

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Anita Sachariah via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 5:03 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115262: City Clerk and Clerk of Council Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council M

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- Name: Anita Sachariah
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 305-608-7571
- Email: anita.sachariah@gmail.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

This year I had the pleasure of seeing my oldest child start Kindergarten at Maury Elementary School on Russell Road. I love the community and my child is thriving. I am deeply concerned however, about the impending cuts to the ACPS budget and urge you to fully fund ACPS in 2018.

The City Manager's budget did not appropriately address the dire capital improvement needs of the school system. A great deal of work has been done by ACPS and its contractors who have down an exhaustive study of the needs and costs of each individual school and it's building systems.

For far too long, the schools have not been adequately funded in their capital improvement budgets and are now in dire straits. The schools have significant structural concerns, as well as serious capacity shortfalls.

I have lived in Alexandria since 2002, paying my share of taxes. I only became a parent in 2011 and this year my son started school. My husband works nearby at the USPTO and we are hoping to stay in Alexandria and raise our kids. But I am concerned that the quality of infrastructure and education will decline if the budget is not funded in full. Already Maury is an older school and lacking modern amenities. His teachers are fantastic, but can they really afford to take a pay cut? In addition, I was surprised to learn that Spanish language instruction is not a regular offering in elementary school. Being multilingual is important to our family so I have even enrolled my son in a nearby Spanish immersion class. I thought having paid taxes all these years and committing to living in Alexandria as a young family, that my family would benefit. But now we are starting to rethink this and are considering moving to Fairfax which has a more competitive school system and spends more per child than Alexandria.

I have learned through the PTA that the City currently has a self-imposed 1.6% debt cap of which only 1.37% is being accessed. I am asking that the City take the responsible steps to issue a bond to raise the much needed capital to meet these needs. Cities of like size with the same AAA/ Aaa bond rating have a median rate of 2.42%.

Bonds are an appropriate and fiscally responsible means of meeting the financial challenges of the City of Alexandria while meeting the facility needs of the City's schools. The longer that these needs are ignored, the more expensive and significant the structure and maintenance concerns.

The time for action is now. I look forward to following your proceedings on February 28th and urge you to issue a bond to meet the schools' needs.

Regards,

Anita K. Sachariah  
1012 Wythe St

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 7

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**From:** Mark Jinks  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 08, 2017 9:27 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** Debra Collins; Craig Fifer  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to the Editor re: School Funding

The following letter has been submitted for publication in response to the PTA letter of last week, as well as the earlier ACPS information piece that stated my proposed budget put teacher compensation at risk.

Dear Editor:

On February 21, I presented City Council and the public with proposed City operating and capital budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, and a proposed capital improvement program (CIP) for the next decade. I share City Council's commitment to partner with the Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) to ensure high-quality public education for Alexandria's students. A full 30% of the proposed City operating budget is a direct transfer to ACPS.

My proposed operating budget included 99% of the funding requested by the Superintendent and School Board, which is an increase of \$7.5 million over the current year. This would be a 3.6% increase, which is a much higher rate of new spending for schools than the 1% increase I proposed for City government services. Under state law, neither I nor City Council can direct how school funds are to be spent or not spent once transferred to ACPS. It is up to the School Board to determine the most appropriate combination of funding for instructional needs, staff compensation, supplies, maintenance, and other operating expenses.

ACPS also asked the City to nearly triple the City's planned school capital funding between the current 10-year CIP and the coming year's update -- from \$229 million to \$611 million -- to build, replace, or modernize a third of all ACPS schools within just 10 years. While these are important projects, it would be unprecedented for the City to suddenly provide such a large increase in funding to take on such an ambitious capital effort. Still, my proposed CIP would increase school capital funding by \$144 million or 63% over the current CIP, to \$373 million. This is the largest dollar increase ever proposed for ACPS capital needs by any City Manager.

In many states, school boards have the authority to levy property taxes to independently fund their operating and capital needs. However, Virginia law and Alexandria's charter require the City Manager to propose and City Council to adopt tax rates, fees, and spending plans that balance school needs with other core responsibilities like public safety, human services, and infrastructure investments. Simply put, there was not enough money at the tax rate I recommended to fund all needs on either the school or municipal side.

At this stage in the process, the budget is in City Council's hands. The public is invited to provide input to City Council at a special hearing on March 13. More information about the budget and associated public meetings is available at [www.alexandriava.gov/Budget](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Budget).

