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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92040: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To the Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Counsel

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- Email: [wtaylor202@hotmail.com](mailto:wtaylor202@hotmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To the Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Counsel,  
As a resident of the City of Alexandria I'm contacting you to urge you to fully fund the budget approved by the School Board for Alexandria City Public Schools. In order to systematically and efficiently deal with crumbling schools and explosive capacity issues, the ten-year capital improvement plan must be fully funded in all of its elements. The time for delaying and postponing this important work is over. It must be fully funded. There is no time left to push this need.  
Our young people are our city's most valuable resource and they deserve an adequate school environment that allows them to grow and learn to become tomorrow's leaders. As a voter and parent of two students in the ACPS system I urge you to fully fund the budget passed by the School Board.  
Thank you,  
William Taylor
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 21

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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 11:45 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92042: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Justin

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### Request Details:

- Name: Laurie Kahl
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- Phone Number: 703 684 3493
- Email: [kahl.laurie@gmail.com](mailto:kahl.laurie@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Justin Wilson, and City Council Members:

I am writing today to urge you to support funding for ACPS Superintendent's Capital Improvement Budget and Operating Budget, especially by funding the new lease spaces that will help to alleviate the over-crowding by accommodating. These spaces would potentially accommodate approximately 1000 students. 1000 students!! The positive impact of creating space for 1000 students would be an amazing gift to the schools, parents, students and ACPS community. Specifically, I am urging you to fund the leasing of a building to be used as a 700 student elementary school in the west end. Additionally, leasing space for the 20 Pre-K classrooms that are currently housed in elementary schools, would also alleviate over-crowding at the elementary level. I am a parent of three children that will be in all levels of school next year (elementary, middle and high). I ask that you support all items that will alleviate the capacity issues at the middle and high school levels as well. The city continues to build and approve new developments and is bringing new residents to our city every day. As a parent, every time I see a new residential development, all I can think is "where are these kids going to go to school?" "Which over-crowded school is going to have to absorb more bodies due to new construction?" It is time for City Council to act and support ACPS financially to alleviate the over-crowding in ACPS.

ACPS needs to address the capacity issues now as they will only continue to increase every day. These are our children and the future of Alexandria. Their safety, education and physical spaces should be a priority at all times to the City.

Please support the CIP and Operating Budget set forth by the Superintendent and make a positive impact for ACPS today.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Laurie Kahl  
Alexandria Resident 1997 - Present  
ACPS Parent 2007 - Present

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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 11:49 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92043: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing to advocate for full fundin

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- Phone Number: 703-732-6325
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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to advocate for full funding of the ACPS budget at the rate requested by the superintendent. I have attached a letter detailing this appeal.
- Attachment: [ACPS budget 3 11 16.docx](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 21

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Dear Ms. Mayor and City Council Members:

For FY 2017, the City Manager proposed a total operating appropriation for Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) of \$203.6 million (which is short by over \$3.9 million) and a CIP allocation of \$35.9 million (which is short by over \$8.5 million, leaving a combined funding gap of **\$12.2 million**).

We are out of time. These projects cannot longer be pushed to another budget season. Renovations and centralization of Pre-K needs to happen now. There are immediate capacity concerns and fully funding these needs are vital.

Redistricting is happening, but it is only one component in addressing the component in addressing the capacity concerns. Even with new boundaries, there are simply not enough seats in the classrooms (or buses) for all of the students. Swing space, a new West end leased-space elementary school, centralized Pre-K are all components needed for this plan. There are significant classroom shortages for next year, much less the years to come.

**Pre-K Need:**

- Capacity constraints continue to grow at our elementary schools that currently utilize 30 full-size classrooms for pre-K education
- Varied Pre-K opportunities across the city
- Need for full- day wrap-around Services , including transportation
- Consistent interest from community and political stakeholders in developing a well-coordinated and comprehensive service delivery system within Pre-K partners
- Unable to meet the needs for early learning experiences in the city
- Current structure inhibits the ability to share data and access information across agencies
- Current capacity challenges inhibit the ability to provide expansion or opportunities for Pre-K while the state has increased the number

**Swing Space and Modernization Need:**

- Modernization is necessary to create optimal and equitable learning environments by addressing educational adequacy, building conditions and capacity constraints.
- Swing space provides temporary classrooms in a centralized location for students to attend school while schools are being renovated or slated for full or partial replacement.

Swing space is necessary to:

- Shorten construction schedules and minimize construction costs.
- Improve safety by moving students away from construction sites.
- Minimize disruption and support the continuity of instruction.

Modernization:

- Failing building conditions – the CIP fully lays out the state and failing conditions of the majority of our schools. While the City has done a full analysis of their buildings and were dismayed by the conditions of many of their building. The school are in similar, and in several cases, worse condition.

- Optimal and equitable learning environments by addressing educational adequacy – hallways, closets and cramped corridors are not classrooms and are not at all conducive to learning.

Swing space will be required for any replacements/renovations of existing properties beyond the current FY 2017-FY 2026.

The City's budget does include a contingency of \$3.0 million to cover the operating costs of the new West End Elementary School and the Central Pre-K Center for ACPS. However, this contingency is not available to ACPS until formally appropriated and it clearly will not be enough to cover all of these needs.

It is time to make the hard decisions and fully fund the ACPS budget. We look forward to you supporting the children of Alexandria and fully funding these budget needs.

Sincerely,

Susan Jones

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**From:** Heather Menon via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 12:07 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92048: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Ms. Mayor and City Council Members:

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### Request Details:

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Ms. Mayor and City Council Members:

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Sincerely,

Heather Menon

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- Email: [ConcernedCitizen@yahoo.com](mailto:ConcernedCitizen@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I realize that the urgency for the schools redistricting plan, but it has to be done with the budget to support the growth wisely. Young families have moved into Alexandria and have the desire to stay in the city, this is a great problem to have. Please don't make rash decisions that don't have a 20 year benefit.

Every facility that you have created in the past decade, Brenman, Witter, Simpson, Lee Center, TC Williams, does not have adequate parking for the amount of activities at the facilities. The City approved a pool to be built at Chincaguapin that wasn't the legal length and now we are replacing it, which needs to happen. You have approved building for new developments at Potomac Yard with not enough parking.

Please think carefully and thoughtfully on our budget and spend it wisely.

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**From:** merrittapprais@aol.com  
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**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Public Hearing Statement  
**Attachments:** PublicHearingStatement3.7.16.docx; PublicHearingThreeMinuteAA3.14.16.docx

Jackie

I am attaching a copy of my statement for today's public hearing that I would like to submit for the record; my verbal (three minute) statement is in the second attachment. Of course, I would like to have members of Council receive both statements, so should I bring about ten copies of each for today's public hearing?

Is there any way to know where I am on the list of folks signed up to make a statement?

Thanks so much.

Richard

***"No one makes a greater mistake than he who does nothing because he could only do a little." Edmund Burke***

City Council Special Public Hearing Meeting on  
City Manger's Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2017

Submitted by:

Richard E. Merritt, Co-Chair  
*Alliance for Alexandria's Uninsured*  
March 14, 2016

For the third year in a row, the Virginia General Assembly adjourned its session without an agreement to expand the Medicaid program, as permitted under the Affordable Care Act (otherwise known as ObamaCare). The decision represents not only a fiscal and economic threat to the City's workforce and productivity, but more significantly a threat to the health and well-being ("quality of life") of many of the City's most vulnerable and economically disadvantaged citizens. Moreover, it strikes a blow at one of the City's most cherished communal values and goals expressed in City Council's Strategic Plan: *"Alexandria respects, protects and enhances the health of its citizens...."*

Most affected by this decision are approximately 5,500 non-elderly (18-64), non-parent adults with annual incomes below the federal poverty level (FPL) – about \$11,800 for an individual – and parents with children whose income is between 51 to 100% of poverty. They are known as the Medicaid "gap" population, of which many are the so-called "working poor".

The failure to act on Medicaid expansion locks in place a number of troubling health and economic inequities or disparities related to access, coverage and outcomes, especially for the Hispanic or Latino and Black/African American communities. In the City of Alexandria, for example:

- During 2014, of the non-elderly adult (18-64) population that were uninsured, more than 4 in 10 (43.4%) were Hispanic, almost 3 in 10 (28.8%) were Black/African American, more than 2 in 10 (22.8%) were Asian, and only 1 in 20 (4.9%) were White. (U.S. Census Bureau, American FactFinder, Population Estimates Program, Community Facts.)
- Over a five year period (2009-2014), of the non-elderly adult (18-64) population with annual incomes below the Federal Poverty Index, 13.6% were Black/African Americans, 10.3% Hispanic, 9.3% Asian and 5.6% White. (US Census Bureau, American FactFinder)

- Black and African-American households comprise the largest share (22%) of racial and ethnic groups with annual incomes below \$25,000; Hispanic or Latinos are at about 14% and non-Hispanic Whites at 7%. (“Alexandria’s Racial and Ethnic Groups and Foreign-Born Population: A Brief Look at Diversity.” City of Alexandria, Department of Planning and Zoning, February, 19, 2015)
- More than one-third of Black or African American and Hispanic families with female households with children were living in poverty between 2009-2013. (“Alexandria’s Racial and Ethnic Groups and Foreign-Born Population: A Brief Look at Diversity.” City of Alexandria, Department of Planning and Zoning, February 19, 2015)
- Based on 16 years of data, Black/African American non-elderly adults are twice as likely to die prematurely than White non-elderly adults. (2015 County Health Rankings Survey, National Center for Health Statistics)
- A man who was born in 1950 and whose annual income places him within the bottom 10 percent has a life expectancy 14 years less than a man born the same year but whose income is within the top 10 percent. (For a woman born in 1950 and is in the bottom 10 percent of incomes the difference is 13 years.) (“Later Retirement, Inequality in Old Age, and the Growing Gap in Longevity between Rich and Poor.” Barry Bosworth, Gary Burtless, Kan Zhang, *Economic Studies at Brookings*, See Chapter 4 Executive Summary.)
- In 2009, significant gaps in life expectancy among Black and White males (72 years compared to 77 years) and Black and White females (79 years compared to 82) existed in Virginia; there is little reason to think that the gaps are significantly different in Alexandria. (Virginia Health Equity Report 2012, Virginia Department of Health)

Several other perverse inequities are “baked in” to the General Assembly’s decision or lack of decision to expand Medicaid. For example, it is not widely understood but under ObamaCare Medicaid was designed to cover the “very poor” (i.e. mostly those with incomes at or below the FPL) and the Health Insurance Marketplace would care for the “near poor” and lower middle class (i.e incomes between 101 to 400% of poverty.) Hence, a non-elderly adult male or female in Alexandria with an annual income of \$12,000 (just slightly above FPL) can qualify for substantial tax subsidies to purchase private health insurance under the Federal-run Exchange, whereas an adult male or female with an annual income of \$11, 700 (just below FPL) cannot. So until the Medicaid coverage option is accepted by the General Assembly, Alexandrians who fall in to the “near poor” category can obtain health insurance but the “very poor” cannot.

The issues of equity and fairness will soon grow even more pronounced as Medicaid intends to cover 15 days of inpatient addiction treatment per month under a new proposed plan. This is a benefit that would clearly be beneficial to many low-income uninsured Alexandrians.

The short and long-range consequence for many in the Medicaid “coverage gap” population can be quite severe. Studies by the Institute of Medicine indicate a strong association between lack of health insurance and increased risk of poor health and premature death. The risk level is even greater for those who suffer from a serious chronic illness and also face access barriers to care and treatment.

Data from the 2015 County Health Rankings Survey (funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation) points to almost 7,000 years of potential life lost before age 75 (a measure of premature death) in the City of Alexandria. Assuming the current trend continues, this translates in to approximately 300 to 325 actual premature deaths in the City each year over the next several years for all residents up to age 75, or about 200 premature deaths each year among the non-elderly adult population. Data from the Survey show that over the past 16 years (1999-2014), the premature death rate among Black/African American non-elderly adults in Alexandria has averaged almost twice that of White non-elderly adults.

Research shows that persons without health insurance are more likely to delay seeking medical care, much less likely to fill prescriptions or to follow through on treatment regimens. Moreover, they are less likely to engage in preventive health care and less likely to seek care until their symptoms are advanced, making it much more difficult and expensive to treat them.

There is sound evidence that approval of the Medicaid expansion option is one of the most important actions a state can make toward improving the health and well-being of its low-income, uninsured residents. Conversely, the lack of Medicaid coverage or any significant intervention to improve access to essential health services will leave many low-income residents at increased risk of deteriorating health status and premature death.

That argument, however, has yet to be persuasive to a majority of lawmakers in Richmond, and sadly will likely continue to fall on deaf ears for several years to come. Most certainly, the City and community of Alexandria did not create this “insurance/access crisis”, but in the absence of a commitment from Richmond, the City and Community of Alexandria has a unique opportunity before it to exercise real leadership and compassion in making a real difference in the health and well-being of so many of the City’s most vulnerable and economically disadvantaged residents.

An important initial step toward making such a difference was taken last November when the City of Alexandria and the Alexandria City Public Schools, in partnership with Neighborhood Health, Inova Alexandria Hospital and the Alexandria Health

Department, hosted the first Alexandria Community Health Fair. Almost 300 adult uninsured residents of the City attended the Fair and received several of the multiple preventive health screens (e.g., blood pressure monitoring, glucose test for diabetes, mental health screens, vision and hearing screens, etc). The Fair clearly demonstrated a very high level of need for preventive and other health care services among very poor and minority adults in the City.

