lane is only 2 lanes and already has traffic issues. Plans for this need to be made prior to any Specific co-location approval.
40	Guardian	I support a wide-range of after school or weekend activities. I do have concerns about additional parking/space required to provide All-day services that need to be accessed by non-students during school hours.

Comments: Housing

1	Resident, within DM	I support the idea to co locate with an elementary school if it were a site that it would work at. This is not the site. At a minimum you would need separate dedicated access. Janneys/ Taylor Run and Quaker can not handle any more added trips.
2	Guardian	Only for temporary house of new teachers in the area
3	Resident, within DM	Supportive for teachers, medical and emergency services personnel, firefighters and police only.
4	Resident, within DM	This is a new concept for me. If the custodians, grounds keepers, cafeteria workers, or teachers for MacArthur lived in the units, it might be a consideration. People who have a stake in taking care of the facilities. I presume the access to their apartments would be completely separate physically and visually from the school entries and activities. It seems like the extra parking needed would take away from the recreation activity space. You would really have to screen who lived there, not only in regard to their income, but also in regard to a criminal record or any other negative mark against their character. I would keep an open mind until I could see exactly what the architects could come up with and what criteria were used in determining who could live there. Given the increased student body size that us anticipated, I would rather see more space provided for a smaller student to teacher ratio that provides an education and activities that rivals that which is provided in area private schools.
5	Guardian	It is hard to envision how programming and capacity needs would not be compromised to fit housing services.
6	Resident, within DM	If there is excess land on the site beyond the needs of ACPS it should be subdivided and sold off for private development.
7	Resident, within DM	ACPS staff only, not city staff
8	Guardian	Yes, under certain conditions - with a preference for ACPS employees or, secondary, for other city employees
9	Guardian	I am supportive only of housing services for ACPS staff/employees.
10	Resident, within DM	I need more information such as parking, traffic but might be willing to support for work force housing
11	Guardian	I would support workforce housing for ACPS employees, making it possible for school staff and teachers to actually be able to afford living in the city where they work (which is hard now). However, as I wrote above, while I am wholeheartedly in support of increasing affordable housing in Alexandria, I am doubtful about how there could possibly be enough space at the site to provide more than a handful of affordable housing units on the MacArthur site. Space is already incredibly limited for the new school, which will need to better accommodate the 700+ students who are already crowded in the existing way-too-small school. With the location in a residential neighborhood, it's hard to imagine where both a school AND affordable housing would be built on that limited amount of land without building a 5-story high-rise.
12	Resident, outside DM	I think the concept of co-located housing is interesting, and it is good to do due diligence about the possibility, but it is hard to imagine that specific site being large enough to support it. I can't render a final opinion one way or the other without seeing some concept designs about how it would work.
13	Guardian	I do not support housing on the school site. The demands of maintaining a drug and alcohol free school area and ensuring safety of the students outweigh the benefit of housing at this site. In addition, Given the small size of the site, housing would need to be higher density housing than is currently located in the neighborhood along Janney's lane and add still more traffic volume that I do not believe Janney's was designed to hold. I understand the need for affordable housing so that City and ACPS employees can live in the cities they serve. I simply do not feel it is appropriate to do this on school grounds.
14	Guardian	We need more information on what is being proposed, are we talking about 5 apartments for employees of Douglass MacArthur, or multiple housing units for individuals who work elsewhere in the city? Also the fact that this is being inserted as a last minute addition is very concerning, it gives the impression that the planners wanted to limit our time to discuss and thoroughly review this proposal.

Comments: Housing Concerns	1	Guardian	Parking and traffic
	2	Resident, within DM	1. you would need dedicated, separate access for each use. peak hour access will be conflicted. 2. road network cant handle the additional trips.
	3	Guardian	Lack of communication and last minute nature regarding the proposal.
	4	Resident, within DM	I am concerned about adding congestion to the Janneys Lane area. I also do not feel as an educator that having housing on the site of an elementary school is appropriate or safe.
	5	Guardian	People can get background checks, but visitors can not be screened.
	6	Guardian	There seems to be no conceivable way to have a housing component co-located with an elementary school where privacy for future residents and safety of kids can inhabit the same space
	7	Guardian	Safety
	8	Guardian	Proximity to public transportation - it's not the most accessible location.
	9	Resident, within DM	I expect my tax payer dollars to be spent on services, roads, schools, and other programs that benefit Alexandria residents and not on socialist programs such as government housing.
	10	Resident, within DM	Traffic
	11	Resident, within DM	The city already has a department for this: ARHA. Why is ACPS also taking this on? It's not core to the ACPS mission and ACPS has no experience with this. If the city needs more affordable or workforce housing, why not redevelop existing ARHA sites that already are dense?
	12	Resident, within DM	Schools and housing are intrinsically separate social functions, serving totally separate public needs. It is inappropriate to try to shoehorn one function into another.
	13	Guardian	Alexandria as a whole does not plan well for the growth rate and does not have the infrastructure to handle more growth. Over zealous efforts to go green further compound commuting, quality of schools, aesthetics, and privacy (nobody pays for an expensive house to stare at my neighbors through their window or obscene apartment/high rise parking lots.)
	14	Resident, within DM	It's not an appropriate shared use of space. It's not about the safety of the students; it's just not appropriate for an elementary school to co-locate with adults. The city needs to provide more affordable housing in appropriate places, not directly above or next to a school.
	Comments: Housing Concerns	15	Resident, within DM
16		Resident, within DM	We support the "Forest" design plan for MacArthur. It will open up Greenspace and offers a fresh look and feel. We strongly oppose adding additional housing into the footprint. It is too small a site to add any significant volume of housing and it will add to the already significant (and talked about) issues with congestion on seminary road/janneys lane. The traffic is already really bad during school drop off and pick up. We support an improvement of the school but oppose the addition of workforce housing units. There are better spaces in the city to address this problem.
17		Resident, within DM	Traffic congestion
18		Resident, within DM	There is not enough school space across the city. Focus on ACPS needs and get the school levels up. Do not use space that may be needed in the future. Schools are already busting at the seams with enrollment.
19		Guardian	This is an elementary school for grades K through 5. Although I understand that background checks could be conducted for residents of a co-located space, that does not (1) ensure that there could be danger to children from individuals who have not yet been caught by law enforcement, and (2) protect against guests who end up staying on this location without background checks (e.g., creepy uncle who stays on couch for months but is not registered as an actual resident). I think that this concept is reckless and dangerous to children. I understand the need for affordable housing in Alexandria, but using an elementary school for that experiment is a terrible idea. Alexandria should require greater affordable housing options from the private sector developers who are putting in new apartments and condos all over the city. Leave our elementary schools out of this!
20		Resident, within DM	All of the above. Even if the occupants of such housing are school staff and vetted, who are their guests, when can guests be there, what is their access to the school , grounds and students, ie drug sales, molestation potential, etc.
21		Resident, within DM	The established quiet nature of the neighborhood will be compromised. The traffic and parking needs will be increased. Having a larger congestion effect on the Main roads, already affected by the bike lane issues. The residential streets will also see a clogging ripple effect and traffic safety concerns increase accordingly as well. The collocation housings concept is a BAD idea both for a school setting and the surrounding neighborhood across the board and on all fronts!
22		Resident, within DM	Inappropriate space by design and function
23		Resident, within DM	No need to add to the traffic jams in the Seminary area that the City have created with the mess and not needed Seminary Rd fiasco
24		Guardian	Schools should be zoned for students only. This is precious space where kids interact with teachers every day. For many reasons (safety, focus of study, relationship with teachers) there should be no additional services on campus.
25		Guardian	There are too many unknowns with this option to understand the complete list of risks associated with this option. I completely support affordable housing, but do not think an elementary school is the appropriate place for this to be implemented.
26		Resident, within DM	Comments written in previous Question #5
erns	27	Resident, within DM	Build housing near public transit. Don't ruin a neighborhood with hundreds of more cars. Students should be separated from the proposed buildings.