Mark B. Jinks  
City Manager

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**From:** CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 08, 2017 9:50 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115775: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Whether or not I support the decision to

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- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Whether or not I support the decision to close ACPS on Wednesday, I absolutely support fully funding our schools. To do anything less would be terrible for Alexandria - but to do so because of political pressure to retaliate against teachers for participating in a women's strike (and not a teachers' strike) would be unconscionable. Withholding funds from our schools harms our children and our entire community. There are more people like me in our community than you may realize just by scrolling social media.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 08, 2017 9:45 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115774: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I'm  
writing in support of ACPS' decision

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- Name: Katy Matthews
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-243-8802
- Email: matthews.katy@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I'm writing in support of ACPS' decision to close schools on Wednesday, 3/8/17. Do NOT hold back funding this year for the schools because the school system didn't have enough teachers to work on one day. If you do that, you will only be hurting the children of this city.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 08, 2017 9:30 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115771: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am  
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- Name: Elizabeth Schilling
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-365-5203
- Email: [egschilling@gmail.com](mailto:egschilling@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to let you know that I strongly support full-funding of the ACPS operating request for the next school year. The decision to cancel classes today, which was a pragmatic necessity given employees' desire to observe International Women's Day, was a pragmatic necessity that IN NO WAY affects my desire to see ACPS fully-funded this year, with higher levels in future years if possible. Our teachers and the staff in our schools are a critical component of a strong, thriving community where people will choose to live, work, and pay taxes. Please put them and the Division at the top of your list of funding priorities.

Also, thank you so much to the Parks and Rec department for finding a way to open Rec programs to everyone today. Our family was able to afford a day-camp announced earlier, but I was really worried about our families who couldn't scramble together childcare today. I deeply appreciate the effort it must have taken to do this today.

Sincerely,  
~Elizabeth Schilling

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115757: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I  
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- Name: Eliza Engle
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-838-1601
- Email: lovecatz69@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I would like to applaud ACPS/City of Alexandria for cancelling school today in support of International Women's Day. Teachers are still majority women and they need to be respected, praised, compensated (more than they usually are), and applauded for all of the work they do to educate our children. Our children are the future and this is our most important asset for our community and the world. I am very proud to be an Alexandrian today and I hope other schools follow our lead!
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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 08, 2017 9:00 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115754: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am  
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- Name: Lora Jerakis
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-684-6022
- Email: lorajj@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing in support of the women of ACPS who are exercising their right to protest and setting an amazing example of the importance of civic engagement to our children. I support the superintendent's decision to close the schools today in light of the staffing shortage. I also support fully funding our schools. The City has been growing at a rate that is far exceeding the ACPS's capacity to keep up in physical space as well as services offered, and nothing less than full funding immediately will be sufficient in the short and long term.
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**From:** Jalyn Henton via Call.Click.Connect.  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 08, 2017 8:54 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115748: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To the  
City Council -I understand th

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- Name: Jalyn Henton
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-838-2075
- Email: jalyn.henton@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To the City Council -

I understand that you have received many negative comments on today's school closing. My family and I support your decision and are grateful to live in a community that respects our teachers. We will continue to support fully funding our schools and ensuring that our teachers are provided with competitive pay.

Sincerely,

Jalyn Henton

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115734: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I completely support the decision to clo

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- **Name:** **Call.Click.Connect.** Customer
- **Approximate Address:** No Address Specified
- **Phone Number:** No Phone
- **Email:** No Email
- **Service Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- **Request Description:** I completely support the decision to close ACPS on Wednesday, it avoided what could have been a logistical nightmare today had schools been kept open, waiting to see how many teachers arrived at each school, then determining which had to close. ACPS did the responsible thing by giving parents some time to arrange childcare.

More importantly, I absolutely support fully funding our schools. To do anything less would be terrible for Alexandria - but to do so because of political pressure to retaliate against teachers for participating in a women's strike (and not a teachers' strike) would be unconscionable. Withholding funds from our schools harms our children and our entire community. Cutting off one's nose to spite it's face, as it were. There are many parents and community members who agree with me and I hope that you have been hearing from them, and not just the parents who are over-reacting to this situation.

Thank you,

Kathryn Farmer

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**From:** Sarah Pray via Call.Click.Connect.  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 5:03 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115678: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, and

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- Name: Sarah Pray
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 2024311769
- Email: sarah.pray@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, and members of the City Council:

I am writing today to implore you to fully fund the Alexandria City Public Schools per their requested budget. During the redistricting process, my husband and I held our breaths to see if we would stay inside the boundaries of Douglas MacArthur Elementary School district, as our daughter will start Kindergarten there in the fall. We were relieved to see we would, especially since that was a major reason for us to move into our current neighborhood. I was startled, however, to see the overall increase in the student population, especially since I know it is already well over capacity. After hearing about the plans to rebuild the schools, we figured that although things may be a bit rough for a few years, in the end, it would eventually mean our children would go to school in an appropriately-sized environment. I was horrified, then, to learn that these plans are delayed. ACPS is already an embarrassment - why do we perform so much worse than our neighboring cities? I know we can do better. The first step toward long-term improvement is a fully-funded budget. Don't punt it further down the road. I am looking to you as our elected officials to tackle this TODAY, not tomorrow, even if it means taking on debt. It will pay off in the long run, just look at Arlington's property values. Economic arguments aside, it's the right thing to do for our community's children.