We are calling for even bolder action in 2016 on the part of the City and the Community that will increase the chances that the health status and well-being of at least those who are at greatest risk and most vulnerable will not suffer or deteriorate over the next few years as the work continues to convince the General Assembly that the poor and the sick should not be the only Virginians who are denied access to affordable health insurance.

We are proposing the establishment of a public/private partnership called **ALEXCARES** for the purpose of improving access to essential health services for some of the neediest and most economically disadvantaged individuals in the City of Alexandria who continue to be denied Medicaid coverage by the Virginia General Assembly. We request a minimum investment of \$250,000 from the City for each of the next three fiscal years for the establishment of **ALEXCARES**. (An additional \$100,000 to \$150,000 will be forthcoming each year through community fundraising efforts.) The initiative has four key components:

- A “bridge” funding program (**AlexCARE**) to improve access to primary care services for the most vulnerable and at high-risk segment of the City’s very low-income (below poverty), non-elderly adult (ages 18-64) (many are “the working poor”) Medicaid “gap” population.

**AlexCARE** will be administered through Neighborhood Health (Alexandria’s community health center) in accordance with eligibility and reimbursement requirements determined by Neighborhood Health and approved by City Council. (As a guideline, low-income, non-elderly adults without a routine source of primary care and who suffer from a serious chronic illness or who are at moderate-to-high risk of developing serious chronic health conditions should be considered among those in “great need”. It is expected that approximately 700 patients could be served during the first year of **AlexCARE**.)

- Financial assistance to Neighborhood Health for the establishment of a part-time, satellite Clinic in to improve access to primary care services for uninsured, non-elderly adults in up to two areas of the City that are particularly underserved.

- An annual public/private sponsored one-to-two day Community Health Clinic each fall for the non-elderly, low-income uninsured population in Alexandria.
- The creation of a Special Advisory Body by City Council to develop a plan of action by the end of 2016 in response to growing evidence that access to affordable and accessible specialty care is problematic within the City of Alexandria, especially for low-income, uninsured residents, and that serious and unacceptable health disparities and outcomes exist within the City's low-income population.

The **ALEXCARES** initiative is consistent with the recommendations of the Mayor's Special Advisory Panel on the Health Care Needs of the Uninsured (2015) and with the findings from the *Community Health Needs Assessment* conducted for Inova Alexandria Hospital in 2013. Moreover, it is very much in harmony with many of the goals and objectives expressed in the City's 2010 Strategic Plan. For example,

- "supporting the expansion of primary care medical and oral health services,"
- "providing a comprehensive and cohesive system of prevention, early intervention and treatment services to those Alexandrians most in need,"
- "expanding essential health and behavioral health services," and,
- "maintaining safety net services with a focus on prevention services, ..."

The moral and ethical case for our proposal was stated succinctly by H. Jack Geiger, MD, the 2014 recipient of the Frank A Calderone Prize for Public Health. Dr. Geiger wrote: ***The poor are likelier to be sick. The sick are likelier to be poor. Without interventions, the poor will grow sicker and the sick will grow poorer. And that has troubling consequences for all of us.***

In his splendid invocation at the swearing in ceremony for the new mayor and City Council, Rabbi Brett R. Isserow of Beth El Hebrew Congregation said: *"The citizens of our historic city, Alexandria, have entrusted you with the responsibility of orchestrating and conducting the sacred work that will determine our future. As the conductor and leaders of this 150,000 plus piece orchestra, it is yours to ensure that the soft plaintive cry of the weak is not drowned out by the blare of the gold and sliver of the overbearing brass."*

While we do not pretend to speak for them, we do ask the City's elected and community leaders to please listen to the "soft plaintive cry" of our very low-income uninsured neighbors, friends, coworkers and citizens on behalf of a significant intervention that will begin to break the vicious cycle where "the poor grow sicker and the sick grow poorer."

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***The Alliance for Alexandria's Uninsured*** is an entity created by a small group of citizens in 2014 concerned about the harmful and sometimes life-threatening consequences of the failure of the Virginia General Assembly to extend comprehensive health insurance (via the expansion of the Medicaid program as allowed under the Affordable Care Act) to some of the most vulnerable and economically disadvantaged members of our community. *The Alliance (previously called "Joining Together for Alexandria's Uninsured")* exists to educate the community and elected officials about the plight of these individuals and the circumstances governing their struggle to obtain health care without insurance, and to raise financial support for the provision of essential health care services and interventions for those at greatest risk of poor health, premature death and financial insecurity.

Verbal Statement before the  
City Council Special Public Hearing Meeting  
March 14, 2016

Richard E. Merritt, Co-Chair  
Alliance for Alexandria's Uninsured

Saturday's adjournment of the 2016 Virginia General Assembly marks three years in a row state lawmakers failed to reach an agreement on expanding the Medicaid program, as permitted under the Affordable Care Act (often referred to as ObamaCare.) This decision represents not only a fiscal and economic threat to the City's workforce and productivity, but more significantly a threat to the health well-being and "quality of life" of many of the City's most vulnerable and economically disadvantaged citizens.

Most affected by this decision are many very low-income, non-elderly (18-64) adults, many of whom are the so-called "working poor".

This failure to act on Medicaid expansion locks in place a number of troubling health and economic inequities or disparities related to access, coverage and outcomes, especially for low-income and minority members of our community. For example:

- Far greater percentages of non-elderly Blacks (29%) or Hispanics (43%) are uninsured compared to White counterparts (4.9%)
- African American non-elderly adults are twice as likely to die prematurely as White non-elderly adults.

Several other perverse inequities are "baked in" to the General Assembly's refusal to expand Medicaid but you'll have to read our full statement to understand what they are.

What is most important to know, however, is that the short and long-range health consequences for many of those denied Medicaid coverage can be quite severe. Studies by the Institute of Medicine indicate a strong association between lack of health insurance and increased risk of poor health and premature death. The risk level is even greater for those who suffer from a serious chronic illness and also face significant access barriers to obtaining timely and appropriate care.

In the absence of Medicaid expansion by the state, which now looks like it will be the norm for several years to come, the City of Alexandria has a unique opportunity, indeed a clear responsibility, to step in and provide some financial assistance for those who are truly most disadvantaged and most at risk by the denial of Medicaid coverage.



To that end, we are calling for an investment of \$250,000 for each of the next three fiscal years in an initiative called **ALEXCARES**. More than 75% of the annual funds will provide financial support to improve access to essential primary care services for the most vulnerable and at high-risk segment of the City's very low income, non-elderly adult Medicaid "gap" population. (Estimates are that as many as 600 individuals could be served during the first year.)

It is important to note that the **ALEXCARES** initiative is consistent with the recommendations of the 2015 report of the Mayor's Special Advisory Panel on the Health Care Needs of the Uninsured and with the findings from the *Community Health Needs Assessment* conducted for Inova Alexandria Hospital in 2013. And, it is very much in harmony with and would advance many of the goals and objectives expressed in the City's 2010 Strategic Plan. For example,

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- "expanding essential health and behavioral health services,"
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- "providing a comprehensive and cohesive system of prevention, early intervention and treatments services to those Alexandrians most in need," and,
- "maintaining safety net services with a focus on prevention services, while striving to eliminate poverty in Alexandria ...."

The City took an important step last year toward addressing some of the access and coverage issues related to the very low-income, non-elderly adult population by sponsoring a one-day Community Health Fair for the uninsured. Other sponsors included the Alexandria City Public Schools, Neighborhood Health, Inova Alexandria Hospital and the Alexandria Health Department.

Almost 300 adult uninsured Alexandrians attended the Fair and received multiple preventive health screens, e.g, for high blood pressure, for diabetes, for mental health, and for vision and hearing. The Fair clearly demonstrated a very high level of need for preventive and other health care services among the very poor and minority adults in the City.

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So, we stand ready to work with Council and other stakeholders in the community who are anxious to move forward and help break the vicious cycle where "the poor grow sicker and the sick grow poorer."

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Jim Durham via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 12:30 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92056: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council memb

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  - Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
  - Request Description: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council members,  
The annual output of the Complete Streets program will be reduced from "nearly \$1.5M" in FY16, to about 1/3 of that (\$557,000) in FY17 if the proposed CIP udget is enacted as is, with direct negative impacts to the safety and well-being of Alexandria residents and visitors.  
The Complete Streets program is the only budget item outside of public safety that actually saves lives. Unsafe conditions exist throughout the City in locations such as Mount Vernon Avenue in Arlandria, and Seminary Road at Francis C. Hammond Middle School, to name two. Last September's pedestrian fatality and multiple pedestrians injured in car crashes in the past month should serve as reminders of the urgent need for capital investment to help accomplish the City's strategic objective of protecting the safety of its residents.  
The Complete Streets program also supports other strategic objectives such as providing a multi-modal transportation network, enhancing the health of citizens, and supporting the well-being of our youth and children. For example, with Alexandria youth about half as active as the national average, our City should be increasing, not decreasing funding for program elements such as Safe Routes to School and walking and biking access to Parks and Recreation Centers.  
Alexandria residents and visitors, from our youth to our seniors and persons with disabilities, need streets that are complete, i.e. are safe for people to walk and bike, as well as for transit and driving. The City is to be commended for more than doubling the Street Reconstruction (Paving) budget after years of neglect, from \$2.6M in FY14 to \$5.6M in FY16 and proposed for \$5.3M in FY17. By not providing commensurate funds for Complete Streets, the City is prioritizing the convenience of motorists over the safety of people who walk and bike. Providing safe and accessible walking environments is an equity issue, as well as a safety and public health imperative.  
I am writing on behalf of the Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to ask that you increase the Complete Streets program budget to \$1,398,000 to provide an amount available for projects equal to that in FY 15 and FY 16, i.e. about \$1,125,000 after allocating \$273,000 for staff. The City Manager's proposed budget would only allocate \$577,000 for projects (\$830,000 minus \$273,000 for staff) reducing the pace of making our streets safe by about 2/3 compared to the "nearly \$1.5M" output of the Complete Streets program in FY16.  
Capital investment in Alexandria's transportation systems is an investment in Alexandria's economic growth and economic growth is the key to providing funds in future years for schools, public safety and other important needs. I ask that capital investment in making our streets safe be at top of your "Add" list, for safety's sake, as well as for the economic, environmental and public health benefits that the Complete Streets program provides.
- Sincerely,  
Jim Durham  
Chair, Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Attachment: [CC ltr 2016-0314.pdf](#)
  - Expected Response Date: Monday, March 21

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**From:** Renee Reynolds via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 12:51 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92063: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council As a member of the Talented and Gifted C

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: As a member of the Talented and Gifted Committee to the School Board, I am asking that the City Council fully fund the operational budget so that children have the space they need to learn. The enrollment over the past 10 years has increased significantly to over 4,000 students without a single new school being added to accommodate this growth. We cannot ignore this problem as it will only get worse. The current buildings are over capacity and are in terrible condition. The budget needs to be fully funded in order to meet the demands of the growing student population.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 21

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I'm a Maury parent who has another child coming to Kindergarten in a year and a half. I believe that ALL students deserve the right to a quality education. I think the ACPS budget is a sensible one. I would like to see if fully funded. Thank you for your time.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 21

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: This is regarding the proposed budget cuts to the Alexandria Commission for Women staff support. For tonight's budget hearing.
- Attachment: [CFW Letter to Council.docx](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 21

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, AND MEMBERS OF THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CAMILLE F. LEVERETT, CFW CHAIR  
JACINTA GREENE, CFW FIRST VICE CHAIR  
WILLIAM (BILL) SMITH, CFW SECOND VICE CHAIR  
MOLLIE ABRAHAM, CFW PAST CHAIR  
DIANE CRAWFORD-BATT, FRIENDS OF THE ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN BOARD MEMBER  
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ELIZABETH JOHNSON, CFW PAST CHAIR AND CFW MEMBER  
MONIKA JONES, CFW MEMBER AND LIAISON TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
LYNN JORDAN, CFW PAST CHAIR  
SUSAN KELLUM, FRIENDS OF THE ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN BOARD MEMBER  
LAURA MANDELA, CFW PAST CHAIR  
ANUJA MINER, CFW MEMBER  
MARIBEL RAMOS, CFW MEMBER

SUBJECT: PROPOSED CUTS TO THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

DATE: MARCH 14, 2016

CC: MARK B. JINKS, ALEXANDRIA CITY MANAGER  
KATE GARVEY, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Members of the Alexandria City Council:

City Council established the Alexandria Commission for Women (CFW) in 1974 to provide guidance and advice in the effort to eliminate discrimination on account of sex and to encourage equal opportunity for women. Additionally, Council charged the CFW with performing several specific duties, including recommending legislation and policy changes to City Council, conducting educational programs and raising awareness on women's needs, and connecting women in the city to relevant services and opportunities.

Since its formation, the CFW has successfully identified areas of particular concern for women and girls, engaged in effective policy-making and legislative advocacy, and has led the way for the creation of many City programs and services.

Landmark programs and services that have emerged from the work of the CFW include: the Domestic Violence Program, the Sexual Assault Program, Teen Pregnancy Prevention programs and initiatives, the Battered Women's Shelter, women's employment resources, sexual harassment training, and city workforce participation data monitoring, among others.