Comments: Housing Concerns	28	Resident, within DM	I am deeply concerned about ANY type of housing being co-located with an elementary school that we had been planning to send our young children to in the future. We may decide not to if there is housing onsite. How will the city ensure the safety of our kids while they are at school? There are a variety of potential serious problems with having housing on top of an elementary school involving things like guns, sexual predators and fires.
	29	Resident, outside DM	Expansion space and athletic space should be preserved for the school and neighborhood and multi-family housing is not in keeping with the character of the neighborhood.
	30	Guardian	Added traffic congestion on a road that has already been impacted by new bike lanes. There are too many schools within a five mile radius and there are too many students walking. Safety for all, not MacArthur students being open to more random adult strangers to be aware of.. Take a hard look at some of the fire stations (co-locate and redesign those buildings- build up), wooded areas along Taylor Run owned by city, Fairlington and Brandlee shopping strips can also be provided retail incentives to provide more affordable housing units. Give an architect and city planner the challenge. Not on grounds for elementary kids--too young for the risks
	31	Guardian	Very bad idea!!!!
	32	Resident, within DM	All of the above. And traffic. The road diet on Seminary has already backed up traffic on Janneys Lane to MacArthur. We don't need anymore cars on that road.
	33	Resident, within DM	I am not an expert in the requirements for a campus to support the the estimated student population. The purpose of ACPS land should be to educate children and provide for associated activities. If after study the parcel is larger than required to meet those needs the excess land should be sold off.
	34	Guardian	It is just a crazy and outrageous idea to have any multi-family projects colocation.
	35	Resident, outside DM	This is just crazy folks.
	36	Guardian	I have no concerns. This is an excellent idea. City development should always be multi-year.
	37	Resident, within DM	Traffic on Seminary Road is already a major issue.
Comments: Housing Concerns	38	Guardian	No. Just, no.
	39	Resident, within DM	SAFETY SAFETY SAFETY
	40	Guardian	This does not remotely pass the common sense test and can hardly believe a reasonable person would consider co-locating a school and housing.
	41	Resident, within DM	I am adamantly against colocation (at McArthur specifically) due to all the reasons stated above and the resulting increases in the dangers of cut through traffic to students walking to school as well as residents
	42	Guardian	While I support exploring this option, I am very concerned for the three reasons listed above. (Also, the drawing of this residential space is hideous looking and doesn't blend in at all with the community architecture.) And while the City of Alexandria apparently could use affordable housing, the last thing we should be doing is building more residential units. We are maxed out on people, space, roads, schools, etc. This is a much longer in-depth conversation. Squeezing residential units onto a big school on a tiny lot does not make sense.
	43	Guardian	It will change the entire character of the school. And even if you screen applicants, they will have family, friends, and visitors. On an elementary school site.
	44	Guardian	Traffic
	45	Resident, within DM	This is the worse idea ever! ACPS is sacrificing valuable space that could be used for classroom space. The City continues to build, build, build housing, but does not consider school capacity, traffic, destruction of neighborhoods.
	46	Guardian	More traffic and residents in an already congested area.
	47	Resident, within DM	Devalues proximate real estate, thereby reducing property taxes, thereby reducing city resources for improved schools
Comments: Housing Concerns	48	Resident, within DM	Additional costs for housing services outside the scope of providing a high quality education. The space should be maintained to meet future educational needs in the city, not provide housing.
	49	Resident, within DM	Distraction of core services of education.
	50	Guardian	The # of students will grow as more housing is developed. Adding housing to the grounds will diminish the ability for the school to absorb the inevitable increase in students we will all see.
	51	Resident, within DM	It is not appropriate to add residential on top of a grammar school given the potential issues that could arise when mixing adults with children.
	52	Resident, within DM	None
	53	Guardian	Lack of communication from the city and ACPS on any options - with pros and cons.
	54	Resident, within DM	Affect on property values to have this type of housing in the neighborhood
	55	Resident, outside DM	Traffic impact of additional residents on the property. BAD PLAN.
	56	Guardian	Space should be preserved for potential expansion of student services
	57	Resident, within DM	I love the teachers and staff at MacArthur and have nothing but admiration for their efforts. I'm surprised that a new building is being build with an expectation of only 840 students. As the current space was built for 400 and was around 700 when we attended. My fear is giving up the space now will be problematic in the not so distant future.
Comments: Housing Concerns	58	Resident, outside DM	Very Bad Idea from every angle
	59	Resident, within DM	We have enough of this type of housing within walking distance of the school. Right down Yale drive.
	60	Resident, within DM	Increased traffic
	61	Resident, within DM	There is no space for it and there would be 100% inadequate buffer between existing houses around school.
	62	Staff	Schools are constantly battling mice and insect infestation. Families living in the dwellings would be subjected to that type of living.
	63	Resident, within DM	The state recommended site size for elementary schools is 7 acres, 2 more than what MacArthur site contains. There is not room for housing.
	64	Resident, within DM	Janneys Lane already has enough traffic congestion with the current residents combined with the cut-through traffic heading to the beltway. Additionally, the MacArthur rebuild is being built for 800+ students, which means more traffic than now! We cannot accommodate more residents and traffic in this neighborhood!!

Comments: Housing Concerns	65	Guardian	Co-location of housing as part of school grounds introduces so many variables that distract from the primary use of the land/space - which is the education of our children. The safety measures alone will be complex and costly and introduce more safety risk to our children. Why would we voluntarily even consider anything that introduces more risk to the school environment?	
	66	Guardian	Traffic around the school	
	67	Guardian	Primarily, my view is that the space should continue to be reserved only for education (or "education adjacent" purposes like a rec center).	
	68	Resident, within DM	Traffic concerns	
	69	Resident, outside DM	Opens up too many possibilities of something going wrong and exposes our children to some bad situations and people. Additionally, I could see cleanliness, i.e. pest becoming a greater issue.	
	70	Resident, within DM	A zillion unforeseeable consequences: opens Pandora's Box; inappropriate to place children in that situation; Makes the building too big, messes up the neighborhood	
	71	Resident, within DM	A school is a safe space for children - we need the green space for the kids to be out and play - we do NOT need to crowd the space. There are many other locations we can purchase to build up with housing - I could name just a few - the city can purchase the homes located on this land and build up. Overall maybe we should stop overpopulating the city - keep green space green and continue the sprawls into the suburbs. If we keep on growing you might as well build mega schools as you will have the same problem off overcrowding in a few years time. Let us not get stuck in this hamster wheel.	
	72	Resident, within DM	Overcrowding; added traffic to a one way street that already experiences traffic	
	73	Guardian	I'm concerned about all of the above. I'm also concerned about transparency of use. What if there aren't any employees that want to live on site? Will we then open up to more general affordable housing? What options would be absolutely off the table and how do we guarantee this won't change at a later date?	
	74	Resident, within DM	It would certainly crowd out the needs of the school and its young students.	
	75	Guardian	Traffic, parking.	
	76	Resident, within DM	1. Additional traffic in an already congested area. 2. Housing type is in direct conflict with style and value of existing homes of the neighborhood.	
	77	Resident, within DM	Traffic and overcrowding in general. Alexandria needs to STOP development of more housing. We are FULL.	
	78	Resident, outside DM	The City and Public Schools should not be in the Housing Development business under any circumstances. This idea of co-located housing sounds like a boondoggle about to happen. The government needs to stay out of the domain that belongs to the private sector of housing development.	
	Comments: Housing Concerns	79	Staff	It takes away features (i.e. play space & learning gardens on roof) in the current designs that everyone was excited about and that would behoove our students in order to add something people are not interested in while opening our staff and students to security and safety concerns.
		80	Staff	Logistically, this seems like a nightmare. I don't know of a single staggering member who would want to live above the school. Would people need background checks to love there? What about parking?
81		Resident, within DM	I believe that public service includes working for a municipality in addition to the federal government. However, it's hard to make it in N. Virginia on the salary of a public servant, city-funded/-employed or otherwise. So, I would be supportive of entertaining the idea of "colocated housing services" at MacArthur if reserved for City or ACPS employees -- thus providing some incentive to serve the public as well as the ability to live in close proximity of one's place of work (the City of Alexandria).	
82		Resident, within DM	Traffic	
83		Guardian	There is ample space in private sector housing to accommodate. The school board should work closer with the city to request the appropriate support for colocating	
84		Resident, within DM	insufficient public transportation and other public amenities.	
85		Guardian	Our schools aren't set up to have 24-7 operations or people living of the premises. Even with workforce housing, there is no way to control access to unsafe guests, guns, and other people and things that don't belong around kids. There is no way to ensure The space is way to small to have separation of entrances and parking and for the school to have green space. The idea of locating housing on the school seems completely unworkable for safety and space reasons but also the basic facility issues we have experienced in the past. Would a grease fire in someone's apartment close the school?	
86		Guardian	We already ask so much of our school staff and teachers. Adding housing into the mix will inevitably create more logistical issues for the school if the housing and school are in any way physically connected to each other.	
87		Guardian	I would be concerned with anyone being allowed to live on school grounds, if it's ACPS employees there is at least a known background that provides some control	
88		Resident, within DM	Impact to neighborhood's "single family home look & feel / character"	
cerns	89	Guardian	Want to be sure that whatever use cases are considered, they have minimal impact on student and allow for trusted individuals on grounds	
	90	Guardian	No way I want people living at the school. You can vet the owners but you can't vet their visitors, children or significant others. It seems irresponsible to put housing over a school making our children fish in a barrel.	
	91	Resident, outside DM	Housing located on school properties is such a bad idea on so many fronts that there is no real space to accommodate a real discussion.	
	92	Resident, outside DM	All of the above!	
	93	Guardian	Adult housing and schoolchildren should not be co-located. It presents an obvious security risk to our students and teachers. There would be no way for the city or ACPS to ensure safety and restrict/monitor the activities of adults (and their families/guests) living in a school or on school property. I can't even believe this is being presented as an option.	
	94	Guardian	Let's see where this idea has been executed successfully.	
	95	Guardian	Housing is not the primary purpose of this space, and the increase in cost it would take to add the small amount of housing that it would provide does not seem cost-effective.	
	96	Guardian	I think it would be unreasonable to house non-teachers on school grounds. However, it seems a little distopian to house teachers on such a small school site (This isn't the VA Seminary). In addition to size, I think people deserve the ability to get AWAY from their work, not be housed next door.	

