



MORE Seats for Students

**COMMUNITY MEETING #1
ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

More Seats for More Students (MSMS) is an open and transparent process for engaging and working with the Arlington County community to address issues related to overcrowding in Arlington Public Schools (APS). The goal of the MSMS effort is to provide every Arlington student with a quality seat in order to facilitate high quality education.

With the help of the community, APS is developing its Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 2015-2024. As we prepare for the next phase of the MSMS process, we would like to receive your feedback regarding the information presented and discussed at the community meeting. If you were not able to attend the meeting, please go to www.apsva.us/moreseats to view the presentation.

If you prefer to provide your answers in the online feedback form, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/APSCIP-ESMS1>.

Thank you for your participation.

The following questions are about ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Background Information:

Current enrollment projections suggest that elementary school capacity deficits south of Arlington Boulevard may be addressed with existing facilities and limited additional relocatable classrooms at least through the 2017-2018 school year.

To access the current enrollment projections document please copy and paste the following web address to your browser:

http://www.apsva.us/cms/lib2/VA01000586/Centricity/Domain/11/Capacity_Utilization2014-2023_Final.pdf

1. Do you think APS should build the second new elementary school currently under consideration, or build additions to existing schools to alleviate overcrowding?
- Build the second new elementary school at the Kenmore/Carlin Springs site.
 - Build the second new elementary school at another site.
 - Build additions to existing schools.

Please explain, or write in your comments or suggestions.

2. The average number of seats in Arlington County elementary schools is approximately 547. With the additions, the number of seats in Ashlawn and McKinley will be 684 and 668 respectively. The new elementary school on the Williamsburg campus is designed to have 630 seats. If APS were to build more additions to existing elementary schools, what do you think the maximum seating capacity should be?

- 650
- 700
- 750
- 800

Ideas / suggestions:

3. Have any potential sites for elementary school seats been overlooked in the capital options presented by staff to date?

4. Do you have any other thoughts about managing elementary school capacity?

The next questions are about MIDDLE SCHOOLS.

Background Information:

Current enrollment projections suggest that in School Year 2018, the most critical need for capacity will be at Swanson (139.9%), Williamsburg (132.9%), and Gunston (120.1%) middle

schools. For School Year 2023, the projections suggest that Williamsburg (150.3%), Swanson (143.4%), Gunston (139.2%), Jefferson (120.3%), and Kenmore (108.8%) will be overcrowded.

5. Do you think APS should build a new middle school, or build additions to existing middle schools to alleviate overcrowding?

- Build a new middle school.
- Build multiple additions to existing middle schools.

Please explain, or write in your comments or suggestions.

6. The average number of seats in a middle school in Arlington County is approximately 970. If APS were to build additions to existing middle schools, what do you think the maximum seating capacity should be?

- 1,000
- 1,100
- 1,200
- 1,300

Ideas / suggestions:

7. Have any potential sites for middle school seats been overlooked in the capital options presented by staff to date?

8. Do you have any other thoughts about managing middle school capacity?

Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback. Let's continue the conversation.

- 1) Email moreseats@apsva.us if you have any additional comments or suggestions.
- 2) Participate in the Twitter Town Hall this Friday, Feb. 21, at 12 p.m. Tweet your questions to [@APSVirginia](https://twitter.com/APSVirginia) using the hashtag #MSMS.
- 3) Drop by for a conversation with a school ambassador this Saturday, Feb. 22, anytime between 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the following middle schools: Jefferson (Theater), Kenmore (Black Box), Williamsburg (Library), Gunston (Library), and Swanson (Library).

For more information, please visit our webpage at www.apsva.us/moreseats.