The ability of the CFW to effectively carry out its charter and see to the creation of effective services and programs has come in large part from the leadership, communication, and coordination provided by the Commission's Executive Director and her supporting staff. According to the CFW charter, the Commission is to be staffed by an Executive Director who is appointed by, and reports directly to, the Director of the Department of Human Services, today DCHS.

However, because of gradually diminishing resources toward the coordination of issues affecting women and girls in Alexandria since the dissolution of the Office on Women in 2010, and particularly due to the proposed elimination of city staff members devoted to the support of the CFW and these issues in the fiscal year 2017 budget, we are very concerned about the ability of the City and the CFW to provide the leadership and vision that has so effectively shaped services and outreach to women and girls in our city for the past four decades.

We therefore request that City Council restore funding in the FY 2017 budget for two City staff members devoted to the support of the Commission for Women.

Such funding is essential for the leadership and coordination of the needs of women and girls, and for addressing the City's strategic goals and planned objectives, as described below.

#### Roles of the Commission for Women

As many of you know, the CFW is a chief advocate for Domestic Violence awareness and support services, which strives to fulfill Alexandria's Strategic Goal of protecting the safety and security of residents. The CFW also provides financial support and several volunteer hours to fund necessary renovations, immigration attorney fees, and ad hoc request for goods and services; all raised independently of City funding.

Each year the CFW also collaborates with the Alexandria City Public Schools, City Government and Departments, local businesses, and city residents to host the Annual Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day Program. This community event provides an opportunity for students to learn more about career opportunities in their hometown. The event directly supports the Child and Youth Master Plan, Goal 2, by ensuring every child will be academically successful and career ready.

Moreover, with support from the Friends of the Commission for Women, our non-profit arm, the CFW provides financial support to Alexandria's Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy, which further supports the Children Youth Master Plan goals of ensuring physical safety and health of Alexandria's youth. In addition, the CFW sponsors an Annual Women's History Tour, which educates and promotes residents and tourist about city sites important to women's history. The CFW collaborates with the Alexandria's Historic Preservation and encourages tour participation, beginning at the King Street Visitor's Center.

The activities listed above are only a few programs and initiatives the CFW supports. In order to achieve our mission and maintain services many in Alexandria depend on, the CFW must have the necessary city support and resources to do so.

In celebration of Women's History Month, the CFW will host the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Women Banquet. This event recognizes the efforts and achievements of women, men and youth who have made vital contributions to the Alexandria Community. For years, this community event has been an opportunity to showcase achievements in supporting women and girls and draw increasing awareness to violence against women and sexual assault, among other important issues. Through countless volunteer hours, the CFW is able to raise \$5000-\$10,000 annually to support the Sexual Assault Program of Alexandria, providing a service that may go unmet without our support.

### Loss of City Support

The continuation of events and initiatives led by the CFW, not to mention maintaining and beginning other initiatives, has become increasingly difficult for the all-volunteer board to manage with the ever changing restructuring of the leadership and coordination for women's initiatives and decreasing staff support.

Beginning in the 1980s, the Office on Women served as the central point for women's services. This allowed for coordination of services, leadership on women's issues to be shared across City departments, and the expansion of services and outreach into newly emerging areas of concern, such as LGBTQ services.

In 2010, when the Office of Women dissolved and certain key programs and services were resumed under the Department of Community and Human Services, women in the city lost the direct leadership and coordination previously provided by the Director of the Office. It should be noted that when that re-organization occurred, the Office on Women employed 21 full and part time staff members, not including a consultant for the Walk to Fund Breast Cancer.

Overtime, key support staff was also lost, beginning with the staff member who provided support for the Annual Alexandria Breast Cancer walk. This walk raised nearly \$90,000 annually and provided mammograms and other diagnostic screenings for Alexandria women who are uninsured or under-insured. Without city support to execute this event, the event has been permanently cancelled leaving a need gap in the City of Alexandria for women most at need.

### Proposed Cuts

Unfortunately, the Commission for Women was informed on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> that DCHS is proposing elimination of two positions that support the Commission. At no point was the CFW able to weigh in on these cuts prior to that date.

The first position proposed for elimination, Chief Office for Strategic Initiatives, provided senior-level support and served as the Executive Director for the Commission. The second position proposed for elimination, Admin. Support IV, provided essential administrative services to keep the CFW functioning and a very basic level.

The CFW and Friends of the Commission for Women strongly urge City Council to reject the proposed elimination and fully fund both positions, ensuring an Executive Director, empowered to make Department-level decisions, be appointed to the CFW as directed by the City Code, Chapter 6, Sec. 12-6-5.

### Staff Resources will allow the City to Address Newly Emerging Needs

The CFW has identified Human Trafficking as a critical area of concern for women and girls in the City of Alexandria. Recently, the CFW collaborated with Commissions for Women across Northern Virginia to host a Human Trafficking Symposium. Over 200 people across the region were in attendance, including members from the Alexandria Police Department. Awareness building, training, outreach, proper reporting, and prevention efforts are lacking and the Commission seeks to fill that gap with continued review and policy discussions.

The CFW also considers the City workforce diversity and equity to be a top priority. For years the Commission reviewed and commented on the City's annual reports describing the demographics of its



workforce, by job category and level, as well as statistics pertaining to its recruiting, hiring, promotion, compensation, and training decisions. Unfortunately, access to these reports ceased in 2005. With the support of a newly appointed Executive Director, the CFW can work closely with Human Resources to analyze demographic and compensation reports. Without the minimum resources to achieve our mission, our all-volunteer commission is unable to properly advocate on behalf of women in girls in our city.

We hope you continue your support of women and girls in Alexandria and, by doing so, reject cuts that directly impact the work of the Commission for Women. The commission would also like to meet with each council member to discuss our role in more depth. An email requesting a meeting is to follow.

## Jackie Henderson

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**To:** Council and Aides  
**Cc:** khbowen@gmail.com  
**Subject:** FW: A request to fully fund the ACPS school budget

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**From:** Katie Bowen [<mailto:khbowen@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 2:18 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** A request to fully fund the ACPS school budget

Good afternoon, Ms. Henderson,

My name is Kathleen Bowen, and I'm an Alexandria resident and parent of a rising Kindergarten student for the 2016-17 school year. I know that the Council is meeting today to review the proposed ACPS budget, and I'm asking that you please pass this note along to all members.

I am committed to the City of Alexandria providing a strong public education to all of our students, and our ability to meet the demands of projected growth is a key determiner of whether residents choose to stay. I believe the budget proposed by the school board is lean and efficient, and I strongly urge you to approve it.

Best,  
Kathleen Bowen

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Chris Yianilos via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 1:31 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92070: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Thank you for your service to our great

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### Request Details:

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Thank you for your service to our great City.

I write today in support of our City's schools. I was born and raised in Northern Virginia, and ever since I can remember, the Northern Virginia community has viewed our school system in Alexandria as being subpar as compared to Arlington and Fairfax. I truly believe that over the past several years this is no longer the case. In fact, I know it firsthand as a parent of a child in elementary school in ACPS. Simply put, ACPS is a remarkable school system.

However, our great success in building a wonderful school system is still not widely known. Folks who have or hope to have children still express concern about ACPS when deciding whether to move to Alexandria. Moreover, citizens within Alexandria still do not fully comprehend how great our schools are. What they all seem to know is our challenges.

The greatest challenge ACPS faces right now is the overcrowding in our schools. I have the privilege of serving on the ACPS redistricting review committee. I've studied the enrollment and capacity issues extensively, but the capacity problems can be understood in 5 minutes of looking at the data or within 5 minutes of talking to principals and teachers. I urge you to take steps to address this very real problem. We need a new school in the West End. Personally, I'd prefer a real new school (rather than leased space in an office building), but leased space is better than nothing. We need swing space so the older schools can be rebuilt. At my son's school, which was built in the 1930s, the kids talk of squirrels running through the classroom, the principal chasing vermin, water coming down the walls. Swing space is critical to making sure those schools in need of repair or replacement get fixed.

As leaders in this City, you have the opportunity to let our community in Alexandria know, and indeed to let the entire Northern Virginia community know, about the great success of ACPS. Do not let negative news continue to perpetuate the negative stereotypes about ACPS.

Please fund our schools. Fund the solutions to fix our capacity issues.

Thank you,

Chris Yianilos

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 21

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Erin White <erin@mindyscateringdc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 1:34 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Letter for City Council members  
**Attachments:** ACPS LETTER.docx

Please distribute my attached letter to the members of City Council in advance of budget meetings.

Thank you very much!

Erin White  
2 W. Uhler Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22301

Dear Ms. Mayor and City Council Members:

I am a resident of the City of Alexandria since 1994. I lived in the City before I had children and plan to live here long after. More and more families in the past 10 years have found Alexandria a wonderful place to call home and, instead of the flight to other districts we saw in the past, families are STAYING and sending their children to our schools. It is imperative that the City Council takes a stand to fully fund our schools to solve space and growth issues.

I have a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader (Maury) and a 9<sup>th</sup> grader (Minnie Howard where an expansion is LONG overdue). Take a moment to look at the ACPS Twitter feed from this weekend alone to get a sense of the amazing citizens we are educating in this city. The successes I have seen my children and their peers achieve in this system are fantastic but the growth and achievement will turn into an embarrassment for our city if you do not fully fund our school budget and the CIP.

PLEASE NOTE ALL OF THE INFORMATION BELOW:

For FY 2017, the City Manager proposed a total operating appropriation for Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) of \$203.6 million (which is short by over \$3.9 million) and a CIP allocation of \$35.9 million (which is short by over \$8.5 million, leaving a combined funding gap of **\$12.2 million**).

We are out of time. These projects cannot longer be pushed to another budget season. Renovations and centralization of Pre-K needs to happen now. There are immediate capacity concerns and fully funding these needs are vital.

Redistricting is happening, but it is only one component in addressing the component in addressing the capacity concerns. Even with new boundaries, there are simply not enough seats in the classrooms (or buses) for all of the students. Swing space, a new West end leased-space elementary school, centralized Pre-K are all components needed for this plan. There are significant classroom shortages for next year, much less the years to come.

**Pre-K Need:**

- Capacity constraints continue to grow at our elementary schools that currently utilize 30 full-size classrooms for pre-K education
- Varied Pre-K opportunities across the city
- Need for full- day wrap-around Services , including transportation
- Consistent interest from community and political stakeholders in developing a well-coordinated and comprehensive service delivery system within Pre-K partners
- Unable to meet the needs for early learning experiences in the city
- Current structure inhibits the ability to share data and access information across agencies
- Current capacity challenges inhibit the ability to provide expansion or opportunities for Pre-K while the state has increased the number

### **Swing Space and Modernization Need:**

- Modernization is necessary to create optimal and equitable learning environments by addressing educational adequacy, building conditions and capacity constraints.
- Swing space provides temporary classrooms in a centralized location for students to attend school while schools are being renovated or slated for full or partial replacement.

Swing space is necessary to:

- Shorten construction schedules and minimize construction costs.
- Improve safety by moving students away from construction sites.
- Minimize disruption and support the continuity of instruction.

Modernization:

- Failing building conditions – the CIP fully lays out the state and failing conditions of the majority of our schools. While the City has done a full analysis of their buildings and were dismayed by the conditions of many of their building. The school are in similar, and in several cases, worse condition.
- Optimal and equitable learning environments by addressing educational adequacy – hallways, closets and cramped corridors are not classrooms and are not at all conducive to learning.

Swing space will be required for any replacements/renovations of existing properties beyond the current FY 2017-FY 2026.

The City's budget does include a contingency of \$3.0 million to cover the operating costs of the new West End Elementary School and the Central Pre-K Center for ACPS. However, this contingency is not available to ACPS until formally appropriated and it clearly will not be enough to cover all of these needs.

It is time to make the hard decisions and fully fund the ACPS budget. We look forward to you supporting the children of Alexandria and fully funding these budget needs.

Sincerely,

*Erin White*

Erin White  
2 W. Uhler Ave  
Alexandria, VA 22301

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** J Glenn Hopkins via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 1:40 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92071: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Attached, please find comments to be del

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Attached, please find comments to be delivered this afternoon on behalf of Hopkins House by Board Chair Julie Jakopic at the Special Meeting of City Council this afternoon, related to docket item #14-5027.
- Attachment: [2016 - Public Hearing Statement on FY17 Budget.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 21

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## **PUBLIC HEARING STATEMENT TO THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL**

**Delivered On March 14, 2016**

Madam Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor, City Council Members, and Mr. City Manager, my name is Julie Jakopic. I am here today representing Hopkins House, as Chair of its Board of Trustees. We would like to share a few thoughts regarding the proposed fiscal 2017 City Budget.

We are delighted that the proposed budget:

- Provides significant funding to increase the stock of affordable housing in the City;
- Allocates resources to support implementation of the Children and Youth Master Plan; and,
- Aims to address the capacity and resource needs of the Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS).

We understand how important it is to address the overcrowding at nearly every elementary school in the city. While we applaud the request for \$11.5 million in capital and operating funds to begin addressing this issue starting with the PreK students, this request raises questions that deserve additional discussion.