Comments: Housing Con	97	Resident, within DM	Traffic/parking
	98	Guardian	<p>traffic (will these people be leaving as students are coming, where will they park, etc). SAFETY: I lived in a neighborhood with affordable housing for 10 years up until 6 months ago. Even if you are able to vet the person who signs the lease, you are not able to vet the myriad of people and relatives who come in and out of the space. How can we possibly keep our children safe if we have no idea who is lurking about the grounds. I smelled pot on a REGULAR basis. Police cars were in our neighborhood AT LEAST once a week (and I was in townhouses that cost almost 600K). Multiple family members (most of which the city didn't know existed) were living under the roof, more often than not more than were allowed on the lease and were never registered with the city, and it is a constant flow of people in and out. There was often someone else's mcdonalds wrappers on my front lawn or discarded alcohol bottles in the back where my children could easily pick them up (this was particularly maddening as we lived in a "nice" neighborhood). Also my very next door neighbors who were affordable housing had a serious problem with mice and bed bugs because of the way they kept their home. These are not problems when you live in a neighborhood - they are normal life (minus the pot, police cars, and empty beer bottles) - of course I want relatives to come over. Of course I want people to be able to live their lives, but when it comes to a school where the safety of my children is at stake, I will not compromise that AT ANY POINT - FOR ANY REASON!!! You cannot possibly control who is coming in and out of apartments. You cannot possibly control who is creepily watching children play from their living room window, who is on the grounds so frequently children may mistake that person for a school worker and trust them... But you wont need to control these things or trash or children finding bong on school property (mine found one on her walk home from school on Yale Dr!!!) because you won't allow apartments to be on school grounds. You care too much about these children. Let us not forget that the Sandyhook shooter was THE SON of a teacher that worked there. The son will never be on the lease... the son will never be vetted. But the son WILL have easy access.</p>
	99	Other	Government subsidized housing leads to lower quality and standards in every instance
Comments: Housing Concerns	100	Resident, within DM	DMES is a neighborhood school in a residential neighborhood of single family homes, not multifamily homes. We have areas of the city for high density housing and areas for low density housing. Larger lot sizes and green spaces are one of the things that makes this neighborhood most attractive to homeowners. Putting a multifamily, low income housing unit right in the middle of this will have a negative effect on that attraction.
	101	Resident, within DM	Many of the comments I have seen about potential eligible residents suggest residents would be City employees. Would these be single employees? Married? Families? What happens if/when a job change occurs and the eligible employee-resident is no longer employed by the City? Does that change their residency eligibility status? I think there are many issues surrounding this idea that have not been fully thought out, aside from the check-box issues that are also listed with this question.
	102	Resident, outside DM	No concern
	103	Guardian	Traffic in the neighborhood and especially near the school is bad enough without adding housing onto the property.
	104	Guardian	For elementary school age kids in the suburbs, I don't believe that we should be changing the structure of the community. We are still a suburb and shouldn't be looking to change the feel to an urban community
	105	Guardian	Waste of tax payer money in the wrong location and in a single family residential neighborhood. Mental health services co-located in an elementary school space is non-sensical.
	106	Resident, within DM	Put housing on the top floor with a separate entrance and access to the roof where the solar panels presumably will be located.
	107	Guardian	Additional traffic and parking concerns
	108	Guardian	I have no problem with adding this so long as it doesn't delay the timeline of the new school opening and it doesn't impede traffic/parking in the neighborhood.
	109	Resident, within DM	NIMBY neighbors
	110	Resident, within DM	Additional traffic issues in a primarily residential neighborhood. Might make sense in a denser location, but not here.
	Comments: Housing Concerns	111	Resident, within DM
112		Resident, within DM	Additional traffic in an area already plagued with congestion.
113		Resident, within DM	I do not think that this is an appropriate use for school property. How will you screen those applying for housing to ensure they are appropriate to be living within a school zone? Also, once built, this decision will eliminate space for any future expansion of the school. Do not give up any school space for non-educational reasons. The only space I would support is educational offices for the school board, space for pre-school learning, or day care facilities. Finally, find a way to incorporate more "green" space in your plans. Keep or plant as many trees as possible. Use green roofs. Do not over pour concrete! Be concerned about permeable land. Have an environmentalist review the building plans to save as much green space as possible in our City.
114		Guardian	Because this idea is completely ludicrous. Our schools are bursting at the seams, LITERALLY.
115		Guardian	The thought of having people live at the school property seems ridiculous on so many levels. Let's put our children's education FIRST for a change in this city!
116		Guardian	Lack of information/data from ACPS about the extent to wish teachers would be interested in living above a school campus (distinct from interest in affordable housing generally)
117		Guardian	Has anyone *asked* teachers and other city workers whether or not *they* support this plan? Please treat teachers and other city workers as adults with private lives of their own. What kind of rules would be applied to those living on school grounds? Social alcohol use? Overnight guests (platonic and otherwise)? What about shift workers who need to sleep during the day...right next to a noisy playground? The teachers to whom I am related (including my husband) reacted with horror at the idea of living on the campus where they work.
118		Guardian	See comments above
119		Guardian	I would prefer OTHER co-located uses that provide services to MORE community members than what I perceive could be accommodated by housing services.

	120 Guardian	Centered around the education of our children, our schools serve as one of the backbones of our community, providing a welcoming safe environment to learn, play and connect both during and after regular school hours. I worry that adding fulltime housing or co-located services to the campus will fundamentally change the environment, negatively impacting the children and families the school is designed to serve.
	121 Guardian	Complexity of possible legal issues

Comments: General	1	Guardian	Not having a "no concerns" option or other way of not showing question 6 if you have no concerns is a problem.
	2	Guardian	While I am generally supportive of this idea of co-location and the school system helping the affordable housing situation within the City (especially with Amazon coming to town), I am against the two ideas of the mental health clinic and wellness center because of the potential safety issue of the students and staff. Without additional information about the mental health services provided, one will assume the worst. Moreover, wellness center is too broad of a term to endorse. Finally, this is just a general comment, but I would respectfully disagree that the City and school system serve the same families, otherwise this would not be as significant of an issue than it already is. There will always be the City residents who have no children in the school system who will be against ideas like this (see the large turnout of seniors to the feasibility study meetings, such as in GMES), and the school system serves all families, regardless of color, and yet again I reference the demographic makeup of folks in these feasibility study meetings. The lack of POC (people of color) voices is alarming, and while I understand that these meetings are open to everyone, I do think that there should be much more stronger of an outreach than just a Spanish translated paper or email that goes out to everyone. Thank you for soliciting comments with this survey and I hope that everyone has not just the opportunity to be heard, but to actually be heard. Thank you again.
	3	Resident, within DM	The space is too small and the children's fields and play areas will be compromised which is not fair to the students. Children's safety will be diminished because of the close quarters that will be created by added housing - people will be coming and going on the property all the time. It will increase traffic on an already busy road which has become worse due to the bike lanes.
	4	Resident, within DM	The ACPS should inform the City that their educational program needs, at each school site, take precedent over any colocation initiatives. The City's colocation policies should be published before any school sites are considered.
	5	Guardian	I have no problem with the affordable/workforce housing in theory. We need more of it in Alexandria - but I have trouble imagining where it could realistically fit and leave enough outdoor space for the students. This is the same reason I'm not sure how an all day Rec Center would fit on the site.
	6	Guardian	I think it's a valid issue for the city to consider, given the lack of affordable housing in Alexandria. That said, I am only here for another year before finishing a graduate degree and respect concerns about the lack of physical space on the property. I do not think that we rightly have cause to be concerned about safety of children or staff unless mental health services are offered. I do feel that this would be cause for concern on the same site as an elementary school.
	7	Guardian	Look at re-developing the housing site at the corner of Duke and Yale Drive. Huge space, old buildings not in great repair there now, great for multi-use, low income and workforce housing. Will need a traffic light installed at corner of Duke and Yale.
	8	Resident, within DM	I was not at the presentation but offer the following comments. 1. The schedule is too aggressive. Add the required time to properly put CD's together. the current schedule of moving in in 1/2023 should be moved to 9/2023. Set realistic expectations. 2. Should there be a vote on 2/6 on these concepts and should a concept be selected and ACPS intend on furthering the design process, any co location process should not continue. All of the uses proposed for co location require a special use permit. Spending money on furthering design documents will be throwing money away as proper building design, space planning and site design needs to have all of the uses nailed down. You are putting the cart before the horse. This is not a business and while a business can risk running a zoning case concurrently with building design, I as a tax payer do not want the building to spend money on a new building and back into the space programming and force fit new uses to make it work. 3. While i truly believe that there is no chance that there is capacity for any additional trips onto Janney's lane in the peak hour, conducting a traffic assessment now would not provide good data as the road diet on seminary has just been implemented. the public is still adjusting commuting patterns and any collection of traffic counts would yield unreliable data.
	9	Guardian	I have no problem with the school facilities being used for community activities but I do not agree to allow space to be used for housing purposes. Thank you for the opportunity to comment
	10	Resident, within DM	I am upset and not surprised that this co-location of housing was inserted at the last minute and the neighborhood was not informed of this idea. My husband and I went to the open house at MacArthur in the afternoon to look at the school plans on Jan 15. When we met with the architects, they did not mention co-locating housing. We did discuss rec center usage and possibly more day care services which would be more aligned with a K-5 school. We were unable to attend the meeting after the open house. The lot is barely 5 acres and the designs were already pressed for space and parking. This is a bad idea to co-locate housing with a K-5 school. Why is the School Board working on housing needs in the city? The School Board needs to focus on providing a quality education for our kids.
	11	Guardian	The process is far too rushed. Not enough time was given for community buy in.
	12	Resident, within DM	I feel that the City and ACPS need to listen to the community and be more transparent. This idea of co-location feels like a surprise and shocking that it was never mentioned in all of the planning and processes up to this point.
	13	Guardian	No affordable housing. Use the ACPS facilities a they are today. I even think the turf field should not be expanded. This will create a place for permitted events, which will compromise leisure activities.
	14	Guardian	Affordable/workforce housing is needed in the city of Alexandria. However, co-locating with an elementary school is not a well thought out idea. Co-locating is a great idea for workforce housing, it should just never be with an elementary/middle/ high school
	15	Resident, within DM	Unless they restrict access to telegraph from W Taylor Run, there is no possible way anyone would be able to get to the facility unless they walk.
	16	Resident, within DM	First and foremost, this must be a completely transparent process. If it's not, I for one will fight you tooth and nail. Agendas of all involved better be in the table.