Sarah Pray Plunkett  
615 Melrose Street  
Alexandria, VA

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 14

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**From:** Maureen McNulty via Call.Click.Connect.  
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 08, 2017 8:10 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115724: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear  
Mayor, Vice Mayor & Alexandria City

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- Name: Maureen McNulty
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-727-9787
- Email: momcnultyrn@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor & Alexandria City Council,  
As a City resident and a parent of two children at Mount Vernon Community Schools, I urge the City Council to fully fund ACPS. I also fully support our teachers' decision to use their own vacation day(s) to observe A Day Without Women. Our schools' are overpopulated, the school infrastructure is crumbling (don't get me started on the MVCS playground that we've been fundraising to improve for the past three years and is now stalled without full ACPS funding), and our wonderful staff deserve raises. The City's future is in our kids' education. Let's make this a priority.

Thank you very much,

Maureen McNulty

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115727: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council  
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- Name: Lynn Liebreich
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: lynnmissplaced@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Whether or not I support the decision to close ACPS on Wednesday, I absolutely support fully funding our schools. To do anything less would be terrible for Alexandria - but to do so because of political pressure to retaliate against teachers for participating in a women's strike (and not a teachers' strike) would be unconscionable. Withholding funds from our schools harms our children and our entire community. There are more people like me in our community than you may realize just by scrolling social media.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Liebreich

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 8:20 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115687: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I'm  
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- Name: Jonathan Huskey
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-379-0534
- Email: j\_huskey@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I'm writing to voice my support, along with, I hope, most ACPS parents, for the action Superintendent Crawley took to close on Wednesday, March 8. All workers have rights to withhold their labor to protest, and while I am inconvenienced -- and others have a harder time than I -- employers should not punish ACPS employees or operate unsafe schools on days of national action. It was the right decision.

BTW: It's budget time, and I expect there will be no adverse response to the action taken. Thank you for your service to our great city.

Jonathan Huskey  
29 Ancell St.  
571-379-0534

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 8:28 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115693: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council March  
7, 2017Dear Mayor Silberberg a

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- Name: Stacy Pantuck
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-578-0045
- Email: stacypantuck@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: March 7, 2017

Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of Douglas MacArthur Elementary School, where my daughter is in 2nd grade. Each year MacArthur is faced with overcrowding and an inadequate and aging facility. In January 2017, new guidelines were approved by the School Board in which more students were redistricted into MacArthur with the understanding that our school was first in line to be modernized within the next 5 years. We urgently need a new, future ready, capacity appropriate school, as has been promised over the past 10 plus years. As you can see from the timeline below, these discussions continue to stagnate.

- 2014 - MacArthur actively pursued and was approved for a cafeteria expansion, yet (by Council action) this did not occur.
- 2015 - MacArthur was approved for new building modernization in SY2018 and it was our full expectation that this would occur.
- 2016 - MacArthur sought funds for swing space funds which were not included in the City's budget.
- 2017 - Under the City Manager's FY2018 recommendation much needed modernization and swing space have been completely removed from the CIP budget.

At the very least, we request a CIP budget allocation that bears a closer resemblance to the funding request that reflects our true needs—the one provided to you by the Superintendent and School Board. Further, we urge you to consider all available means of financing capital projects to ensure that new construction and modernization can proceed as quickly as possible.

MacArthur has been over its student space limitation for years. We currently have 704 students enrolled in a building designed for 554 students. With student projections expected to increase throughout the city, where will these students attend school? We can no longer under prioritize MacArthur Elementary School's critical infrastructure needs. We realize that the City and its schools face serious budget concerns; however, investment in our schools and teachers is important to economic growth and the quality of life we enjoy in Alexandria. Studies have demonstrated that higher property values, greater productivity in local businesses, and

greater business, economic, workforce and community development were all associated with quality K-12 education.

We are a proud city and should have first-class schools with the ability to attract and keep talented teachers and staff. I ask for your leadership and commitment to the modernization of our elementary schools. I ask that you reinstate Douglas MacArthur in the 2018 budget with adequate swing space and funding. Our community and children need your support.

Thank you for your consideration,

Stacy Pantuck  
Douglas MacArthur Parent

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 8:55 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115694: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear  
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- Name: Rashmi Pappu
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5713310702
- Email: Rpappu@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council,

Many people who are not from our city have been calling and commenting on social media today with negative opinions about school closures in acps tomorrow. Please do not let the voices of these people, many of whom do not even live in our city, dissuade you from fully funding our schools. Punishing the teachers for exercising their rights by getting rid of their pay raises and not fully funding schools would be the wrong course of action. Please stand on the right side of history here, for our kids, our teachers and our community.