The PreK students served by ACPS are students in either Head Start or the Virginia Preschool Initiative and are by definition from families with low- incomes and often have other potential educational challenges. We appreciate that ACPS has an urgent need for additional classroom space, however addressing this need by isolating 360 or more 4-year olds in a separate, single building is problematic. We are concerned that this model:

- Congregates a large number of very young students in one place with no evidence it is developmentally appropriate for them;



- Isolates those students away from their neighborhoods; and,
- Requires their parents, who are by definition low-income, to travel across the city to access child care.

The majority of PreK students in Alexandria do not attend the public schools, however there was no conversation with the child care community at-large prior to this capital request about how to best serve these particular children from an academic perspective or in terms of existing classroom capacity in the city.

We need to be sure that there is adequate funding for any solution. It is also unclear how the estimated costs were calculated and what they cover. For example, one of the ideas rumored to be planned is to support the needs of these children with wrap around services from off hours care to assistance for families. However there is as of yet no public documentation or budget for those services.

We believe that this is the wrong solution to the capacity problem. We encourage creative thinking about potential solutions and adequate funding for the selected solution. For example, has the school system considered:

- Instead of constructing or leasing a building for a new elementary school and PreK center, constructing or leasing two new schools for children to attend in their own neighborhood?
- Instead of creating one center for 300 + children, consider 3-5 smaller sites across the city?
- Partnering with Northern Virginia Community College to support more of our high school seniors to free up space?
- How this proposed solution aligns with the mixed delivery system pilot just approved by the Virginia General Assembly?

We need to not pit one group of students against another to solve our classroom capacity problems. We urge Council and the School Board to research, develop and fund a plan that appropriately addresses the educational needs of all students.

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Linda Williams <lindafwilliams9@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 1:44 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Letter to the Mayor & City Council on the Budget

Dear Ms. Mayor and City Council Members:

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It is time to make the hard decisions and fully fund the ACPS budget. It is time to stop "kicking the can down the road" and make the hard decisions to fully fund the ACPS budget.

I look forward to you supporting the children of Alexandria and fully funding these budget needs.

Sincerely,

Linda Williams  
9 E Chapman St

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Jane Blake via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 1:47 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92075: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please approve the ACPS budget. We need

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### Request Details:

- Name: Jane Blake
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-517-4007
- Email: [jwblake876@gmail.com](mailto:jwblake876@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please approve the ACPS budget. We need to solve long-term capacity issues by funding additional infrastructure. Redistricting is not enough to solve the lack of capacity.

Best,  
Jane Blake

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 21

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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 1:45 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92074: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Council Members and Mayor,Please

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### Request Details:

- Name: Mary Rust
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-477-0837
- Email: [crustette@gmail.com](mailto:crustette@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Council Members and Mayor,  
Please fund the entire ACPS budget. Children are the most important members of our city, and we must do all we can to give each one a fair chance at education. Please know that you are doing the right thing when you fund the whole ACPS budget.  
Thanks!  
Mary
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 21

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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 2:04 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sittton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92077: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I have a fifth grader attending Patrick

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### Request Details:

- Name: Sondra Rhodes
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7039691975
- Email: [fiveofsix@hotmail.com](mailto:fiveofsix@hotmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I have a fifth grader attending Patrick Henry Elementary, and I am writing to request full funding for Alexandria City Public Schools based on the Superintendent's budget. My daughter has received an excellent education at Patrick Henry, and she is looking forward to receiving an excellent education at Francis C. Hammond Middle School. Additionally, we have four little neighbors who will be attending the new Patrick Henry prekindergarten through eighth grade school. Thank you for all you do for our wonderful city.
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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92031: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council

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### Request Details:

- Name: Susan Carlson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 210 325-8749
- Email: [carlson.gnp@gmail.com](mailto:carlson.gnp@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council members:

I am writing to express my support for a strong public school system and hope that the City Council will work closely with the Alexandria City School Board to fully fund their proposed budget. My husband and I are both graduates of excellent public schools, as are our two sons. My mother worked for nearly 25 years as the Business Manager of our local public school in northwest North Dakota and my sister was a Middle School Principal for several years. I have seen many perspectives on how to make public education a success. When difficult budget decisions are made, I hope that you will consider education a matter of highest priority, along with health and safety, which I believe are often closely related.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Carlson, RN  
Nurse Practitioner, Gerontology  
2804 Ridge Road Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22302  
[carlson.gnp@gmail.com](mailto:carlson.gnp@gmail.com)

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92028: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council We moved from a rental townhouse in Old

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### Request Details:

- Name: Suzanne Duddy
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 2164029547
- Email: [sduddy@hotmail.com](mailto:sduddy@hotmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: We moved from a rental townhouse in Old Town to a single family home we purchased in the Clover Park neighborhood this past June. Our son started Kindergarten at Douglas MacArthur in September (and our 3 yo son will join him eventually!). We bought our home based on a few key factors - one main one was the quality of the neighborhood school. We were willing to pay an almost \$1million dollar price tag, because we wanted to have a good public school in our neighborhood. We were surprised when our son started school to find that he must eat lunch at 10:50 a.m. because there isn't enough space in the cafeteria for all the children to eat at normal hours. Our teacher must run a humidifier in the room all day to help with moisture and mold concerns. The paint on the walls in the classrooms and throughout the school is peeling off in large areas. The kids attend art class in a room that looks like it would be better suited for a coat closet. It is obvious that while the children, parents and staff and administration love MacArthur, the building is in GREAT need of replacement. I was excited to hear that MacArthur was slated for a tear down. This meant that even though the families and administration would suffer through the renovation, they would come out on the other side - still a community and with a brand new learning facility - one that reflects the standards of the community in which it sits. Now, I understand that City Council failed to fund the swing space costs needed to house the MacArthur students while their school is under construction. This is the case even though all students who attend schools slated for a tear down will benefit from this swing space (not just MacArthur kids). I cannot fathom the thought process behind this decision. Enough is enough. Alexandria schools will always be second rate to other Northern Virginia school districts if you do not make the fiscal decisions necessary to improve them. Understand that families with two working parents cannot always attend the important policy and budget meetings, but it does not mean we do not care about our schools. If you want to retain dedicated long term families - you must give them schools to attend that meet their standards. Otherwise, like many of our friends, more Alexandrian families will move to Arlington to pursue the "better schools". I personally am tired of that narrative, and believe that you as our city leaders, should and must be as well. Please do something about it and dedicate the dollars necessary to fund the swing space that the School Board has asked for.
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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92026: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Ms. Mayor Silberberg and Members of

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### Request Details:

- Name: Carol Keller
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [preschool@fairlingtonumc.org](mailto:preschool@fairlingtonumc.org)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Ms. Mayor Silberberg and Members of the City Council:

I am writing to urge you to fully fund the school board's budget request; particularly the request to plan an early childhood center. I am a homeowner in Alexandria as well as the director of Fairlington Preschool. At Fairlington Preschool, I house two partnership classes that have 6 ACPS children with disabilities and 6 Fairlington Preschool children as typical peer models. Every year, ACPS asks me to expand the partnership but because of space restraints, I cannot expand and add more space for ACPS students with disabilities.

If an Early Childhood Center was opened, the needs of preschool aged children and their families would be much better served than they are in the school buildings. The learning needs of preschooler are vastly different than those of K - 5 learners. Many children need services from social workers which is hard to obtain from the elementary schools. Also, if the Child find staff were housed there, obtaining special education services would be a much smoother process. There are also many unserved 4 year olds in the city and the schools cannot expand their VPI classes due to space restraints in the elementary schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice concerns and opinions.

Respectfully,

Carol Keller  
Director,  
Fairlington Preschool  
3900 King St.  
Alexandria, VA 22302

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92025: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Ms. Mayor and City Council Members:

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### Request Details:

- Name: Alan Hutchinson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [alan.hutch@gmail.com](mailto:alan.hutch@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Ms. Mayor and City Council Members:

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Alan Hutchinson

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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 11:10 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92033: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Ms. Mayor and City Council Members:

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### Request Details:

- Name: Kiban Turner
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-405-3692
- Email: [kiban1@yahoo.com](mailto:kiban1@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Ms. Mayor and City Council Members:

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Sincerely,

Kiban Turner and Patrick McNabb  
Parents of two TC Williams grads, one GW 6th grader, and one Charles Barrett 2nd grader  
2507 Dewitt Ave  
Alexandria

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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 10:16 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92019: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear City Council Members,I am a paren

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### Request Details:

- Name: Sherry Reilly
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-441-6596
- Email: [sherryreillyva@gmail.com](mailto:sherryreillyva@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council Members,  
I am a parent of 3 children in ACPS schools. I request that you fund the school-board approved budget that includes the funding for swing space and centralized pre-school as well as full funding for the West End School, with no contingencies.

It is astounding to me how our city hasn't planned for the increased capacity in our schools year after year. Additionally, many ACPS schools are in pretty rough shape and if we don't begin modernizing on the schedule included in the Superintendent's CIP, the problems with school structures are going to get worse and worse. My children's school, George Mason ES, is desperately in need of modernizing. When my oldest son started school 6 years ago, it was proposed to modernize the school within a couple of years. Now it won't even begin until my littlest guy is well out of GM. And without funding for the swing space, who knows if it will ever get done. This is absurd and incredibly irresponsible to me. Please do not continue to punt on our school infrastructure. The time is now to make the responsible decisions and fully fund our schools.

Thank you.  
Sherry Reilly

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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 10:17 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92020: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I have a 7th grader and GW and a 3rd gra

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### Request Details:

- Name: Kelly Karoly
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-535-8526
- Email: [kkaroly@comcast.net](mailto:kkaroly@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I have a 7th grader and GW and a 3rd grader at GM. I'm concerned about the Alexandria Schools not being fully funded in the next budget.
  - Swing Space – The City Manager's budget did not fund the swing space needed for modernization. If they do not fund this, it basically slows the CIP and the School Board will have to scuttle projects. It definitely means that MacArthur modernization would not happen in '19 as well as every school scheduled for modernization after that, including George Mason.
  - West End - The City Manager funded the building for a new school in the West End but not the money to operate it. So we seem to have \$16.1M in CIP but not the 2.3M to get the lease signed. The Manager has it in contingency, but it needs to be funded first day so the lease can be signed and the project can move forward.
  - Preschool - The City Manager did not fund the \$8.3 for the build out. He also did not fund the money for the lease \$700K. Again, it is in it contingency, but they need to just to fund it.
  - In order to systematically and efficiently deal with crumbling schools and explosive capacity issues, the ten-year capital improvement plan must be fully funded in all of its elements. The time for delaying and postponing this important work is over. It must be fully funded. There is no time left to push this need.

What will you do to eliminate these shortfalls?

- Thank you, Kelly Karoly, 3105 Edgehill Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302 [kkaroly@comcast.net](mailto:kkaroly@comcast.net)
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The City's budget does include a contingency of \$3.0 million to cover the operating costs of the new West End Elementary School and the Central Pre-K Center for ACPS. However, this contingency is not available to ACPS until formally appropriated and it clearly will not be enough to cover all of these needs.

It is time to make the hard decisions and fully fund the ACPS budget. We look forward to you supporting the children of Alexandria and fully funding these budget needs.

Sincerely,

Alan Hutchinson

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 21

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## Jackie Henderson

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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 10:05 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92017: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I understand that the City Council will

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### Request Details:

- Name: Jennifer Topping
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-505-1754
- Email: [ToppingJL@hotmail.com](mailto:ToppingJL@hotmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I understand that the City Council will soon determine the ACPS budget. Please consider fully funding the ACPS Capital Improvement Budget and Operating Budget. ACPS schools are aging and feeling the pressures of expanded populations. These resources are essential. Please fully fund vital capacity-building projects, including:
  1. Leasing for the west end elementary school (approx 700 students).
  2. Leasing for the Pre K centers (20 classrooms in ACPS schools that currently can't be used for K-5 because they are used for PreK).
  3. Swing space to house students while their schools undergo major renovations/rebuilds. (Without swing space, capital projects on schools with small sites such as MacArthur and George Mason become impossible). Redistricting alone can not solve ACPS capacity issues. It must be used in conjunction with capacity projects. Thank you for your consideration. Jennifer Topping, parent of an ACPS first grader
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 21

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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 9:42 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92014: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I request that due consideration be give

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### Request Details:

- Name: alanna duckett
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-823-8825
- Email: [secop99@comcast.net](mailto:secop99@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I request that due consideration be given to the budget allocations (CFMP). To defer needed maintenance in Beatley and other City Library facilities jeopardizes this valuable resource, as well as potentially increasing the future costs for repairs and maintenance. Thank you for your attention to my concern.

Alanna Duckett

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 21

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**From:** Maureen Waters via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 9:37 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92013: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please increase the budget for ACPS. It

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### Request Details:

- Name: Maureen Waters
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-683-3876
- Email: [maureen.waters@verizon.com](mailto:maureen.waters@verizon.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please increase the budget for ACPS. It is absurd that such a prominent city has schools that are so overcrowded and run down. Knowing that so many schools will literally not be able to hold the number of students entering over the next few years, improvements are essential, and the current budget allocation is not enough. In addition, the preschools should be centralized to allow elementary schools to be fully utilized for elementary aged children - the current allocation to do so is not sufficient for the full plan.
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**From:** Andrea Smith via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 9:30 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92012: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Ms. Mayor and City Council Members:

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### Request Details:

- Name: Andrea Smith
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [ads02c@gmail.com](mailto:ads02c@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Ms. Mayor and City Council Members:

For FY 2017, the City Manager proposed a total operating appropriation for Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) of \$203.6 million (which is short by over \$3.9 million) and a CIP allocation of \$35.9 million (which is short by over \$8.5 million), leaving a combined funding gap of \$12.2 million.