nts: General

Comments: General	17	Guardian	The K-8 possibility was shut down so fast before a discussion could even be had. It was told to us that there is absolutely no room for it. Yet we are having discussions about co-location services. Schools are at capacity and there is a desperate need for more K-8. We are asked to look at co-location services while not trying to find an avenue to add capacity to our schools. We are finding out about these items through a leaky process and the hiding of details make me less apt to trust the city manager, city council and ACPS.
	18	Guardian	Horrible idea
	19	Guardian	Why is this issue coming up just before the school board votes on a plan? I've never heard of colocation housing ever being offered at a school. Please cite examples of where this has taken place and if it was successful. Space and safety are of utmost importance. They will be sacrificed for housing. Thats not fair to the students and faculty.
	20	Guardian	I would prefer elder care /senior services or senior community center. I think it's a better idea to connect the seniors with children and vice versa. Lots of programming could be done together.
	21	Guardian	While I support city services for mental health, I don't support combining mentally ill folks with schools. Unless the city has data that shows that all clients seeking treatment at city mental health clinics are at low-risk for violent behaviors. Otherwise, the historical record warns against combining mental illness + schools.
	22	Guardian	The majority of our emergency response staff and teachers would not qualify for these units. We need to be honest and clear on who will live here and more importantly how they will commute. There is no metro in walking distance and the roads cannot manage even the current level of traffic. The city MUST use their brains WITH the data (not just the "data" as they do now) on all the impacts of such dense population.
	23	Guardian	MacArthur's plot of land is already too small. The VA DOE calculates the minimum recommended plot of land for an elementary school as 4 acres + 1 acre for every 100 students (in ultimate enrollment). So MacArthur's 4.9 acres is already 60% smaller than the 12.4 acres this calculation would suggest for a school of 840 students. Are we really going to make that ratio worse by slicing off part of the property for other uses? See the Guidelines for School Facilities on this page for more information: http://www.pen.k12.va.us/support/facility_construction/building_regs_and_guidelines.shtml
	24	Guardian	We should keep this a school and all things for our students.
	25	Resident, within DM	This is absurd — keep MacArthur an elementary school. Poor Janneys Lane can barely handle the traffic as it is now.
	26	Resident, within DM	This school property should be a safe space for the students and neighborhood children, period. That should be the priority and really the only consideration. Keep this whole property for children, their education and formation, sports and after school programs. A housing project sounds like it would be or become more of a financial burden for the city or ACPS than a blessing to the community.
	Comments: General	27	Resident, within DM
28		Guardian	Put it in del rsy
29		Guardian	I'm trying hard to keep up with all the meetings and emails, but this seems to have come out of nowhere. I realize it is very early in the process, but communication is key, and even as an informed parent, I'm having a hard time understanding what is going on.
30		Guardian	No co-location for work force!!
31		Resident, within DM	Please keep local residents in the loop and do not assume you know what we want without doing your due diligence.
32		Guardian	This process has been embarrassing. From the beginning, City staff and school board refuse to consider educational factors to the rebuild, like making the school K-8. While there are positives and negatives to this option, there was zero discussion on the topic. Now, with little warning, the City has injected the idea of co-locating services and given abbreviated time frames for a profound change in utilization of the property. Given the fact there is already a tight time frame for accomplishing the rebuild, the focus should be first and foremost on the school rebuild and making it work for current and future MacArthur students, not meeting the needs of some last minute idea from City staff.
33		Guardian	Thank you for your information and good luck
34		Resident, within DM	We support the redesign "Forest" design. But keep it focused to making it a bigger better school and don't overreach trying to do it all with the addition of housing. Not enough space. Thanks for the consideration
35		Resident, within DM	Why is the City again not involving resident perspective and needs? They just keep plowing ahead.
36		Guardian	I have a general distrust of Alexandria's Government and City Council based on the way they have acted in the recent past. I do not believe that they are honest with their citizens. That distrust has been solidified in the recent Seminary Road debacle, and now it is clear that the city has lied to its citizens about the Alexandria Fire Department's involvement in that decision. This dishonesty was exposed through a FOIA request that was exposed by the Alexandria Times. Now the Alexandria City Government is sandbagging, and being dishonest yet again by suddenly stating that they are "exploring" affordable housing options connected with the MacArthur rebuild. I believe that they already have a plan that they will foist on the citizens regardless of the citizen's views. I have really lost faith in the Alexandria Mayor (Justin Wilson), Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennet-Parker and Council Members Del Pepper and Canek Aguirre. I do not trust that they will do the right thing. I do not doubt that they would sacrifice elementary children's safety for a poorly conceived affordable housing effort that they are suddenly injecting into this project. Amy Jackson is right to push back on this, and I applaud her response that reflected by disgust with their sudden 12th hour injection of this issue into what should be a straightforward discussion re the competing architectural plans. This Alexandria City Government needs to understand that their citizens have all but lost faith in them ... and this will just add another unforced error to their already abysmal record.

37	Resident, within DM	Schools should be for educating students only. In this era of terrorism, shootings, sexual abuse, gang violence, drug sales, etc. , what the heck is going on in the minds of city officials and administrators who would compromise young children's safety - think LAWSUITS if the children alone are not important enough to these politically correct goals!!! When you have residents in place, even those you think you have vetted, things can happen that may not be previously known, such as psychological or mental conditions that may cause a change in their expected behavior. Also, you do not know who will visit, when they will visit, how long they will stay, are they in place during school hours, will they have access to playgrounds during and after school hours, etc. Also, the questions should be considered of after hour noise, lights, parties, parking, who is in the parking lot, where do residents and guests park, and so on. How do all these factors affect the property values of citizens who purchase their homes in single family zoned areas, and their expectations of privacy, low noise levels and SAFETY for their families?????? They have had to put on the line, up front, their financial futures to pay for these homes and features.
38	Resident, outside DM	This is an ill considered idea.
39	Resident, within DM	With any housing option I do not see how the city of Alexandria or ACPS would have the authority to place certain restrictions on residents. For example, could you prohibit them from possessing firearms in these residences? If you would attempt to do so, are you prepared to defend that 2nd amendment law suit in this open carry state?
40	Resident, within DM	All affordable housing residents would need background checks due to the fact that children are present on the site. How would this be managed? I would also not support tax raises to pay for this and would want to see the City make assurances on this. Traffic easements would need to be addressed also to ensure site works did not negatively impact adjacent roads for extended periods. There would also need to be a commitment to site residents that they could remain in their properties without needing to relinquish their supported housing placements due to changes in circumstance. For example, a teacher at the school is given priority for an affordable housing unit - what happens if they leave their role? They shouldn't lose their home on that basis.
41	Guardian	Housing co-location on school property is the stupidest most insane idea. MacArthur is on such a small site. The ACPS school populations has been increasing over the years and with the renovations the student population will continue to increase. I also have major concerns with the safety of our children, having housing on school grounds, strangers and housing drama would be in close proximity to our children, there would need to be additional fencing between the housing and school dividing the already small school lot. I'm also against other co-location services due to lack of space, reducing school footprints while students enrollment increases doesn't make sense. Schools should be used for educational purposes for the student population. I think the other services would cause loss of school community as it would be mixed use space. Please save Alexandria's limited green space and let schools be schools for the safety and educational wellbeing for our children.
42	Resident, within DM	Have you tried to drive janneys lane toward king street in the morning especially now with road diet on Seminary? The site and neighborhood cannot support more traffic
43	Guardian	I think this is forward thinking and equitable approach to building and whole person education! Thank you for providing the options and challenging norms!
44	Guardian	I fear safety of the students and staff would be an issue. Also, the space allocated for the rebuild is still pretty small and therefore should only be considered and used for rebuilding the school to support the associated educational programs (classrooms to accommodate 800+ students, gyms, play areas, etc.)
45	Resident, within DM	Please get this survey out!
46	Resident, within DM	There is already City run housing at the Duke end of Yale which could be redeveloped and is a more appropriate location for higher density than the MacArthur site. Variety of housing types is a much better solution to housing cost issues than clustered city run housing. I am concerned that bookending Yale with City run housing would negatively change the character of the neighborhood.
47	Guardian	While I understand the need to evaluate all sites for potential co-location, discussions regarding co-location in any school facility need to be disclosed at the project's conception. Abrupt discussions at this stage of project development only foster distrust between the city leadership, ACPS and the Douglas MacArthur community. I am loosing trust in the City of Alexandria's leadership and in ACPS.
48	Guardian	I am throughly opposed to this idea. I believe there are multiple problems that could arise. Most importantly, I believe schools should be zoned for students and teachers, for playgrounds and open space. As a resident of the MacArthur neighborhood, I have also witnessed horrendous traffic buildups over the last few years around MacArthur and nearby streets. Adding housing to a school that already has near-misses with kids getting injured by cars and buses is completely unfathomable!!!
49	Resident, within DM	The notion of "affordable" housing on any school grounds is absurd in our community. I can't believe you people are wasting our time and resources on this. There are other parcels in town that would be more suitable.
50	Guardian	I would like co-location options to be focus on the "green space" and connecting the back side of the school with other city property to allow paths between Janney's and King Street. (However I would like fences of an appropriate height to be in place for the safety of our children). I also like the option of a daycare facility (would this be an extension of the early childhood center?) given the limited options for childcare in Alexandria City. I think any option considered by the city should only be focused on youth programs.
51	Resident, within DM	I would love to see a school with a small child to teacher ratio, a school that rivals the quality of education and activities provided in some of the private schools nearby.
52	Guardian	It is confusing and concerning why colocation would be raised only after designs have been developed and shown to the public that do not incorporate any colocation plans. As much of my concern regards use of space, it is impossible to fairly consider and weigh in on colocation options without specifics and models.
53	Resident, within DM	Let schools be schools.
54	Resident, within DM	Please do not disregard citizens' responses.
55	Resident, within DM	Co-located housing should not be part of the new Douglas MacArthur school. The city has not been transparent or specific about the co-location issue. There are many serious safety concerns. This was a late hit.

