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**Subject:** Use of the Buck property and VHC Carlin Springs

Dear Members of the Arlington County Board:

I live and work in Arlington and I vote. I have two children in Arlington County Public Schools and a third who will join them when he finishes preschool. I've reviewed the recommendations of the Joint Facilities Advisory Commission concerning the Buck property and VHC Carlin Springs and am concerned that they are inadequate to meet the County's obligations to educate its young people.

While I appreciate the mission of the JFAC, I am deeply concerned about the lack of any major school initiatives in their recent recommendations for the Buck and VHC Carlin Springs properties. The JFAC survey on proposed scenarios also did not include any option to comment on the need for schools. As the value in creating the JFAC was in ensuring those with different points of view relevant to making this critical decision had a voice, the committee's failure to allow community comment seems incompatible with its mission.

My oldest child is at Williamsburg Middle – a school that is so overcrowded that change of classes is dangerous, every student has several classes a day with nearly 30 students in them and teachers have had to mandate that students can't run during PE class in the gym because it's too crowded to be safe.

Arlington Public Schools is expected to grow from 27,000 to 40,000 students in the foreseeable future. APS estimates we will need another high school, 1-2 middle schools, and 2-4 elementary schools - beyond the school projects already underway. In a county of 26 square miles, large parcels of land do not become available often. Schools have larger land needs, but also provide community amenities, including green space, playing fields, playgrounds, meeting space, sledding hills - and are a focal point of our neighborhoods.

Please ask the JFAC to reconsider its recommendations and seriously evaluate school uses at the Buck and VHC Carlin Springs properties, as well as for other land they evaluate in the future.

Thank you!

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