We are out of time. These projects can no longer be pushed to another budget season. Renovations and centralization of Pre-K needs to happen now. There are immediate capacity concerns and fully funding these needs are vital.

Redistricting is happening, but it is only one component in addressing the capacity concerns. Even with new boundaries, there are simply not enough seats in the classrooms (or buses) for all of the students. Swing space, a new West end leased-space elementary school and centralized Pre-K are all components needed for this plan. There are significant classroom shortages for next year, much less the years to come.

### Pre-K Need:

- Capacity constraints continue to grow at our elementary schools that currently utilize 30 full-size classrooms for pre-K education
- Varied Pre-K opportunities across the city
- Need for full- day wrap-around Services , including transportation
- Consistent interest from community and political stakeholders in developing a well-coordinated and comprehensive service delivery system within Pre-K partners
- Unable to meet the needs for early learning experiences in the city

- Current structure inhibits the ability to share data and access information across agencies
- Current capacity challenges inhibit the ability to provide expansion or opportunities for Pre-K while the state has increased the number

#### Swing Space and Modernization Need:

- Modernization is necessary to create optimal and equitable learning environments by addressing educational adequacy, building conditions and capacity constraints.
- Swing space provides temporary classrooms in a centralized location for students to attend school while schools are being renovated or slated for full or partial replacement.

#### Swing space is necessary to:

- Shorten construction schedules and minimize construction costs.
- Improve safety by moving students away from construction sites.
- Minimize disruption and support the continuity of instruction.

#### Modernization:

- Failing building conditions – the CIP fully lays out the state and failing conditions of the majority of our schools. While the City has done a full analysis of their buildings and were dismayed by the conditions of many of these buildings. The school are in similar, and in several cases, worse condition.
- Optimal and equitable learning environments by addressing educational adequacy – hallways, closets and cramped corridors are not classrooms and are not at all conducive to learning.

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The City's budget does include a contingency of \$3.0 million to cover the operating costs of the new West End Elementary School and the Central Pre-K Center for ACPS. However, this contingency is not available to ACPS until formally appropriated and it clearly will not be enough to cover all of these needs.

It is time to make the hard decisions and fully fund the ACPS budget. We look forward to you supporting the children of Alexandria and fully funding these budget needs.

Sincerely,

Andrea Smith

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Rachel Goldberg via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 9:12 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92007: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear City Council,As a member of the

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### Request Details:

- Name: Rachel Goldberg
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7037399399
- Email: [rachelfgoldberg@gmail.com](mailto:rachelfgoldberg@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council,

As a member of the George Mason Elementary School community, I implore you to fully fund the ACPS budget. In the six years that I have been part of the GMES community, I have seen the school population grow rapidly so we are bursting at the seams, as is the case in almost all of the ACPS schools. Fully funding the budget will enable all students to get the education they need and deserve in facilities that fit the school populations. It is inexcusable to continuously raise our tax rates, approve and build more and more residential units (that will bring more children to our schools) and not fully fund the schools. Please take the right steps to ensure a strong future for Alexandria and approve the school budget as requested.

Sincerely,

Rachel Goldberg

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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 8:51 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92005: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council As the Council prepares to approve a bud

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### Request Details:

- Name: Mary Lou Collins
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-548-3651
- Email: [marylou238@yahoo.com](mailto:marylou238@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: As the Council prepares to approve a budget, I am writing to advocate for full funding of the ACPS. I am particularly in support of the Alexandria Tutoring Program which relies on funding from the Alexandria school budget for its successful operation. I attended the recent school committee meeting when advocates for the program spoke and a large group of tutors were present. I was pleased with the attention we received and with the positive reaction from the school committee.  
This is my second year as a tutor in that program, working at the John Adams School. In addition to the personal benefit to me, the positive experience I have had with the children I have tutored and recognition of the community commitment by so many others – I would like to emphasize the financial significance of investment in this program.  
First, there is a multiplying factor in the money spent on coordinator salaries. Multiple volunteers rely on the detailed and individualized lesson plans prepared by the coordinators. The value of the coordinators' time is multiplied by the number of tutors they are helping and the number of students reached because of them.  
Second, the coordinators are able to increase the value of the time spent by tutors. The coordinators use their expertise in current methods to structure lessons that can be taught by people who learned to read with different and in many cases outdated methods. The volunteer tutors, while dedicated, could not be as effective without the knowledgeable and helpful direction received from these paid employees.  
Third, it is hard to measure demands not made. A student who leaves the early grades with poor reading skill will require extra support for math, history, and science as they move through the system. This resource and remedial support is expensive and long term. Early intervention and correction reduces demands that would be made later and longer.  
This is just one of many programs competing for tight resources in the ACPS but is certainly one with a large payoff in effective learning for a needed population – poor readers in first grade. I strongly encourage you to support the ACPS by approving their budget request.
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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 8:48 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #92004: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Ms. Mayor and City Council Members:

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### Request Details:

- Name: Marguerite Rippy
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202 494-0941
- Email: [riterippy@earthlink.net](mailto:riterippy@earthlink.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Ms. Mayor and City Council Members:

I am aware that you are meeting today to discuss the pending budget for ACPS; sadly because of work I cannot attend to tell you in person how strongly I feel about the need for a fully-funded ACPS budget. As an involved parent of a child in ACPS and a resident of Alexandria since 2005, I am writing to ask you to fully fund Dr. Crawley's requested ACPS budget. For FY 2017, the City Manager proposed a total operating appropriation for Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) of \$203.6 million (short by over \$3.9 million) and a CIP allocation of \$35.9 million (short by over \$8.5 million), leaving a combined funding gap of \$12.2 million. This proposed budget leaves yet another enormous gap between the schools' needs and the city's willingness to fund those needs.

It's time for city council and the Mayor to invest in our community and our children. During the election campaign, many of you spoke out in support of the pre-school initiative and the need for school modernization. Now is the time to hold true to your campaign ideals and make hard choices that serve the needs of our children and our community. Renovations and centralization of Pre-K needs to happen now. We are out of time, and these projects cannot be pushed to another budget season. There are immediate capacity concerns. Fully funding these needs are vital, and the schools need modernization of basic systems like HVAC, roofing, and safe playgrounds to create secure learning environments.

My son is having a great experience in ACPS, and we are committed to this community, but we need your support to keep his education on track all the way through high school. In a few short years when he gets to 9th grade, his classmates will not all fit in the building that is designated for them. Redistricting can help address capacity concerns, but it will not solve the fact that there are simply not enough seats in the classrooms for all of the students. Swing space, a new West end leased-space elementary school, centralized Pre-K are all components needed for this plan. There are significant classroom shortages for next year, much less the years to come.

Study after study shows that successful, healthy communities support children's learning environments from pre-school through high school. As a college professor, I know these basic investments in the future of our city will offer huge dividends in the future. Every child who attends college after high school offers substantial benefits to the community in social and economic capital, but we need to fund the schools adequately to create college-ready graduates. Preschool programs offer enormously cost-effective benefits, boosting literacy rates in the critical K-3 years that form the foundation for successful high school graduates. Conversely, the hidden costs of unsafe, underfunded schools are enormous.

When it comes to the next election cycle, I am going to be a single-issue voter, focused on candidates who show support for our community through a commitment to the education of its future citizens. I will support candidates who invest in our schools, and will give my time and energy to make sure the community appreciates the fact that

they took a stand for the future of our city. I support whatever choices need to be made to fully fund the ACPS budget. Make the hard decisions, and don't sell our kids short.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 21

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**From:** sarah schultz via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 5:28 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91985: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing as a taxpayer asking you to

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### Request Details:

- Name: sarah schultz
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-519-7623
- Email: [sarahschultz9@gmail.com](mailto:sarahschultz9@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing as a taxpayer asking you to fully fund the budget ACPS approved. Specifically:

We need you to fully fund Swing Space – no more kicking the can down the road, we need to the swing space in order to modernize our aging schools.

We need to fully fund the new school in the West End by approving the 2.3M to operate the funded school. This one doesn't even make sense--why approve the school and not approve the budget to operate it??

We need to fully fund the \$8.3M Preschool build out and \$700k lease. Giving our kids a strong start is paramount.

In order to systematically and efficiently deal with crumbling schools and explosive capacity issues, the ten-year capital improvement plan must be fully funded in all of its elements. The time for delaying and postponing this important work is over. It must be fully funded. There is no time left to push this need.

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 10:27 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91976: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Ms. Mayor and City Council Members:

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### Request Details:

- Name: Bill Pfister
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 404-405-0770
- Email: [wcpfister@gmail.com](mailto:wcpfister@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Ms. Mayor and City Council Members:

I writing to ask that you appropriately fund the Alexandria City Public Schools. Specifically, I request that you fully fund the operating and capital budgets put forth by ACPS for FY 2017, which would eliminate the \$12.2 million shortfall proposed by the City Manager (\$8.3 million capital and \$3.9 million operating). The three items that need to be fully funded but were absent from City Manager's proposal are the new West End Elementary School, the Swing Space, and the central Preschool. These three items are on the critical path of addressing our overcrowded school system.

I grew up in Alexandria and went to George Washington MS before my dad's career moved us out of state. When my wife and I decided to move back to Northern Virginia four years ago, we choose Alexandria to be the community where we wanted to raise our children. We now have three children under the age of 6. Our oldest child is in kindergarten at Douglas MacArthur ES and our middle child is in the Preschoolers Learning Together program at John Adams ES. We are active with the PTAs and other activities at both schools and I am a Redistricting Review Committee representative for John Adams ES.

I believe we want to be a city that is proud of our public schools instead of one where people often discuss moving to a neighboring city solely for better educational opportunities for their children. I am all for business development and growth but believe the residents come first. Strong educational opportunities are a critical foundation for attracting and retaining the citizens that make this city great.

I'm not a childhood education expert but it is obvious to me that children can't reach their full potential with inadequate room to learn. Overcrowding is a fundamental issue that the School Board is working to correct but we need your support. Although this is just the beginning of an effort to correct the facilities issues with our schools, it is necessary to start strong and provide adequate funding now.

We look forward to you supporting the children of Alexandria and fully funding these budget needs.

Sincerely,  
Bill Pfister

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**From:** Jackie Henderson  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 8:25 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** FW: Call.Click.Connect. #91949: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Greetings Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor W

**From:** Robert Fobian via Call.Click.Connect. [<mailto:CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 4:47 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91949: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Greetings Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor W

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### Request Details:

- Name: Robert Fobian
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-969-8150
- Email: [dcracer71@gmail.com](mailto:dcracer71@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Greetings Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Smedberg,

My name is Robert Fobian. I am a home owner and resident here in Alexandria. My wife Jasmine and I have 2 children. Our son Oliver is currently a kindergartner at Samuel Tucker Elementary, and our daughter Carmella will join him in another 18 months. Currently, I serve on the ACPS Redistricting Review committee, one of 2 parents representing Tucker.

I would like to begin by saying that our family could live in any of the neighboring counties and cities surrounding Washington, DC. As a nearly lifelong resident of Northern Virginia, my wife and I choose to live in Alexandria because we feel it gives the most well rounded quality of life of any other area jurisdiction. So, you can imagine my surprise and the collective surprise of residents across our great City at the news that a potential budget shortfall is severely threatening the Alexandria City Public School system's ability to be able to provide its most basic need...a place in a classroom for EVERY child who lives in the City of Alexandria to attend school.

There is no greater investment that a governing body can make than an investment in children. Money spent on the education of children today, will pay many great returns both to that child directly and personally as well as to the entire City of Alexandria and the rest of the world. Today's children can only become tomorrow's leaders if they are given the tools and resources fundamentally necessary to learn and grow. In my time on the ACPS Redistricting committee, I have reviewed the current classroom capacity and student enrollment figures of the entire ACPS system repeatedly as well as the projected increase in enrollment for the next several years. Redistricting alone will not solve the overcrowding of our schools. We need to increase the supply of available classroom spaces so that we can continue to meet the increasing demand of enrollment.

I urge all of you on behalf of today's children and tomorrows leaders...Please approve funding to lease a new space for use as a school in the West End without a contingency. Please approve funding to lease new space for use by the ACPS Pre-K programs, thus freeing current Pre-K program space for K-5 classes as it was designed. And finally, please approve funding for swing space to house students at schools while renovations are being performed.

Ladies and gentlemen of the City council, thank you for allowing the people to be heard. We are all counting on you to approve this funding. If this funding is not approved, we simply will not have enough classroom spaces for all of Alexandria's children.

Best Regards,  
~Robert Fobian

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**From:** Jeanne Gardner via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 6:11 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91952: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council 3/12/2016 Please support in the budget,

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### Request Details:

- Name: Jeanne Gardner
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 793-823-4009
- Email: [jeanne\\_gardner@comcast.net](mailto:jeanne_gardner@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: 3/12/2016  
Please support in the budget, funding of \$25 million to support building a new aquatic Center at Chinquapin Park, to include a new 50 meter, indoor pool and a recreational pool. (two pools).  
A design is needed to determine the specific cost to build a new indoor pool facility.