Comments: General	56	Resident, outside DM	Alexandria should keep its historic single family home neighborhoods as such. The city works hard to preserve the historic character of Old Town - it should also insist on consistency of housing stock in the other neighborhoods with a longitudinal history. Multi-family housing is compatible with the texture of Park Fairfax, the Duke Street Corridor, the West End and Potomac Yards. Seminary Ridge, Rosemont, Old Town, Beverly Hills, and Del Ray are single family home zones and should remain as such exclusively.
	57	Guardian	Many parents sat for many meetings with architect firm, which meeting was the co-location studies discussed? Where is the traffic data? Environmental scan from comparable small cities that show the impact on quality of community life. You have GOT to do better to evaluate ALL City land and any new retail structure being renovated in the City. Private landowners and businesses need a rebuild incentive plan. There are plenty of plots of land (older and under utilized small parks, dog parks, older retail space, even if the City purchased just one of the large private home/land along seminary and Quaker lane could hold a midsize housing unit designed to host 50 lower income families. The public schools need the primary attention. I personally would qualify for this affordable housing and would guarantee that I would not want to live in that proposed newly congested nightmare. The parking, trying to turn into the school, dropping off kids now is a nightmare...no more adults with cars/ or even a bus stop...No No No
	58	Resident, within DM	I support co-location including workforce housing given then dearth of public space in Alexandria.
	59	Guardian	I'm disappointed and frustrated in the lack of transparency and last minute maneuvering by the council on co-location. This hasn't been apart of the conversation or plans until the eleventh hour.
	60	Guardian	Blindsided yet again with little time yet again for community feedback. Everyone knows this is just for show and that the city will do what it wants regardless.
	61	Resident, within DM	Schools and open space/ fields should not be compromised at all!
	62	Guardian	We need to put the student first.
	63	Resident, within DM	Co locating some services on the ACPS property is a good idea. Specifically some housing as right now it's too expensive for maintainers, teachers, EMS or police to live in the McArthur school district. It would also make the school grounds safer as there would be people living 24/7/365 on the campus.
	64	Resident, outside DM	People are scared of you guys and you are losing the city.
	Comments: General	65	Resident, within DM
66		Resident, within DM	City Council has a general disregard for the views of it's citizens. They reach an internal decision and then promote feedback that supports their decision
67		Guardian	Thank you for sending this survey. I appreciate the chance to share my opinion on this matter.
68		Resident, within DM	This process has been rushed and in democratic. Qualifications for collocated residents have not been explained. The need has not been articulated! I earned less than \$100K when I bought my first home here! This seems l'll conceived and rushed. Perhaps the city should explore affordable housing elsewhere. Don't cramp our kids for a social experiment.
69		Resident, within DM	I understand that affordable housing is a concern of our city. However, another and very big concern should be the depreciating property values around MacArthur and around George Mason if these sites are allowed housing. Why not look at affordable housing on Eisenhower Avenue where there is access to public transportation?
70		Resident, within DM	I might support a Wellness center and I'd need more information
71		Resident, outside DM	MacArthur should be a K -8 school to ease overcrowding at GW.
72		Guardian	See above.
73		Resident, within DM	n/a
74		Resident, within DM	I am very concerned about having a mental health clinic and affordable housing on the same campus as an elementary school. While I can appreciate the limitations the city is facing in terms of land availability, our young children should be able to attend school at a facility where their education, safety, and enrichment is the primary focus.
Comments: General	75	Guardian	This process is SO disappointing. Even if co-location makes sense here, the last-minute "surprise" announcement of its exploration is terrible. I already have such a sour taste in my mouth because of the ACPS calendar survey being so biased and leading. Get the process right ACPS!!! People are so distrusting of city leadership when this stuff continues to happen. People will always disagree on decisions and policy. The least you can do is get the process right and equitable.
	76	Guardian	This idea is insane. The "public use" of this property is as a public school. For elementary school-aged children. If this is the future the City is envisioning for its already over-crowded schools—to add housing or mental health facilities with no regard for the educational experiences of its youth just because you've sold every other inch of available space to any developer who shows up at your door—we want out.
	77	Resident, within DM	The city has shown itself to be heedless of residents' concerns. This is an opportunity to show consideration to residents who came to this community because of its small town feel and neighborhoods. Adding additional congestion to an already congested city could have a detrimental affect on quality of life and, it must be said, property values.
	78	Resident, within DM	Co-location is a way for the City to pass its responsibility to provide affordable housing by taking away from schools. There are billion dollar buildings going up on every corner, but builders are not required to create any affordable housing within these new buildings or space for schools. If they do not have space to provide additional land for schools, where are the students supposed to go? Can the City afford to fund ACPS so that every school can be rebuilt to hold the capacity of its neighborhood? If having work-force housing is such a great idea, the City should provide the space and land without stealing from School land and capacity.
	79	Resident, within DM	The notion of collocation is absurd and further deteriorates property values and the reputation of ALEXANDRIA schools (which can't suffer much more than it already has).
	80	Guardian	The city has not done enough to provide housing for the middle class or workforce staff that it employs. Most people who earn a combined income of between \$50,000-125,000 a year do not qualify for the housing incentives offered.

