

**BOARD MEMO**

Date: January 23, 2020  
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Board Agenda: Yes   x    
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**FROM:** Erika Gulick, Senior Planner

**THROUGH:** Mignon Anthony, Chief Operating Officer  
Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**TO:** The Honorable Cindy Anderson, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** Douglas MacArthur Concepts

**ACPS 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**  
Goal 4: Facilities and the Learning Environment

**SY 2019-2020 FOCUS AREA:**  
Focus Area 4: Douglas MacArthur Swing Space

**FY 2020 BUDGET PRIORITY:**  
Safe Schools for Students and Faculty  
Optimal and Equitable Learning Environments

**SUMMARY:**

This is a presentation for the School Board on the concepts being proposed to the School Board for consideration. The Advisory Group, School Team and community have participated in discussions with ACPS and the project team several times regarding concepts for the New Douglas MacArthur and have offered valuable feedback into the concept development. As a reminder, the concept phase is preliminary and is intended to determine the site layout. Design elements such as materials, façade, colors, furniture, exactly wall and room layouts, etc., will all be determined later in the design process.

DLR Group developed 5 preliminary concepts for the Douglas MacArthur site and shared them with the community prior to winter break. This month, DLR Group was able to reduce the five concepts to 3, based on feedback; the concepts that remained were the “Y”, “Forest” and “Coil.” During meetings with the School Team, Advisory Group and community, consensus was reached to remove the “Coil” concept from the School Board’s consideration. This presentation will go through the different characteristics of the “Y” and “Forest” concepts including the pros and cons derived from the meetings held on January 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

The School Board will be asked to vote on a concept to move forward through design on February 6, 2020. As mentioned previously, the decision will impact the general layout of the site; however, design will continue to be developed and refined through the spring and

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finalized before summer break. The concept will continue to be modified to accommodate traffic, pedestrian access, play space types, and others throughout the design process.

ACPS plans to take the final design to City Council for approval in early fall 2020.

Skanska has been brought on as the construction management firm for pre-construction services and will be developing cost and constructability evaluations for the design.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Following a decision by the School Board on April 4, 2019 to use the old Patrick Henry building as swing space to advance the Douglas MacArthur Elementary School modernization, ACPS began pursuing the Douglas MacArthur project and has developed concepts for the new building and shared them with the community. This presentation includes community feedback for School Board consideration of the two concepts.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board stay informed about the project and provide any information requests necessary to ensure a successful vote on the concept on February 6, 2020.

### **IMPACT:**

This project is in pursuit of the SY2019-2020 Focus Area 4: Douglas MacArthur Swing Space.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

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