There is a high demand for swim space at Chinquapin that has not been met for many years. Only about 20% of the demand for lessons, swim lanes and aquatic classes is currently being met for the citizens of Alexandria, VA. It is a busy place and our youth on swim teams, and other adult citizens have to travel to other jurisdictions to exercise, practice and train for swim events.

Everyone should learn how to swim. The Red Cross did a survey a couple of years ago and only about 50% of Americans know how to swim. We live near a river and not far from public beaches.

This new aquatic facility could become the center of city. The city already owns the land for the 50 meter indoor pool. It could help boost our local economy with swim meets.

It would become the

"go to place" for our young people to learn how to swim and participate in fun swim sports.

The 50 meter pool would also provide a place for exercise and good healthy environment for teenagers to be and have fun together. The exercise is also a way to fight obesity and diabetes.

If the teenagers have a place to be and to swim, perhaps they would avoid other troubles with drugs and unhealthy physical and social activities. The kids have no central place available to go for fun and social activity.

The 50 meter- aquatic pool center at Chinquapin could be the place where we could send our school children in the 3 or 4th grades, for physical education classes included in school schedules to learn how to swim and water safety. In many school systems, swimming lessons are required for graduation.

This is very important to all children so they can learn to swim as a life skill for wherever they go in their future.

A new pool was scheduled to be built in 2008 and then did not happen.

My understanding is that the \$20 million went to building TC Williams High School.

The current Riese Pool is deteriorated and obsolete technically in many ways.

It needs so many things like new pumps, a new roof, new elevator, plumbing replacement, new windows, new electrical lighting and wiring . It is more than 30 years old.

I have been volunteering at Chinquapin to host Family Fun Nights on Friday Nights.

On Friday, March 11, 2016, Patrick Henry School was specifically invited and about 83 children came. There were 12 children who said they had never been to Chinguapin before in their life. These children, like so many others, need to come and learn to swim. They had a blast of fun. You are invited to the next FFN on April 8, 2016.

We need a new aquatic center to provide for swim lessons for our children and adults who do not know how to swim.

I realize there are many competing demands for the budget, but this is really needed now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeanne Gardner  
105 Gretna Green Court  
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- Email: [sssample@comcast.net](mailto:sssample@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please see my attached letter. Our schools need your help!
- Attachment: [ACPS budget 3 11 16.docx](#)
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Dear Ms. Mayor and City Council Members:

I urge you to fully fund ACPS schools this year. I'm on the redistricting committee and have two children in ACPS Schools – at 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Mount Vernon Community School and a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at George Washington Middle School. For too long there has been deferred maintenance at our schools and a failure to address the capacity needs, leaving us now in dire straits. I hope we're not at a point of no return. Our redistricting work hinges on a fully funded budget. Shortly after the redistricting committee started meeting, it quickly became clear that merely redistricting – moving lines on the map – would solve very few of our significant problems.

I've paid close attention to the school board over the past few years and I've been so impressed by our Board and Dr. Crawley. I feel that their proposed budget is thoughtful and justified, and I think we need to do what is necessary to best serve the City's children. That, in turn, will help our city as a whole as more people will be drawn to our City for the schools.

The City Manager proposed budget contains of shortfall of **\$12. Million dollars**. This is horrible news in terms of meeting the goals of our students! We need renovations at many of our schools, so many of them are quite old and are having significant problems, ranging from cosmetic problems to building plant failures. We need a separate pre-k building so that we can recapture our classrooms in those schools that currently house pre-k. A new West End school is also greatly needed – John Adams Elementary School has over 1,000 kids! Allowing for a swing-space building would also allow for the more efficient reconstruction of Macarthur and George Mason Schools, as well as renovation of other schools.

Our student numbers are only projected to go up in the near future. I'm gravely concerned that there will be no room for my daughter at the Minnie Howard 9<sup>th</sup> Grade center when she goes in 2.5 years, or for my son at GW in 1.5 years and the quality of their education will suffer.

I understand what a challenge you have in front of you by balancing the budget, but I urge you to consider fully funding our public schools. We are challenged in ways that some of our neighboring jurisdictions are not – we have a very high percentage free and reduced lunch children, as well as many children in need of ELL (English Language Learner) support. Now is the time! Please fully fund our schools.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Sample  
ACPS Parent

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-599-9073
- Email: [jroccchio2@comcast.net](mailto:jroccchio2@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to request you fully fund ACPS CIP and Operating Budgets. I was a parent representative to the Alexandria City Public Schools/City of Alexandria work group on Long Range Educational Facilities Planning and am well aware of the serious capacity concerns outlined in our report from June 2015. City officials and ACPS jointly agreed through this thoughtful, community-based process that our city has "inadequate existing school facilities" to meet current enrollments, let alone more anticipated increases. We agreed on several recommendations to address our community's needs, including a new West End elementary school. I am troubled to hear multiple complaints that thoughtfully agreed-upon capacity solutions may not be funded. As a longtime West End resident, I am especially concerned about our West End schools which have been over-enrolled and over-crowded for the past decade. In addition, I support a new central location for PreK which allows the city to continue to support early childhood education while freeing up 20 desperately needed elementary school classrooms. Educating our city's children is a necessity and we need more space in order to do so. If we have all agreed as a community on the need, then why not fund it? Thank you for your consideration.

If you have not recently reviewed it, here is a link to the LREFP report:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/planning/info/FINALLongRangeEducationalFacilitiesPlanJune232015v3reduced.pdf>

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
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- Name: Margaret Thiel
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-751-7826
- Email: [margethiel@verizon.net](mailto:margethiel@verizon.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Council Members,  
The Beatley Library is extremely important to my son who has Multiple Sclerosis. He needs large print books and is able to find some of interest through the Alexandria library system. Then we pick them up at Beatley. The library is also extremely important to me. In addition to checking out books, I join other readers at the monthly meetings of the book club. I also enjoy taking my grandson to the early literacy section of the library. Please allocate sufficient funds to maintain our precious resource.

Thank you.

Margaret Thiel  
5300 Holmes Run Pkwy  
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**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 1:31 PM  
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- Name: Nancy Drane
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 2029970294
- Email: [nancydrane@aol.com](mailto:nancydrane@aol.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Ms. Mayor and City Council Members:

First of all, thanks for your thoughtful consideration of the Ramsey home proposals. The entire city benefitted from the opportunity to have a renewed discussion at yesterday's hearing.

I am writing now with respect to the budget. I don't have to tell any of you what is at stake for our city when you talk about our schools. The desires of committed, civic-minded people to reside in Alexandria and contribute to the work of the city are directly linked with our schools. For decades, Alexandria schools have had a poor reputation. But now, that is changing due the leadership of Dr. Crawley, our engaged school board, and staff at the individual school level. Now it is time for you, the Council, to show that you too are committed to our schools. Will my child's school, Mount Vernon Community School, be known for having a model dual language program -- something that more and more research shows is good for kids -- or will it be known for its overcrowding (think lunch at 10:30 a.m.), failing infrastructure (think inconsistent heat), and antiquated fixtures (visit our dimly lit auditorium to see what I mean)? Renovations are long overdue. Redistricting is coming, but with almost every school beyond capacity, that won't solve the problem. We need funds available now for swing space and modernization.

For FY 2017, the City Manager proposed a total operating appropriation for Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) of \$203.6 million (which is short by over \$3.9 million) and a CIP allocation of \$35.9 million (which is short by over \$8.5 million, leaving a combined funding gap of \$12.2 million. These projects cannot longer be pushed to another budget season.

Pre-K needs to be a priority. The evidence couldn't be any stronger that early childhood education makes all the difference in producing more skilled, active learners. In neighboring jurisdictions like DC, public school offerings start at age 3 -- a full two years earlier than what we offer here in Alexandria. How can this be? We need to do Pre-K smarter and better -- centralize the resources but also ensure the children that need it have access. We are far behind our peers on this issue.

I understand that budget decisions are tough. But an investment in our schools is an investment in far more than our students. It is a demonstration that Alexandria is a place to live, to lay down roots, to invest... even to shop, and that our civic leaders are committed to investing in our future. Please honor ACPS' sound request and fully appropriate it now.

Sincerely,

Nancy Drane

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- Phone Number: 240-446-1916
- Email: [reaganmoore@gmail.com](mailto:reaganmoore@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: No descriptive text provided
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March 11, 2016

To: Alexandria City Council  
From: Mark Feitl and Reagan Moore, Douglas MacArthur Parents  
Re: Douglas MacArthur – Swing Space Required for Modernization Project

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Alexandria City Council Member,

I am writing on behalf of our Douglas MacArthur Elementary School, where my son attends Kindergarten. Each year we have been faced with overcrowding issues and an inadequate and aging facility. Despite these challenges, we continue to find creative ways to provide a positive learning environment for our MacArthur students.

In 2014, we were actively pursuing and were approved for a cafeteria expansion, yet (by Council action) this did not occur. In 2015, MacArthur was approved for new building modernization in SY2018 and it was our full expectation that this would occur. In order to complete this project it is required to have a location “swing space” for our students during modernization. Under the City Manager’s FY2017 recommendation this line item for swing space has been removed from the CIP budget and we are asking that it be reinstated at the fully funded amount.

Douglas MacArthur currently has 720 students enrolled and is projected to have 783 by SY2019 while the modernization is under way. Where will the 783 students attend school? The current facility does not allow school to remain in session and construction to occur at the same time. Eliminating the swing space budget line item puts the modernization project in clear jeopardy once again. We acknowledge that the City and its schools face serious budget concerns, but MacArthur parents are left asking, “When is enough, enough?”

We urgently need a new, future ready capacity appropriate school, as has been promised over the past 10 plus years. As you should know, MacArthur has been over the student space limitation for years yet our interests and those of our students continue to be pushed aside or outright ignored. As you should also be aware, our school continues to have major HVAC issues that cause major disruptions during instructional time.

Despite these ongoing challenges and increased enrollment, MacArthur continues to find a way to survive and even thrive each year, but this is not a sustainable solution. Our principal has worked hard to accommodate the increase in our student population as best that she can in our building that will be **73 years old** in FY 2016. We can no longer under prioritize MacArthur Elementary School’s critical infrastructure needs.

I implore you do everything you can to include the swing space necessary for modernizing and rebuilding Douglas MacArthur.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mark Feitl and Reagan Moore  
Douglas MacArthur, Parents



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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035814173
- Email: [heywoodjs@yahoo.com](mailto:heywoodjs@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hello,  
I am writing as the parent of two small children who attend public schools in Alexandria. Please consider funding the modernization of MacArthur school.

Thank you.

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- Email: [dsibbald@comcast.net](mailto:dsibbald@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: March 11, 2016  
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From: Deanna Sibbald, Douglas MacArthur Parent  
Re: Douglas MacArthur – Swing Space Required for Modernization Project

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- Unfortunately the City Manager's FY2017 removed this line item from the CIP budget.
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Douglas MacArthur, Parent  
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- Name: Jim Griffin
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-994-1161
- Email: [jamesegriffin@me.com](mailto:jamesegriffin@me.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please approve the 50 meter pool being contemplated at Chinguapin Park. Being a life long competitive swimmer, this is your chance to rise above Arlington, Fairfax and Washington DC in terms of offering a World class aquatic facility that will be in demand every minute. Please make this opportunity a reality for a growing community of competitive and non-competitive swimmers. Swimming is growing and the greater Washington, DC market is now #10 in the country producing such Olympic swimmers as Katie Ledecky.
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- Name: Kim Scott
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- Phone Number: 703-589-3637
- Email: [kscott@sssas.org](mailto:kscott@sssas.org)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and City Council,

I write today to share my full support for the proposed budget from ACPS for FY 2016-2017.

It is vital that we fully fund the ACPS budget as proposed by Dr. Alvin Crawley and the school board. This budget will allow the school system to address the growing needs of the students, deal with the extensive capacity issues throughout the school system and update and stabilize the crumbling school structures.

By not funding the swing space and centralized pre-k, the city manager's continues to keep ACOS from moving forward on the desperately needed construction projects in order to ease some of the overcrowding in a way that will be least disruptive to the students. Also, centralized pre-k will allow for some immediate space being opened up for k-5 classroom needs at some of the most crowded schools.

In order to systematically and efficiently deal with crumbling schools and explosive capacity issues, the ten year capital improvement plan must be fully funded in all of its elements. The time for delaying and postponing this important work is over. It must be fully funded. There is no time left to push this need.

Please consider full funding to ACPS. I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kim Scott  
970 N. Paxton St.  
Alexandria, VA

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- Name: Cathleen O'Leary
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- Phone Number: 571-214-2463
- Email: [cmbelliveau@yahoo.com](mailto:cmbelliveau@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I write to ask for your full support and funding for the ACPS budget. The Schools facilities have not been able to keep up with the city's growing population. There are classrooms in hallways, storage closets and libraries. With enrollment projected to increase by 3.7 percent in FY 2017, taking ACPS to a total of 15,270 students. By FY 2026, ACPS is projected to have just under 19,000 students. Our current facilities just cannot handle that many students. Don't our students (your neighbors, constituents and the City's future) deserve better? In addition, the budget focuses on retaining the excellent workforce ACPS currently has. ACPS must keep up with the job market competitiveness.

