



COLOCATION AND SHARED USE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES ON SCHOOL SITES

Community needs throughout Alexandria including facilities and services are increasing. With land at a premium within the city, it is critical that sites owned by the City and ACPS are maximized to deliver the range of services our community needs.

As the City and ACPS serve the same families, the City Council and School Board have emphasized the expectation that all feasible opportunities for colocation and shared use of publicly owned sites and services will be explored. To the extent feasible, spaces within school facilities will be designed, programmed and deployed in a manner that allows for utilization by multiple user groups – schools and the broader community. ACPS programming and capacity needs are the priority on school sites and will not be reduced to fit other uses.

Potential uses to be explored for colocation/joint use on school sites include, but are not limited to:

- Recreational programming/facilities to meet existing (at minimum) and future demand.
- Accommodations for services provided by the Department of Community and Human Services at levels appropriate to each surrounding community, including early childhood/childcare, youth development, behavioral health and benefits services.
- Accommodations for public health specialty clinics and services, making them accessible to more families. Public services provided at school sites respond to student needs and the needs of their families.
- Colocation with workforce, senior and/or affordable housing.
- Joint use/colocation to provide public library services.
- Colocation with other public facilities.

The Joint City/ACPS Facilities Master Plan process is underway and will guide decision making relative to the above.