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Subject: Urgent request to have JFAC include school uses in their land use recommendations

Dear Members of the Arlington County Board:

I live in Arlington and I vote. I am concerned to hear that the JFAC did not consider 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. This is unacceptable to me and I sincerely hope that JFAC be asked to prioritize our children's education in Arlington County.

As you know, Arlington Public Schools population is expected to grow from 27,000 to 40,000 students. 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. Arlington's children are depending on you to ensure we continue to offer top-notch education and educational facilities in the county.

Thank you!

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