Comments: General	81	Resident, within DM	Assuming the structure if a compatible with the neighborhood, we should welcome this opportunity to provide more affordable housing in the city.
	82	Resident, within DM	If you proceed with this development, be prepared to lower the real estate taxes of many homes that surround the school.I really would like to see the City of Alexandria merge with Arlington County.
	83	Resident, within DM	I support the modernization process but not using the space to add additional non-education services or housing.
	84	Resident, within DM	I support affordable housing for everyone in Alexandria, especially housing that allows ACPS staff to live near their work
	85	Guardian	The current facility is not big enough for the current and expected number of students. Adding other facilities will all the school to support the needs of the growing student body.
	86	Resident, outside DM	The fact that this was sprung on the community (as articulated in the ACPS COO's letter to Macarthur parents Jan 16 or 17), that city staff directed the review, and "ACPS can't give more time to comment before the board reviews it because delay in the project can't occur (my paraphrase) is an unacceptable way to do business and perpetuates the perception that Alexandria elected officials are not interested in being transparent or factoring in public input.
	87	Resident, within DM	Do not cram any type of City housing down the throats of the students and residents if it will negatively impact the schools needs or the neighborhood. The City's already ruined Seminary Rd despite overwhelming citizen opposition!
	88	Guardian	Build a school. Adding in collocates services compromises space, student and staff safety, livability of the neighborhood and removes potential for future expansion.
	89	Resident, outside DM	Co-located programs compromise safety at the schools.
	90	Resident, within DM	The safety of children in this day and age needs to be the most important. if you do not work there with acps, a student, or have a student that goes there do not be on the premises. Do not endanger our children. This is not okay!
Comments: General	91	Resident, outside DM	Using a school site to add housing is a mistake. The city can barely handle the capacity of its residents now. Other options need to be explored. Perhaps housing in Northern Old Town shouldn't have been turned into expensive condos afterall.
	92	Resident, outside DM	Increasing density in an already overpopulated area is outrageous. The schools will suffer.
	93	Resident, outside DM	This is a big issue. The "pause button" should be hit. ACPS board members and CC members who think locating housing on school property can run on that platform and let the voters decide
	94	Resident, within DM	In addition I do not think it's appropriate to have high capacity housing built on the same shared space as a school, elementary, middle, or upper.
	95	Resident, within DM	I request frequent/informational meetings to explain this issue more. I am concerned about the potential politicization of this issue (as I've seen Councilwoman Amy doing in a recent meeting and in the press).
	96	Resident, within DM	I'd like to upper floors added to a school rebuild in a more urban location/larger parking lot to be used as central office space. It's ridiculous for the city to even suggest using school space for anything other than ACPS use when ACPS is currently using rented space!
	97	Resident, within DM	The process needs to be much more transparent.
	98	Resident, within DM	Affordable housing is needed. But the City has resources for non-school locations like Eisenhower area or repurposing existing buildings like near Mark Center.
	99	Resident, within DM	Establishing housing on school property jeopardizes space that will likely be needed in the future for more students. Also, eliminating green space increases flooding. The city already has an issue with flooding and to willfully contribute to the problem is irresponsible.
	100	Guardian	There is already not enough space which is the whole reason for the upgrade. The streets around the school already can't support the traffic we have.
	101	Resident, outside DM	Keep Alexandria as is. The appeal to this city is the small town flavor adjacent to big city offerings.
	102	Resident, within DM	There is a clear lack of transparency in the process and the school board and the city council are losing credibility
	103	Staff	n/a
	104	Guardian	Finally a new elementary school that will accomodate the kids and stimulate the environment
Comments: General	105	Resident, within DM	As has been shown by the recent release of documents on Complete Streets/Seminary Road debacle, City Staff cannot be trusted to develop and administer such revolutionary programs as this so called co-location initiative. The MacArthur community should not be further victimized by such hair-brained schemes by out dishonest city staff.
	106	Resident, within DM	I would hope that the City and ACPS don't try to jam an additional construction project onto the the current MacArthur Rebuild that would prolong the overall construction timeline for the school. I am also hopeful that the City/ACPS listen to the residents that this would affect, unlike the way they proceeded with the Seminary Road project.
	107	Guardian	We have been engaged in the prep for the rebuild and temporary relocation to PH for over a year now. Why is the City just now bringing this issue to the table? Co-location if housing with the school is inappropriate, unsafe, and introduces significant risk. The introduction of more traffic, visitors, people, service contractors, etc increases risk to the school environment.
	108	Guardian	These ideas are completely unworkable with the size of the space we are talking about, which already limits the functionality of the school. It also strikes me as unrealistic and not at all attractive to any of the people who presumably would use the co-located housing or other facilities. It makes no sense.
	109	Resident, within DM	Education before all else. We're asking too much of existing facilities whose primary purpose is youth education. Anything beyond after school sports practices and before care/after care for these facilities compromises the educational integrity of our schools. Find another solution, or stop trying to be all things to all people. Public schools are not meant to be charities or housing projects.
	110	Guardian	For an elementary school, I think that it is very important that access to the facilities is extremely limited during school hours, including during after school programs. Co-locating facilities that would result in non-school-affiliated adults having access to or being around the school while the kids are there is not acceptable.

Comments: General	111 Guardian	We are just at our first of likely many years at MacArthur. We will therefore have to deal with the satellite campus (which will add about 20 minutes to our commute every day) for the entire time. Some of the colocation ideas being put forth by the city seem to ignore the fact that this is an already-overcrowded elementary school, and the focus of the new facility should be limited to accomplishing simple, education-related goals. The fact that the city appears to be only now pushing these new ideas, which would divert significant space and attention away from the school, at this late stage in the process is particularly troublesome.
	112 Guardian	I would need some additional information, but if the city thinks this is potentially a good way to address both school crowding and the growing lack of affordable housing in Alexandria, I would support that.
	113 Guardian	The concept of colocating housing or mental health facilities with a school is a non-starter. The students should always be the number one priority. The city has continually failed to provide sufficient resources for our schools and instead seems intent on increasing the population and compounding existing problems in the schools and the community at large.
	114 Staff	The MacArthur lot has limited space and is located in a residential neighborhood that can not accommodate excess traffic. Also, since we are already adding more classrooms and recreation space for the community, I don't believe this site is suitable for extra co-located services.
	115 Resident, outside DM	Colocation at schools should only be considered if it's beneficial to the students and the majority of the members in the community.
	116 Staff	As a teacher, I am very concerned about the safety of our students and lack of space on the allotted MacArthur plot.
	117 Resident, within DM	I look forward to hearing more on this topic
	118 Resident, within DM	I like the idea of City employees having collocated housing; it addresses a pressing need for affordable housing and might bring employees closer to work.
	119 Resident, within DM	Its peculiar; people might want to live there for the wrong reasons, what are the rules? The 'surprise attack' feature is not at all appreciated.
	120 Resident, within DM	We need to do a better job of planning for the future - the more we grow the bigger our problems will be. We are overcrowded and busting at the seams - lets take a step back and not sell land to developers to make a quick dollar but use it wisely for our current residents. In addition we have the entire Eisenhower Valley - with a building that has never been leased or used ... tear it down and build affordable housing and recreational facilities in that space. Close to a metro too - shopping in walking distance ect ... I think we need some fresh new eyes in Alexandria.
121 Other	How is the process for relocating the kids for next year? And before and after care	
122 Guardian	None	
123 Guardian	I just can't imagine having housing located on a school facility. Who will be enforcing restrictions on residents such as alcohol, firearms, guests coming and going, etc.? This co-location idea makes no sense.	
124 Guardian	I have been to both community events at MacArthur where co-location was discussed. While staff was careful to state that nothing was off the table, they also discussed that it would more likely be rec use, extra fields, or even a nature center. Something "appropriate for the space." I'm extremely concerned about how this conversation was brought up by e-mail after both of these community meetings and am concerned that something will be added to the plan at the last minute without opportunity for adequate community engagement. I expect that the community will want to know a lot more about any housing options including data on safety. We will also want guarantees that one plan won't turn into another at a later date. This is a great example of poor communication that erodes community trust of the city and ACPS and this needs to be MUCH more transparent. I'm also concerned that this will extend the project timeline. When first approved this was a 2-year project. It's now at 2 1/2 years. I wholeheartedly object to any co-location ideas that extend this project any further. On the other hand, I also object to any concepts being added on last minute without proper community engagement in the name of "sticking to the tight timeline." We need to get this project done quickly and properly.	
125 Guardian	I am concerned that this was not fully discussed at meetings but seems like an afterthought rather than part of the planning process.	
126 Resident, within DM	This site in the middle of a very nice and established residential neighborhood. Hopefully the design of the new school will be sensitive to this, and designers will be cognizant of the pitfalls of overdeveloping the area in both FAR (floor-to-area ratio) and building height. This site needs to be kept purely for renovation of the MacArthur ES, with a design that blends in nicely with the existing neighborhood both aesthetically and functionally. Any co-location add-ons for other services are a huge mistake on a number of fronts.	
127 Resident, within DM	The argument around affordable housing assumes that certain people want to live a certain way in a certain place. That's wrong. I could live in a bigger house out in Loudoun County but I don't. I made a choice - smaller house, closer in. We all make sacrifices and choices and we prioritize what is important to us. The city needs to stop making assumptions about what other people might prioritize. The fact is, not everyone will get to live in Alexandria who wants to. There isn't enough room. I don't get to live in Palm Beach or on Park Avenue or on my own private island either, because I can't afford that and I don't expect the residents of those places to build me something that I can afford just because I'd like it.	
128 Staff	We were not given information about these ideas until after feedback meetings, and it happened via email. It's difficult to even understand how this could feasibly work if there isn't transparency from the district and city. It also makes me feel like our feedback on the concepts does not matter because now the ideas are being changed.	