Please support the schools. Don't you think it is the students' turn for support? I urge you to fully fund it. Every child deserves at top notch education. You have the ability to provide that for them. In addition, my 2 children attend James K Polk Elementary School, it is a wonderful school and is bursting at the seams. The school is also in the CIP to receive 10 addition classroom without any addition infrastructure such as cafeteria, rest rooms and gym space. We want our kids to have the resources to succeed in ACPS

Thank you for your consideration,

Cathleen O'Leary  
5004 Taney Ave  
Alexandria, VA 22304

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 17

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91811: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please approve the 50 meter pool being c

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### Request Details:

- Name: Jim Griffin
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-994-1161
- Email: [jamesegriffin@me.com](mailto:jamesegriffin@me.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please approve the 50 meter pool being contemplated at Chinquapin Park. Being a life long competitive swimmer, this is your chance to rise above Arlington, Fairfax and Washington DC in terms of offering a World class aquatic facility that will be in demand every minute. Please make this opportunity a reality for a growing community of competitive and non-competitive swimmers. Swimming is growing and the greater Washington, DC market is now #10 in the country producing such Olympic swimmers as Katie Ledecky.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 17

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91783: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To Council Members,I write toda

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### Request Details:

- Name: Nancy Smith
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5712696504
- Email: [nsdachi@yahoo.com](mailto:nsdachi@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description:

To Council Members,

I write today to share my full support for the proposed budget from ACPS for FY 2016-2017.

It is vital that we fully fund the ACPS budget as proposed by Dr. Alvin Crawley and the school board. This budget will allow the school system to address the growing needs of the students, deal with the extensive capacity issues throughout the school system and update and stabilize the crumbling school structures.

By not funding the swing space and centralized pre-k, the city manager's continues to keep ACOS from moving forward on the desperately needed construction projects in order to ease some of the overcrowding in a way that will be least disruptive to the students. Also, centralized pre-k will allow for some immediate space being opened up for k-5 classroom needs at some of the most crowded schools.

In order to systematically and efficiently deal with crumbling schools and explosive capacity issues, the ten year capital improvement plan must be fully funded in all of its elements. The time for delaying and postponing this important work is over. It must be fully funded. There is no time left to push this need.

Please consider full funding to ACPS. I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Nancy L Smith

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2016 8:39 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91729: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and members of the Council,

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### Request Details:

- Name: Bruce Falk
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-836-9073
- Email: [bruce.falk@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.falk@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and members of the Council,

We, the lead members of The Potomac Yard Park Basketball Court Lighting Citizens Committee (Light it Up!) write to encourage your support of page 152 of the Proposed FY 2017 - 2026 Capital Improvement Program. Specifically, this line calls for \$75,000 of matching funds as part of a public-private partnership to add court lights to the basketball courts recently constructed in Potomac Yard Park (PYP). We're excited and delighted that the draft budget identifies funding to solve what we see as a fairly, simple problem, to wit (see attached image).

With the encouragement of Vice Mayor Justin Wilson, we have since last summer been in consultation with the City's Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities staff, who have informed us that the supplemental athletic lighting is fully allowed under the existing Development Special Use Permit. As the above image shows, the PYP tennis courts included the lighting when they were originally constructed; a similar installation over the basketball courts would follow existing design. Thanks to the foresight that went into the DSUP, no further administrative or legal consideration is required to brighten up these courts, only the will and funding necessary to acquire and install the additional lighting.

We share that will with you. As the City Manager explains in the draft budget, the basketball courts have become very well used since being built. The addition of proper lighting will ensure that this already popular attraction becomes safer and more accessible, improving the quality of life in Alexandria by promoting citizens' health and welfare. We have the collective will, and with the matching funds in the budget, are confident that together we can find the money.

The proposed matching fund allotment represents an innovative form of cost-sharing that has repeatedly proven successful: public-private partnership. Cost-sharing between the City and civic-minded Alexandrians has been used to develop the Miracle Field by the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center, the Simpson Field Dog Park, and other sites. We commend the approach as one which not only defrays costs to taxpayers, but also galvanizes communal support and engagement. Heck, we can hardly wait to raise the other half of the funds so that the new lighting can be added as soon as possible!

Please let us know if you'd like any additional information as you consider the present budget proposal. We'd be only too happy to assist you with your deliberations. We look forward to your adoption of funding for the Potomac Yard Park lighting initiative as presently recommended in the current budget plan.

Best regards,  
Light it Up! The Potomac Yard Park Basketball Court Lighting Citizens Committee  
(Austin Rodriguez, Bill Rivers, Bruce Falk, Chris Denby, and Mike Porterfield)

- Attachment: [PYP-bball-lights.JPG](#)

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sittton  
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- Name: Celia Ochs
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-615-9240
- Email: [cochs@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:cochs@acps.k12.va.us)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council,

I write to ask for your full support and funding for the ACPS budget. The Schools facilities have not been able to keep up with the city's growing population. There are classrooms in hallways, storage closets and libraries. With enrollment projected to increase by 3.7 percent in FY 2017, taking ACPS to a total of 15,270 students. By FY 2026, ACPS is projected to have just under 19,000 students. Our current facilities just cannot handle that many students. Don't our students (your neighbors, constituents and the City's future) deserve better? In addition, the budget focuses on retaining the excellent workforce ACPS currently has. ACPS must keep up with the job market competitiveness.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Celia Ochs  
1712 Dogwood Dr.  
Alexandria, VA 22302

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91697: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I write to ask for your full support and

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I write to ask for your full support and funding for the ACPS budget. The Schools facilities have not been able to keep up with the city's growing population. There are classrooms in hallways, storage closets and libraries. With enrollment projected to increase by 3.7 percent in FY 2017, taking ACPS to a total of 15,270 students. By FY 2026, ACPS is projected to have just under 19,000 students. Our current facilities just cannot handle that many students. Don't our students (your neighbors, constituents and the City's future) deserve better? In addition, the budget focuses on retaining the excellent workforce ACPS currently has. ACPS must keep up with the job market competitiveness.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Jaime Thompson  
5313 Taney Ave  
Alexandria, VA

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2016 10:39 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91638: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To the Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [lesleyhuff01@yahoo.com](mailto:lesleyhuff01@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To the Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council of the City of Alexandria, VA:

With regards to the redistricting process for schools within the ACPS school system, it is my understanding that during the redistricting process only 5th grade students will be grandfathered in at Matthew Maury Elementary School. This seems a grave oversight and a serious grievance to families within all school zones, in particular the Matthew Maury Elementary School zone, and who have children CURRENTLY enrolled at Matthew Maury. It should be that ALL children are grandfathered in at Matthew Maury, not just the 5th graders.

To remove children who are / or will be younger than incoming 5th graders is grossly unfair to the children who have started their school experience at Maury - regardless of grade level. Any student who has already enrolled at Maury, and who has become established within Maury's family, system and processes, is due the opportunity to remain within that system as planned and as promised through completion of 5th grade.

For the parents and families who moved to a neighborhood within the Maury school zone, with the specific purpose of providing their child or children the opportunity to attend Maury, having to disrupt their children's education & move them to a different school would greatly undermine the foundation of the ACPS system as a whole, and ultimately be an unseemly & horrific case of "bait and switch" to those families.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and much needed attention to this very sensitive matter within the redistricting process.

Kind regards,  
Lesley Huff McGrew  
Matthew Maury Elementary School parent

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91352: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I want to express my support for the 50

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### Request Details:

- Name: Linda Critchfield
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-739-2568
- Email: [lrcritchfield@earthlink.net](mailto:lrcritchfield@earthlink.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I want to express my support for the 50 meter pool at Chinguapin and for better aquatic facilities in the rest of alexandria as well. Our growing population deserves better pools, which improve the quality of life for everyone.

Thank you. Linda Critchfield

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 14

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**From:** Cindy L. Million via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2016 9:29 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91356: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To City Council, We have been informed

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### Request Details:

- Name: Cindy L. Million
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-243-8820
- Email: [lohmann99@yahoo.com](mailto:lohmann99@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To City Council,

We have been informed that City Council has yet again not fully funded our schools. We have also been told that Dr. Crawley and the School Board have proposed a plan that will allow the school system to address the extensive capacity issues throughout the school system and update and stabilize the crumbling school structures (e.g., George Mason elementary). It sounds like certain building projects need to be undertaken now to address the overcrowding issue. And I think it's unacceptable to have our children in buildings that are falling apart and not being kept up properly. At some point, this becomes a health hazard for our children. Of all things to put money towards in our community, let's target our children and allow them to learn in a space that is not overcrowded and is safe.

Thank you,  
Cindy Million

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**From:** Rosemarie Wiedemer via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2016 12:08 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sittton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91382: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson

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### Request Details:

- Name: Rosemarie Wiedemer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035492551
- Email: [rosie.wiedemer@gmail.com](mailto:rosie.wiedemer@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson & City Council Members,  
I am writing to express my support for you group FULLY funding the ACPS budget. I have two boys, one in 7th grade at GW and one in 5th grade at GM. Since my oldest started at GM 8 years ago, I have seen this same disconnect year after year with ACPS asking for what it needs to handle the ever increasing size of each grade and the continued degradation of the buildings but not getting the full support from City Council. Schools are bursting at the seams with kids and falling apart at the same time. Please please please fully fund the budget that ACPS has requested. I understand that your job is a difficult one where you have to do a lot with a limited budget, but investing in the education of our kids should be a no-brainer. Studies have shown that not only is a good school system imperative for kids to learn and become contributing members of our society, but it also helps home values! So even families with no connection to our public school system can get behind keeping ACPS great! Please re-consider fully funding the ACPS budget and finding cuts elsewhere. Thank you for your time and attention. Sincerely, Rosemarie Wiedemer (726 Fontaine Street, 22302)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 14

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March 4, 2016

Councilman John T. Chapman  
Alexandria City Hall  
301 King Street  
Alexandria VA 22314

Re: FY 2017 Capital Budget- ACPS Allocation

Dear Mayor Silberberg & Council Members:

I write to emphasize the importance to our City of fully funding ACPS's 2017-2026 CIP budget. Although I know there is a strong sentiment among some in the community that we cannot afford to fund it, most of us know that we cannot afford NOT to fund it.

During my three years on the School Board, the Board and ACPS staff worked diligently and creatively to address our schools' capacity problems and the increasing burden of aging facilities in a way that was both fiscally responsible and always put learning at the front of the discussion. The connections between learning facilities and actual learning are undeniable.

I am aware that there are two big-ticket items from the ACPS CIP budget that could be on the "chopping block": \$8.2M in FY17 for a dedicated Pre-K space and \$18.8M for a "swing space" to use in conjunction with much needed renovations to our elementary school buildings.

At this point, the research in the education community is overwhelming and indisputable that solid Pre-K education pays dividends down the road. Having a dedicated space for it will make it even more efficient for ACPS staff to align curriculum, to share best practices, and to teach each child in a manner most suitable for that child. The money we spend on this now will be money we save later by having better prepared kindergarteners, who become better prepared first graders, and so on. Not only is it a great move for the education of our youngest citizens- future City Councilors among them- but it effectively frees up an entire elementary school worth of space at our other buildings. We need these seats and we need them now.

As for the swing space, this is an idea that I was initially reluctant to support. After seeing and discussing every other idea out there, it became clear to me it was the only real option. Our urban density is something we love about our City, but it makes impractical in most situations to renovate a school while children are still trying to learn in it. Swing space has its downsides too, but

it gives us the best opportunity to keep the students on their educational path while we renovate our buildings.

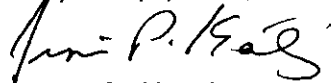
My focus on these two items should not be taken as a signal that our secondary capacity needs are less important. The school population boom is going to be affecting TC Williams/Minnie Howard in a huge way these next few years. It is not hyperbole when we all declare TC Williams to be the best high school in Virginia. We cannot keep saying that though if we do not give those students a facility that meets their needs. The ideas that the Board, Dr. Crawley and his staff are developing for "middle college" and a specialized academy will do great things for our students, but an improved/expanded Minnie Howard is an essential piece to the puzzle.

I am aware that funding the ACPS CIP budget along with funding other CIP needs in the City will require what many will call a tax increase. I call it the most the sure-thing investment a City resident can make. For those of us fortunate enough to own a home in the City worth enough money that this increase will amount to a few hundred dollars, we should be thankful to have that opportunity. I know I am. I applaud the Council's long term efforts to broaden the City's tax base, because I know that residential property tax cannot continue to shoulder more and more of it every year, but for FY17 we can afford this.

The Council's burden to balance the City's capital needs is daunting to me; all I ever had to worry about was 16-20 buildings. I appreciate how difficult this problem is for you. In the community I will always support your effort to fully fund ACPS's needs. Please do not hesitate to let me know what I can do to help.

Thank you again for your service to our City and its children.

