# Facility Capacity Needs Analysis Subcommittee ACPS \& City of Alexandria 

## Joint City Council/ACPS Subcommittee

(4 members)

## LREFP Work Group

Explores the major issues that will impact public school facilities over the long term and guides staff in the development of a draft Long-Range Educational Facilities Plan for consideration by the School Board and City Council.


Facility Capacity Needs Analysis
Understanding current conditions and needs of the existing facilities

Educational Specifications / School of the Future Planning for our future and matching of facilities to our students and our vision.

Joint Long-Range Educational Facilities Plan
To improve facilities planning, accommodate the growing student population, and enhance educational programs and services.

Alexandria City Public Schools

## Calculating School Capacity

- The number of students that can be reasonably accommodated by a school, building and site
- 3 variables:
- Physical: building size, \# of teaching stations
- Operational: utilization rate, staffing, space management
- Programmatic: class-size caps, educational program

Capacity numbers are not fixed. Can increase number of classrooms, change or move programs, etc. that will result in a new capacity figure for a particular building. Must be updated annually to stay current.

## 2 Types of Capacity Calculations

- Design
- Total student seats, support facilities \& scheduled flexibility
- Based on best practice square feet per student
- Program
- Follow School Board policy for maximum number of pupils/class (current methodology)


## Standard Program

- Outlines the appropriate amount of space that should be dedicated to a specific instructional program or administrative function that occurs within a school building
Currently use program defined in 2008 Capacity Study


## Elementary Standard Room Allocations

, Full-size room

- Homerooms
- Preschool
- Art \& Vocal Music
- Selected Special Education Teachers
- TAG for some schools (depends on enrollment)
- Special Programs e.g. Cora Kelly’s science lab


## Elementary Standard Room Allocations

- Resource-size room
- TAG for some schools (depends on enrollment)
- PT/OT
- Teacher work room
- Instrumental music practice
- Resource teachers (e.g. English language learner, most special education teachers, and reading specialists)


## Annual Process to Determine

## Elementary School Capacity

1. Prepare short \& long-term enrollment projections
2. Convert enrollment projections into teacher staffing
3. Update classrooms as currently configured
4. Principals provide current use of each room
5. Put all the pieces together

- Capacity Analysis reflects considers Board approved class-size cap \& MOE policy
- Support spaces e.g. cafeteria, bathrooms, etc. not considered


## Elementary Capacity Analysis

## FY2014 Preliminary Capacity- School Board Meeting 12-17-2012

Table 1. Elementary School Capacity Analysis by Standard Allocation

|  | Classrooms as Currently Configured |  |  | FY 2014 Projections: Teachers and Rooms |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| School Name | Full- <br> Size <br> Roo <br> ms <br> (FSR) | Resource Rooms (RR) | Office or Small RR (SRR) | Home Room Tchrs FSR | Spec Ed Tchrs FSR | Prgm <br> Needs FSR ${ }^{1}$ | ACPS <br> Preschoo I <br> Program (SE \& Typical) | Head Start or Networ k PS FSR | Total FSR Rqrd | Spec. Ed. <br> Tchrs $R^{2}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ELL } \\ & \text { Tchrs } \\ & \text { RR }^{2} \end{aligned}$ | Other <br> Tchrs $R^{3}$ | Prgrm <br> Needs $R^{4}$ | Head Start or Networ kPS RR | Total RR/SRR Rqrd | Excess <br> (Deficit) FSR | Excess <br> (Deficit) RR/SRR | Net Room Balance | Region |
| Charles Barrett | 24 | 7 | - | 20 | - | 3 | 1 | - | 24 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 |  | 10 | - | (3) | (1.5) | Central |
| Cora Kelly | 40 | 5 | 3 | 21 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 32 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 |  | 14 | 8 | (6) | 5.0 | East |
| D MacArthur | 34 | 8 | 4 | 31 | - | 3 | - |  | 34 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 |  | 12 | - | - | - | Central |
| George Mason | 29 | 9 | - | 26 | - | 3 | - |  | 29 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 3.0 |  | 11 | - | (2) | (1.0) | Central |
| Jefferson-Houston | 43 | 15 | 3 | 19 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 38 | 6.0 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 17 | 5 | 1 | 5.5 | East |
| JK Polk | 39 | 6 | 2 | 34 | 2 | 3 |  |  | 39 | 4.0 | 1.0 | 2.5 | 5.0 |  | 14 | - | (6) | (3.0) | West |
| John Adams | 64 | 11 | 7 | 37 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 58 | 4.0 | 7.0 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 2.0 | 20 | 6 | (2) | 5.0 | West |
| Lyles-Crouch | 24 | 6 | 2 | 22 | - | 2 | - |  | 24 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 4.0 |  | 11 | - | (3) | (1.5) | East |
| Maury | 21 | 5 | 3 | 20 | - | 1 | - |  | 21 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 |  | 9 | - | (1) | (0.5) | East |
| Mt. Vernon | 49 | 6 | 5 | 42 | 1 | 3 |  |  | 46 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 3.5 | 5.0 |  | 20 | 3 | (9) | (1.5) | East |
| Patrick Henry | 40 | 10 | 2 | 31 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 40 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 |  | 16 | - | (4) | (2.0) | West |
| S Tucker | 35 | 9 | 3 | 32 | - | 3 | - |  | 35 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 1.0 |  | 12 | - | - | - | West |
| W Ramsay | 41 | 12 | 3 | 37 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | 41 | 3.0 | 9.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |  | 18 | - | (3) | (1.5) | West |
| Grand Total | 483 | 109 | 37 | 372 | 14 | 43 | 16 | 16 | 461 | 51 | 48.5 | 35.0 | 51 | 5 | 184 | 22 | (38) | 3.0 |  |