Comments: General

Comments: General	129 Resident, within DM	Why would anyone think it's safe to place apartments and an elementary school together. Sounds like a breeding ground for undocumented pedophiles. ACPS already had one teacher that was a pedophile and was convicted. At the time one of my children went to John Adams where he was employed. So now we are going to create a space where our smallest children can be watched out the window. Elementary schools are not co-spaces for apartments! Can we recover from the PTSD from the "beloved" teacher that was sexually abusing our children inside ACPS walls. This is a sick proposition. The people that suggested this should be investigated for their motives. Alexandria has so much outdated low income housing that needs to be knocked down and redeveloped as housing. Why can't the city use that space. I have worked in ACPS and seen several generations of families in those housing projects that have imbedded drug addiction issues from those old run down housing projects. There's low income housing at Duke street and Yale! Knock that down and re build. Those are old and rat infested.
	130 Resident, outside DM	Please use some common sense and put this idea of public subsidized housing on public schools grounds in the trash can where it belongs.
	131 Staff	I appreciate the due diligence and creative thinking, but this isn't an appropriate site for any of the co-locating options beyond what we already do.
	132 Staff	This process has not been transparent. Staff is told one thing, parents something else. More surveys need to go out and we need joint meetings with staff and parents so we can all share a vision for what we want the new MacArthur to be for the students and the community.
	133 Guardian	None
	134 Resident, within DM	I think the city should explore other options for providing affordable housing for teachers than having them live at school. Why not explore giving vouchers for employees to live in the city. I strongly feel no one should be living on school property.
	135 Resident, within DM	At some point we need to consider other solutions to our affordable housing besides sticking something on any available space in the city. We should look more at the cause of the problem, not just treat the symptom.
	136 Resident, within DM	Nothing further. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.
	137 Guardian	I cannot imagine a way that having housing and school in the same place could possibly safe or a viable option. We currently don't hold school on voting days because we cannot control who comes in and out of the building how would that happen with affordable housing? It would impossible to implement laws in regards to "safe school" zones. Alcohol, tobacco, guns are all things that are allowed in homes but not at school. The idea of colocating school and housing safely is really absurd
	138 Resident, within DM	I find the city needs to be much more public and transparent about such proposals if they want public buy-in
	139 Guardian	Focus on education of children and building to meet the lack of adequate space for our growing District. As the city approves more and more space for condos we will continue to grow in children needing education in public schools.
	140 Guardian	I would like to understand why K-8 was ruled out when we are in need of space to accommodate future growth, but there seems to be space for other forms of use. I'd like to see K-8 reconsidered.
	141 Guardian	There should be no police presence on the land.
	142 Resident, within DM	you people are losing the community's trust. you need to get it together.
143 Guardian	We need to make the new MacArthur a K-8 school. GW is too overcrowded and the class size is not conducive to students.	
Comments: General	144 Guardian	Like many, I am profoundly disappointed with this last minute proposal. I understand the Joint Taskforce did list co-location as something to consider. However that same Taskforce recommended rebuilding the school in the woods behind the school and not using Swing Space-- this recommendation never made any sense to anyone who looked at the property. So the reliance on the Task Force as to MacArthur seem to be ill conceived. If co-location was to be considered, it needed to be a fully or at least partially baked plan rather than unspecified uses at an unspecified place for an unspecified number of people-- it should be on the design renderings for the school. I continue to be considered as well as our HOA has noted that the underground parking has not determined yet to be feasible and it seems that every design relies upon that being feasible.
	145 Resident, within DM	Co-location should have been discussed at the outset of the current planning and design process for MacArthur. It needs coordination with Parks Dept. in order to study possibilities for using a portion of Forest Park for open space uses that may be inconsistent with the Federal requirements of the Land and Water Conservation grant. From the work we've seen from DLR to date I am skeptical that the site is adequate for the school and its related open space requirements plus any co-location programmatic elements. It will be a disservice to the School Board and the Community if the sketchy plans prepared by DLR are used as a basis for deciding which option would be the preferred one to move forward with.
	146 Guardian	I am a very engaged citizen and this proposal came as a total and complete surprise. Pointing to "plans" and "policies" that predate the MacArthur rebuild is not an acceptable reply. Citizens have lives to lead and we can't be expected to follow and be legal experts on everything going on in the City. It's up to City staff to connect the dots for any current plans and existing policies that may impact current planning. This MacArthur conversation has been going on for months, so the fact that this has not been communicated clearly and succinctly from the beginning is completely inexcusable. The Mayor and the Superintendent need to issue a joint statement of apology and what steps are being taken to do this better.
	147 Guardian	I wish ACPS/City would have been more transparent about the possibility of collocation before the vote for the new school
	148 Guardian	Any co location needs to be presented to all the advisory committees and the general public at least a few weeks before any vote. No votes should take place with any detail not part of those presentations. If changes are made then they need to be communicated and possibly presented again prior to any vote by the school board or city council.
	149 Resident, within DM	These decisions should not be left to the votes of a small group of individuals that are obviously disconnected with the needs and expectations of people living in the neighborhood. They are exhibiting an obvious and concerning pattern, and no efforts to change that.
	150 Resident, within DM	Thank you for seeking input

Comments: General	151	Guardian	Glad to see the city is being forward thinking and embracing this community-minded atmosphere. What a great demonstration for students to see the school as a space for all members of the community.
	152	Guardian	I have serious concerns about the attempts to utilize the MacArthur grounds for anything outside of support for the school and ACPS staff. I am supportive of efforts to assist teachers and staff with daycare and even potential workforce housing if the overall needs of the students are not compromised by space concerns. However, the desire to try to co-locate mental health facilities or non-direct support ACPS housing or recreational facilities seems completely outside the scope of what this land is designated for. I am prepared to engage as actively in the political process as required to keep this project focused on the students/families and staff Alexandria's public schools system, with the needs of my family as taxpayers and students of MacArthur coming first.
	153	Resident, within DM	Infrastructure needs to be considered first.
	154	Resident, outside DM	Alexandria already has a school-reputation issue. Many people won't move here because of it, or are leaving for Arlington and Fairfax and Loudoun. I sincerely believe that most people potentially moving to the area would be shocked at the idea of an elementary school sharing space in this manner, and it will have a detrimental effect on the city in the short and long term.
	155	Guardian	I have concerns about traffic flow and crowding. But at bottom, co-locating services that include inviting non-staff and parents onto the campus of an elementary school — particularly housing — during school hours strikes me as an extremely ill-conceived idea for the safety of our children.
	156	Resident, within DM	Safety of students and faculty are of utmost importance. Living near other affordable housing in the McArthur I have witnessed police activity in that affordable housing area. Gunshots are not a good noise to hear and we have. Please do not co-locate affordable housing with the new school. I am disappointed that this was dropped on us at the last minute. Now that it has been publicized at this location others will be able to comment in a timely fashion at future locations. I realize that that the committee made the co-location decision in 2017 it was not brought to the attention of the public. This was and is an important proposal and should have been given more information to the public when first proposed. I would suspect that if we had local representation on city council it would have been. Thank you.
	157	Guardian	Zero transparency from the City on this. We owe it to our children not to have adults living on school property. Add affordable and workforce housing to other prime areas in the City, not on school property.
	158	Guardian	The schools are already burdened with lack of land and facilities. Using the MacArthur space for anything other than school programs (and after school recreation) is ludicrous. If there is "extra" space it should be utilized for a larger school (k-8?) or school-related so that over-crowding at other facilities is lessened. In addition, the security implications are scary.
	159	Guardian	With the number of risks and anxieties facing children in school already--do we really need to add MORE people and potential risks into the mix? No.
	160	Resident, within DM	Cramming other services into an already small space will only add to the increasingly overpopulated and over-trafficked area of Alexandria that is the McArthur watershed. Another ridiculous-trendy idea from CoA's officials.
Comments: General	161	Guardian	I disagree with spending tax payer dollars on such a ridiculous endeavor. The city already knows there is not enough space. The city already knows there is not enough time - these apartments were not ever considered in the planning of the school. Why do we rush to spend money that will get us to the same place we would end up without ever having gone down this rabbit hole? If you want affordable housing, get the big apartments going up all over the city to include them in spades, where apartments belong. NOT ON THE ROOF OF MY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
	162	Other	Stop wasting people's time and money with your big government agenda. Build a school tuesday maximizes space and taxpayer funds and stop designing schools like their art galleries. If people can't afford living in Alexandria then they can choose to live elsewhere. If enough people move the prices will drop. Stop artificially creating a problem the market can correct
	163	Resident, within DM	This entire process seems very rushed. I understand ACPS had the chance to move on the new building and needed to take it, but to add this element will only impede progress on what is most important-- replacing the neighborhood school.
	164	Resident, within DM	As a long time government employee I deal on a daily basis with the residents of "Affordable Housing". Alexandria can link almost all of the non-domestic violent crime that occurs in this city to its recipients of "Affordable Housing". Anyone that doesn't have to take a back ground check for their occupation, has no business being given subsidized housing, let alone on school property.
	165	Guardian	Rec uses are one thing, and almost expected at schools. Affordable housing on site would take away green, rec, and educational space at MacArthur. That lot is simply not big enough to support housing
	166	Resident, outside DM	Arlington just built a 4 story new elementary school Alice Fleet for \$60m. It has an underground parking lot. I would suggest looking at it to see what can be done on the apparent McArthur budget.
	167	Guardian	I think putting community services on-site would be a great benefit to many of the MacArthur families who need access to them - and are not likely to be the ones filling out this survey. I do have concerns about adding density to the neighborhood, but weigh that against having qualified, willing teachers and police able to live and work in the city. I think offering traditional mental health services on site would create safety concerns for the children (THOUGH MACARTHUR DESPERATELY NEEDS MORE SOCIAL WORKERS AND MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS ON-SITE TO ADDRESS STUDENT BEHAVIOR NEEDS!!!!).
	168	Resident, within DM	I would support employees of city ONLY but don't believe it is legally possible.
	169	Guardian	I strongly oppose any type of co-located housing, whether affordable, workforce, or market rate. It is simply untenable to have residents, guests, deliveries, etc, coming and going throughout the school day. Also, this does not provide the community through shared-use. It benefits only the tenants.
	170	Guardian	I am very concerned about this, even though my daughter will have graduated from MacArthur by the time this is employed. Given how we are so concerned with safety of our children how will the space be monitored (thinking: general access to the building, noise, guns, parking, etc.). I support the needs for such spaces, but seems we are trying to jam this into an already packed spot.