Very truly yours,



Justin P. Keating

Alexandria City School Board, 2013-2015

cc: Alexandria City School Board  
Dr. Alvin Crawley  
2013-2015 Members of the Alexandria City School Board

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Megan Fotheringham via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2016 6:51 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91205: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I just want to send in my support for en

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### Request Details:

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7048620520
- Email: [meganfoth@gmail.com](mailto:meganfoth@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I just want to send in my support for ensuring that funds remain in the city budget to rebuild Warwick Pool. City investments in securing community access to healthy exercise and building life saving water safety skills is worth allocation of city tax payer funds. Thanks!
- Expected Response Date: Friday, March 11

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**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2016 10:29 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91228: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Madam Mayor and City Council:I

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### Request Details:

- Name: Katy Matthews
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-899-7955
- Email: [matthews.katy@gmail.com](mailto:matthews.katy@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Madam Mayor and City Council:

I write to ask for your full support and funding for the ACPS budget. The Schools facilities have not been able to keep up with the city's growing population. There are classrooms in hallways, storage closets and libraries. With enrollment projected to increase by 3.7 percent in FY 2017, taking ACPS to a total of 15,270 students. By FY 2026, ACPS is projected to have just under 19,000 students. Our current facilities just can not handle that many students. Don't our students (your neighbors, constituents and the City's future) deserve better? In addition, the budget focuses on retaining the excellent workforce ACPS currently has. ACPS must keep up with the job market competitiveness.

Please support the schools. Don't you think it is the students' turn for support?

Thank you for your time,  
Katy Matthews

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**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2016 1:36 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91243: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council March 4, 2016To:  
Alexandria City Cou

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### Request Details:

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 823-6116
- Email: [cfgaines@gmail.com](mailto:cfgaines@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: March 4, 2016

To: Alexandria City Council

From: Crystal F. Gaines, Douglas MacArthur Parent, PTA President

Re: Douglas MacArthur – Swing Space Required for Modernization Project

Alexandria City Council Member,

I am writing on behalf of our Douglas MacArthur Elementary School, where my children attend Kindergarten and 5th grade. Each year we have been faced with overcrowding issues and an inadequate and aging facility. Despite these challenges, we continue to find creative ways to provide a positive learning environment for our MacArthur students.

In 2014, we were actively pursuing and were approved for a cafeteria expansion, yet (by Council action) this did not occur. In 2015, MacArthur was approved for new building modernization in SY2018 and it was our full expectation that this would occur. In order to complete this project it is required to have a location "swing space" for our students during modernization. Under the City Manager's FY2017 recommendation this line item for swing space has been removed from the CIP budget and we are asking that it be reinstated at the fully funded amount.

Douglas MacArthur currently has 720 students enrolled and is projected to have 783 by SY2019 while the modernization is under way. Where will the 783 students attend school? The current facility does not allow school to remain in session and construction to occur at the same time. Eliminating the swing space budget line item puts the modernization project in clear jeopardy once again. We acknowledge that the City and its schools face serious budget concerns, but MacArthur parents are left asking, "When is enough, enough?"

We urgently need a new, future ready capacity appropriate school, as has been promised over the past 10 plus years. As you should know, MacArthur has been over the student space limitation for years yet our interests and those of our students continue to be pushed aside or outright ignored. As you should also be aware, our school continues to have major HVAC issues that cause major disruptions during instructional time.

Despite these ongoing challenges and increased enrollment, MacArthur continues to find a way to survive and even thrive each year, but this is not a sustainable solution. Our principal has worked hard to accommodate the increase in our student population as best that she can in our building that will be 73 years old in FY 2016. We can no longer under prioritize MacArthur Elementary School's critical infrastructure needs.

I implore you do everything you can to include the swing space necessary for modernizing and rebuilding Douglas MacArthur.

Thank you for your consideration,



Crystal F. Gaines

Douglas MacArthur, Parent, PTA President

- Expected Response Date: Friday, March 11

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2016 8:31 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91308: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council An article in today's Washington Post re

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### Request Details:

- Name: Mindy Lyle
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035667113
- Email: [mindylyle@comcast.net](mailto:mindylyle@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: An article in today's Washington Post referred to a DC subsidy to Bikeshares of 65 cents per ride. I know that we require a contribution from developers for Bikeshare Stations, however, I'm certain that this is not sufficient to sustain the service. What is the Alexandria contribution to Bikeshares per ride? If there is a subsidy how can this be justified given the current budget issues?
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91309: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Regarding the budget, I am writing to me

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### Request Details:

- Name: Micheline Eyraud
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035678896
- Email: [michye00@hotmail.com](mailto:michye00@hotmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Regarding the budget, I am writing to mention that after the City draft budget was submitted to the council the state has decided to significantly increase their contribution to education (therefore the City contribution to the school district should be able to be reduced). I spoke with the Budget Office (Morgan Routt) on this topic. He said he would be providing that information after all the decisions had been made (which sounds to me like it would be too late to be factored into the overall tax rate). As a person who likes all the facts before a decision is made I decided to send you this note. There is certainly no reason to collect more money than you need and it is always a good idea to act like you care about the taxpayers of Alexandria.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 14

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91324: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing to express my support for a

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### Request Details:

- Name: Rebecca Hirselj
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [rah2774@hotmail.com](mailto:rah2774@hotmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to express my support for a 50-meter pool at the Chinquapin Recreation Center. Please vote in favor of this!
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 14

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2016 3:09 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91325: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council This request is in regards to the Dougla

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### Request Details:

- Name: Lath Rasavong
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-312-3403
- Email: [larasavong@gmail.com](mailto:larasavong@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: This request is in regards to the Douglas MacArthur – Swing Space Required for Modernization Project.
- Attachment: [DMacSwingSpace Modernization.docx](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 14

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March 6, 2016

To: Alexandria City Council  
From: Lath Addie Rasavong, Douglas MacArthur Parent, Parent Leadership Training Institute  
Re: Douglas MacArthur – Swing Space Required for Modernization Project

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Thank you for your consideration,

Lath A. Rasavong  
Douglas MacArthur, Parent

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**From:** Pablo Torres via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2016 4:23 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91329: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and City Council members - I

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### Request Details:

- Name: Pablo Torres
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 9195483619
- Email: [I8adopter@gmail.com](mailto:I8adopter@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and City Council members - I support the new 50m pool at Chinguapin and I am counting on your support too. -- Pablo Torres, Alexandria resident
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 14

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91328: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please support a 50 meter pool at Chinqu

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### Request Details:

- Name: Carol Siegel
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 75--3--4
- Email: csiegel 1@comcast.net **Note:** *This email address appears to be invalid.*
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please support a 50 meter pool at Chinquipin. We need more and improved swimming facilities  
Carol Siegel
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 14

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2016 3:15 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91326: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please provide adequate funds for the Li

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### Request Details:

- Name: Carol Abrams
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [carol.abrams.bk.86@aya.yale.edu](mailto:carol.abrams.bk.86@aya.yale.edu)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please provide adequate funds for the Library CFMP in the 17 budget and beyond. Thank you.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 14

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2016 9:21 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91334: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council As a Douglas MacArthur Elementary School

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### Request Details:

- Name: Mark Munson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [markwmunson@gmail.com](mailto:markwmunson@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: As a Douglas MacArthur Elementary School parent and PTA board member, I have witnessed the deterioration of the facilities and the difficulties caused by the crowding due to its small physical capacity. The MacArthur community feels its elected leaders have not kept their word on previous initiatives to improve the school facilities. I strongly encourage the MacArthur modernization as well as the funding for swing space that will be required to carry it out.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 14

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 06, 2016 11:22 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91338: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear City Council members, I am a lo

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### Request Details:

- Name: Janine Rubitski
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7039305706
- Email: [janinerubitski@comcast.net](mailto:janinerubitski@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council members,

I am a long time resident of Alexandria and I am a happy ACPS parent. My fourth grader attends Lyles Crouch and we are happy with the work the teachers and administration do there. I have also had the opportunity to be involved in our PTA and the ACPS Budget Advisory Committee and so know of the financial challenges facing the schools and the city.

I appreciate the progress the school and city have made in working together on school funding the last two years. I commend the city manager on his approach to funding the school operating budget this year, and I support the \$0.1 increase in property taxes proposed in the budget.

I am concerned, however, that ACPS's CIP plan is not fully funded this year or in the future. For many years now, ACPS facilities have needed investment in additional capacity and have not received it. The over-crowding at the elementary schools is a real issue and is needed to creating healthy and optimal learning spaces for academic excellence.

The Superintendent's proposed budget this year provided a path to some much needed relief on capacity through the plan to lease space for both an elementary school and a pre-Kindergarten center. The fact that the City Manager did not include the pre-K center in his budget is problematic for several reasons. 1) Moving pre-k to another building frees up 34 classrooms that are needed for today's enrollment and growth expected next year 2) Would allow for more pre-k enrollment, bringing in additional funds and better preparing students for elementary school.

I strongly recommend that the pre-K center be funded and that a commitment be made for 2018 to fund the swing space we need to begin renovations of other elementary schools. We need a long term approach to solving these capacity issues so we can continue to make progress on academic achievement.

Thank you,  
Janine Rubitski

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**From:** Rashmi Pappu via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 03, 2016 12:19 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91155: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear City Council,As a parent of two

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### Request Details:

- Name: Rashmi Pappu
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [rpappu@gmail.com](mailto:rpappu@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council,

As a parent of two children in ACPS, I want ask you to fully fund the CIP that the School Board is advocating. My older daughter is in 6th grade at GWMS and I am extremely concerned about what is going to happen when she gets to 9th grade and has to go to Minnie Howard. As you know, there is just not enough space for all the students (when current 6th graders get to 9th grade).

Please support funding of:

Minnie Howard 10-classroom addition + partial modernization (~250 seats bringing campus to 1140) in the budget.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,  
Rashmi Pappu

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 10

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 01, 2016 12:22 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #90994: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Despite the name, you do not have a fire

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### Request Details:

- Name: James Blivin
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7175042281
- Email: [jimfire120@aol.com](mailto:jimfire120@aol.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Despite the name, you do not have a fire department. You have an emergency MEDICAL department. You are currently dismantling this department in favor of having firemen provide part time Medical services. Your recent decision not to fund raises for the Medical professionals who have provided 80% of the workload of the "fire" department has greatly disappointed those whom you have depended on for forty years of service. You are also depending on them to replace themselves with the part timers.

You should reconsider your decision and fund the raises for paramedics and fire marshalls in at least the same amounts as those for other public safety personnel. You should also reconsider your decision to follow the advice of a fireman (Robert Dube) about the provision of Medical services. Please consider following the advice of Dr. Saussy and several other MEDICAL directors from their expert comments to the Washington DC city council referencing the continued failures of the Washington DC fire department whose medical service delivery model we are trying to mimic. Please consider moving toward having MEDICAL professionals deliver MEDICAL services through a MEDICAL department. The single roll medical provider is the service model known through out the rest of the world. Most of the rest of the world is aware that medical services can not be provided on a part time basis. As countries and localities move from destitute to prosperous they add medical services and Emergency Medical Services separte from other services. It is odd to me and others that this city would move backward in this manner when they claim to move forward in so many other matters.

I would be happy to further discuss this matter with any or all of you at your convenience.

Thank You for your time and attention to this matter

James Blivin  
Paramedic (30+ years, 25+ with Alexandria)  
Medical Simulation Lab Coordinator  
APMA member  
Nationally Certified EMS Educator  
Va. Education Coordinator  
American Heart Association Regional Faculty

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**From:** Patricia Plympton via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 01, 2016 12:20 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #90993: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear City Council of our fair city,A

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### Request Details:

- Name: Patricia Plympton
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035828687
- Email: [pplympton111@gmail.com](mailto:pplympton111@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council of our fair city,

As a 20-year resident of Alexandria, I strongly urge you to pass budget that includes vital improvements in ACPS facilities. •

Capacity is about creating healthy and optimal learning spaces for academic excellence.

Please solve district capacity by planning funding, instead of year-to-year allocation that does not bring the funding needed (i.e. Minnie Howard). We need a long-term funding plan (10-years vs year-to-year) that includes schools, along with other city resources.

Schools are a city resource that helps businesses and increases resident investment; let's use schools in our city's strategic planning. High performing school divisions attract families and help support taxes. They also drive up the price of housing. Good schools pay for themselves.

Please address elementary capacity projections and crowding by establishing additional spaces. Please modernize buildings that are in poor condition; we need SWING SPACE funding to start. We need a budget that addresses capacity challenges at T.C. Williams High School King Street and Minnie Howard campuses to include the research implementation of innovative secondary programming.

We need to repair or replace critical HVAC and roofing systems to resolve safety concerns.

We need to improve delivery of transportation services by reducing the number of students per seat at high school and replacing outdated buses.

Thank you for attending to the needs of our city's students and beyond.

warm regards,

Patricia Plympton  
715 West View Terrace

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 01, 2016 9:57 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #91037: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council As a parent of three ACPS students, I am

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### Request Details:

- Name: Rebecca Leonard
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [oldtownleonards@comcast.net](mailto:oldtownleonards@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: As a parent of three ACPS students, I am very concerned about the discussions about not funding the CIP budget and not allocating school expansion and swing space funds. Because the Council has failed to fund expansion projects in the past few years, we are now at a critical tipping point where the current facilities at Minnie Howard will not suffice for the upcoming class. We have children at MacArthur that are eating lunch in the morning and late afternoon because the cafeteria was not expanded, all while cramming more children in the school. T.C. is already over capacity in a fairly new facility. This is not the fault of the stakeholders that are suffering, but of leadership.

This state of affairs is completely unacceptable; I am frustrated at having to justify the merits of our school district to parents in Arlington and Fairfax County when we spend more per student than our neighboring jurisdictions. I am proud of the efforts and talents of our Alexandria educators; I do not want to lose them because we fail to give them the basic necessity of space. It doesn't do them credit, nor our students. Please do what is right for our entire City; fund the ACPS CIP plan.

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