## Modified Open Enrollment

- The Superintendent shall propose elementary class size caps to be established during the budget process each spring
- The number of homeroom sections for each elementary school at each grade level shall be proposed by the Superintendent and reviewed during the budget process each spring.
- When class size caps are reached at a grade level and the number of homeroom sections is at the limit for that school, additional students will be assigned to a contiguous or nearby school where there is space.
- No student already enrolled in a school (including existing transfer students) will be removed because of Modified Open Enrollment procedures.

School Board Policy JCD - 1, adopted March 11, 2010 \& amended April 25, 2013

# Neighborhood School Preliminary Analysis 2/28/2013 

## \# Neighborhood Students vs. Students Enrolled

- Number of neighborhood students calculated based on home address, not school attended
- Compared to number of students enrolled



## Secondary Capacity Factors

- Number of rooms with flexible vs. fixed uses
- Specialized rooms such as science labs, computer/career and technical labs
, Other program specific requirements
Teacher work rooms
Number of periods that teachers teach - 4, 5, or 6 vs. number of periods in the day
- Sharing of rooms by teachers
- Restrictions on offering of classes below certain sizes
- Approaches to inclusion, push - in vs. pull - out for ELL, special education, and remediation


## Secondary Capacity Analysis

- The effects of larger elementary cohorts aging through the system is being seen at the middle school level this year and will continue to affect schools for years to come.
- ACPS does not currently have an accepted methodology for calculating secondary capacity.
- There are physical variables including number of teaching stations and support facilities. There are also operational variables including utilization rates, staffing, and space management.
- The methodology to calculate secondary capacity is being developed as part of the joint long range plan in conjunction with the City of Alexandria staff.


## Existing ConditionsEstablish a Baseline

- As modifications \& expansions have been madeno longer have accurate floor plans with square footages
- Some principals hand draw additions onto floor plans during annual assessments



## Architect's Scope of Work

- Phase I
- Inventory spaces of building's interiors
- Classify space \& appropriateness
- Document general space quality
- Provide electronic floor plans of each school
- Attend meetings with stakeholders
- Phase II
- Describe property ownership and boundaries
- Document usable acreage of open space \& recreational features
- Document general size \& condition of playgrounds
- Document natural resource areas
- Describe adequacy of site utilities to accommodate new construction
- Provide electronic site plans
- Attend meetings with stakeholders


## Existing Conditions

- Baseline provided by Architect will inform the subcommittee's next tasks:
- Review existing capacity analysis methodology
- Make recommendations for modifications to the methodology for both elementary and secondary
- Develop a capacity and utilization assessment for each school site


## Next Steps

- Meeting Frequency?
- Next meeting
- Review progress of architect
- Review secondary capacity methodologies