Comments: General	171 Guardian	I am not supportive of any co-location that involves allowing random people to come close to the school without some kind of security. I would not be comfortable if there is housing above the school, how would you monitor the comings and goings of people in and out of the building. How would you monitor traffic? As it is it's already hard to drive on Janney's in the morning and afternoon during drop off and pick up. It doesn't seem safe.
	172 Guardian	Schools and housing should not mix. We need the space for school facilities and recreation facilities.
	173 Guardian	See notes above
	174 Other	Site is far too small to co-locate unrelated City functions here. Let is be an Elementary School, with before and after Campagna and Rec services inside the school facilities.
	175 Resident, within DM	As I stated in the survey I believe the area is too small to contain any additional office space or housing units. While I support affordable housing units I do not believe that the land available provides additional space to include an affordable housing unit/s.
	176 Guardian	Renovating and updating an elementary school is needed. Forcing co-location of services at the detriment of that main mission is an absolutely poor public policy solution, particularly considering the main constituent (students), neighborhood focus and budgetary constraints. The Board and Council need to be seriously questioned over even proposing this.
	177 Resident, within DM	This is likely the most absurd proposal I have heard from City Staff and elected officials. The safety of our city's children is at stake.
	178 Guardian	Adding housing will add to the congestion including traffic and add to security concerns
	179 Guardian	It is unfathomable to me that the city would consider colocating mental health services and housing at a K-5 elementary school. First and foremost are the associated safety issues, followed closely by the logistical problems. The physical space of the school location and the surrounding neighborhood surely cannot support additional facilities. I urge the city and school board to dismiss outright any further consideration of colocating additional services at the new MacArthur school.
	180 Guardian	I think this is a great opportunity to support Alexandrians with lower incomes and we should walk the walk we talk with our kids about community and kindness. Again, my only concern is timing and impact on the traffic.
	181 Guardian	The safety of the children is my primary concern. How can we monitor who lives in and/or visits the housing to guarantee they will not cause potential harm to the children?
	182 Resident, within DM	Should only be used as a school
	183 Guardian	There doesn't appear like there is enough space on my MacArthur site to share beyond what is already happening.
	Comments: General	184 Resident, within DM
185 Guardian		The lot is already so small to fit all of the existing services. Adding to that security concerns and the overwhelming feeling it could be for the young kids especially as everything grows makes me uncomfortable.
186 Guardian		I am not supportive of introducing adults (via housing, wellness or mental health clinics) who have not gone through background checks onto the same campus as my children. As a parent, I must sign-in/out to enter the school grounds. How are we even considering having other adults coming/going on the property without the same level of scrutiny.
187 Resident, within DM		Please continue to seek input from the local community. Thank you.
188 Guardian		First, ACPS already used budgeted school funding to purchase adjacent private property in order expand the school property to build the new school. Second, the City's Housing department was extremely late in its involvement in the process and the school design process has already been narrowed to two options. Third, the issue of affordable housing on school grounds poses many problematic policy issues (e.g., private ownership of guns, felony occupants, drug use, etc.) that likely haven't been thoroughly vetted. Fourth, the size of the school site is already limited and the neighborhood needs a Rec center.
189 Resident, outside DM		None
190 Guardian		General safety of the students and staff is utmost importance. It is priority to have background checks on anyone living in the housing area or facilities and having constant access to the building. Having wellness facilities and other healthcare facilities compromise safety of the school inside and outside the grounds. The space is too small to squish in more housing and public services without compromising school safety, educational space, and open play space which is important for children to have in order to thrive. The play space is not only used during school, but by the community at large as a park. We recognize that space in the city is at a premium, but educational space and open play space is important to all children to all them to think , roam free and exercise. The city has sold many of their holdings in downtown alexandria city to raise revenue and now should not try to impose their need for services space in our children's needs for educational space and play space. The city's need for space should have been thought of before they sold the old Alexandria city Health services building on N St Asaph St, that sat vacant for years, to developers. The school space need to stay designated as it does now for school educational and play/ recreational needs only.
191 Resident, within DM		I am all for the city exploring co-locating services on all city owned property. However, we haven't had the constructive conversation about what is appropriate where. There is a large fire house that was just torn down and is being rebuilt on Cameron Mills, near George Mason ES. Does this fire station have housing built into this huge corner lot?? If not, wouldn't that be more a great site for city worker housing??
192 Guardian		Safety of students and lack of space should make this an easy decision
193 Guardian		The student's safety, academics needs, accommodating our ever growing student population and green space are my top concerns.

Comments: General	194 Guardian	I am extremely concerned about the impact of certain co-location services. We were told that the site was not large enough for a k-8 facility, and yet the city is considering housing/ day care/ and a rec center. I am concerned about security in the school in regards to housing, and I am concerned about the impact on traffic for the neighborhood and the school with any proposed co-location services. The safety and well-being of the students and teachers/staff has got to be the top priority of ACPS and the city. The city maintains that ACPS programming needs will be the top priority, but what are the opportunity costs associated extremely disappointed in the way this information was communicated to the DMES community and how the mayor and city manager continue to dismiss and downplay the concerns of parents.
	195 Guardian	Any option other than a service provided for only families and children (daycare, youth sports in the evening, after school programming) is very concerning from a safety and access perspective. All-day recreation centers and wellness facilities are specifically aimed at adult community members, as they would be the only ones available to use them during school hours (because kids are in school at that time). Those options are too "open door" and do not require the level of restricted access that I would feel comfortable with when my children are in the building. Afternoon and evening rentals are different, as children are there with their parent, guardian, or program staff.
	196 Guardian	The City should focus on making the existing city buildings nicer.
	197 Guardian	No comment
	198 Guardian	On principle, I love the idea of co-location of schools, city services for ALL people, and affordable housing. Siloh-ing services so that communities need to go all over town for different needs not only makes it harder for those people, but it doesn't help to build community within neighborhoods. However, I am keenly aware of how limited the space is for the rebuild of MacArthur school. It is one of the smaller school sites in ACPS as it is, and I know the district purchased the house next door to try and add to that space - even if one house and its adjoining property doesn't add that much space. It's really hard to imagine being able to co-locate too many additional services without taking away from the truly improved school the neighborhood really needs - to accommodate the 840 students it needs to accommodate. All that said, I would support offering additional services such as health and community wellness services, and additional recreation services such as space for the afterschool programs there, which are already and will continue to be critical for working families who need somewhere for their kids to be safely after school. Additional workforce housing units could work to a limited extent, but I'm not convinced there would be enough space for these also on the MacArthur site.
Comments: General	199 Resident, outside DM	Thank you for putting together this survey. It is a much better approach than some of the alarmism I've seen on Nextdoor.
	200 Guardian	Alexandria City has a problem looking more than a handful of years down the road. This city is most certainly going to grow probably more than the city anticipates. Developers are building multi residential luxury homes in former commercial areas thus adding thousands of new residents, as well as tax dollars, without accounting for schools. When going forward with this modernization plan, the city should just point blank realize they are probably not accounting for 1. Climate change like they should or 2 school population, like they should. I'm also pretty sure they aren't calculating what the costs would be NOT to make a greener more sustainable building.
	201 Guardian	Has the city considered offering housing subsidies for city workers? This would incentivize them to live in the city and also offer the opportunity for home ownership and the equity/wealth growth that comes from that.
	202 Guardian	The way information re: co-location has been presented to the DM community has not seemed transparent or thoughtful. It feels like the city is not sharing all information and the timing of the information does not seem well planned in relation to the various meetings. This is a new concept for many of the DM community and the way we are learning about the information feels more threatening than community strengthening (which is the antithesis of co-location).
	203 Guardian	Thank you PTA for utilizing the remind app to send this survey. Otherwise I would have known about this issue only because I happened to see it come up on our neighborhood list serve. Please push the city to be completely transparent with this issue and make it clear to Mayor Wilson we will hold him accountable for any deception or prioritizing ideology over our students safety.
	204 Guardian	I cannot understand why affordable housing and a school are even on the same discussion field. Why would the city use a public school as a place to also house affordable housing candidates. These should two separate city discussions. Furthermore I work extremely hard every into pay for my million dollar home so putting affordable housing down the street is a joke!
	205 Guardian	I strongly oppose any co-location services besides shared spaces with the gym, after school services, etc. In no way is it acceptable to put affordable housing or mental health facilities anywhere near a school campus. Besides the most obvious concern, SAFETY, there is not enough room to support those sorts of accommodations. Speaking of safety, I work as a nurse practitioner in the community. I work directly with mental health patients. I will tell you that the majority of patients are harmless. But there are enough patients that I see, who live in this community, who are not of sound mind and have major criminal backgrounds. I will never support them sharing a location with my children.
	206 Guardian	I do not think we have the space to accommodate additional services at our school (outside of the current use of fields and gym for after-school classes and sports practices). Looking at the architectural plans, it would compromise a large part of the outdoor play space. I also don't feel safe having my children go to a school with housing units or a mental health space on school grounds.
	207 Guardian	After extensive discussions and reviews, the idea of co-located housing or services has be raised as we are about to cross the finish line. This proposal does not appear to have been worked through and it feels as if the last minute addition is intentional, limiting time to discuss the intent and merit of co-located services on a school campus. Ultimately, my suspicion is that the idea of co-located services has been raised to fulfill a political goal, but does not have the best interest of our children and community in mind.
	208 Guardian	I do not want collocation incorporated if it reduces outdoor space.