Sincerely,  
Rashmi Pappu

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115695: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council In  
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- Name: Sandy Marks
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: sandymarks13@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: In light of the backlash you've been receiving regarding the ACPS shut down do to the remarkable number of female teachers participating in A Day Without Women, I would like to say this:

I am unbelievably supportive and proud that the women in our school system, and the men who support them, are leading our community in this way.

I know that they are the most committed, responsible, selfless, engaged individuals I know – and that, if they are willing to abandon their posts, even for one day, it must be for good reason: pay equity (gender and racial), health care, maternity leave, paid sick leave, living wages - for all women. **THIS IS A WOMEN'S STRIKE, NOT A TEACHERS' STRIKE**, after all. They have helped prove, in less than 24 hours, that it is absolutely impossible for an entire school district to run without women – **EVEN FOR JUST ONE DAY**.

Most people know this, but those who don't are louder and angrier. I just want you to know that there are many groups in this community who are singing teachers' praises, bragging about them to their out-of-state friends, and scrambling to help cover the day for families of less privilege. We know that the teachers and staff have been doing some scrambling of their own, working to cover meals for families in need. We see them.

I am very concerned that some loud, angry, very privileged parents are going to encourage you to hold the ACPS budget hostage in order to retaliate against the teachers. They will hide behind the harm they pretend to care about it inflicting on marginalized families. Please do not let this happen. Underfunding our schools serves no one but the spiteful. There are plenty of other budget priorities you need to address - I realize that - but ACPS is the **\*only\*** community where **EVERYONE** of all faiths, cultures, races, and socioeconomic groups come together. It is of the utmost importance that it is supported **FULLY**, both for practical and symbolic reasons.

Sandy Marks  
Charles Barrett parent

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- Name: Sean Brown
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035851310
- Email: seanodbrown@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I support ACPS's decision not to put our children at risk by having our children attend school with inadequate staffing. Any correlation to funding is completely irrelevant and those seeking to make such arguments are pursuing their own ideological agenda.
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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115697: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council  
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- Name: Jonathan Krall
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-477-4186
- Email: jonathan@jonathankrall.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Greetings! This is a quick note to say that I not only support ACPS teachers and funding for schools, I am hoping ACPS will adopt a policy of not allowing ICE agents in any ACPS school without a warrant.

Effective public institutions and effective public schools are presently under attack by extremists who want to dismatle government. Vulnerable populations, including both women and migrants, are also being threatened. Now is the time to support teachers and support schools. Now is the time to support the most vulnerable among us.

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115698: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am  
in FULL support of the decision you

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- Name: Diana Beckmann
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (703) 927-7808
- Email: dianabeckmann@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am in FULL support of the decision you made to close ACPS schools to students tomorrow, Wednesday, March 8. Teachers are entitled to take leave and the additional budget pressure to find and fund 300+ substitutes is not fiscally responsible. It also ensures that no children are in danger by being in unsupervised classes. I also applaud the decision to open select schools to make sure kids do not go hungry that day.

Both of my children are at T.C. Williams (freshman and senior) and so the impact on me is not as critical as it is for parents of younger children. Their safety is always paramount with me and I am happy with your decision.

I also strongly support fully funding the schools. We are seeing more students coming into Alexandria and we need to keep our teachers and buildings in shape in order to meet the demand. To do anything less would be terrible for Alexandria - but to do so because of political pressure to retaliate against teachers for participating in a women's strike (and not a teachers' strike) would be unconscionable. Withholding funds from our schools harms our children and our entire community. There are more people like me in our community than you may realize just by scrolling social media.

Thank you for everything you do to support our kids.

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115699: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing to express my support for A

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- Name: Josie Beets
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: josie.beets@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to express my support for ACPS closing this Wednesday in light of the number of requests for leave they received from staff. I trust our ACPS teachers and staff, and know that the growth and safety our community's children are their top priority. I lament that we are in a situation where, in order to be recognized in the halls of power, our teachers and and staff feel that they need to do something as drastic as opting out of work. But I know that the finest lesson we can offer our children is not just telling them to stand up for each other and stand up for what they believe in, but showing them as well.

The best way to honor these teachers and the potential of our children is to fully fund ACPS. Teachers need too notch tools to make a successful community -- we must provide them with those tools. Our schools are breaking under the weight of overcrowding and deferred maintenance. Only by fully funding ACPS can we overcome the neglect that is been heaped upon the district in the past and honor the potential for Alexandria City's future.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 9:41 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115701: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at  
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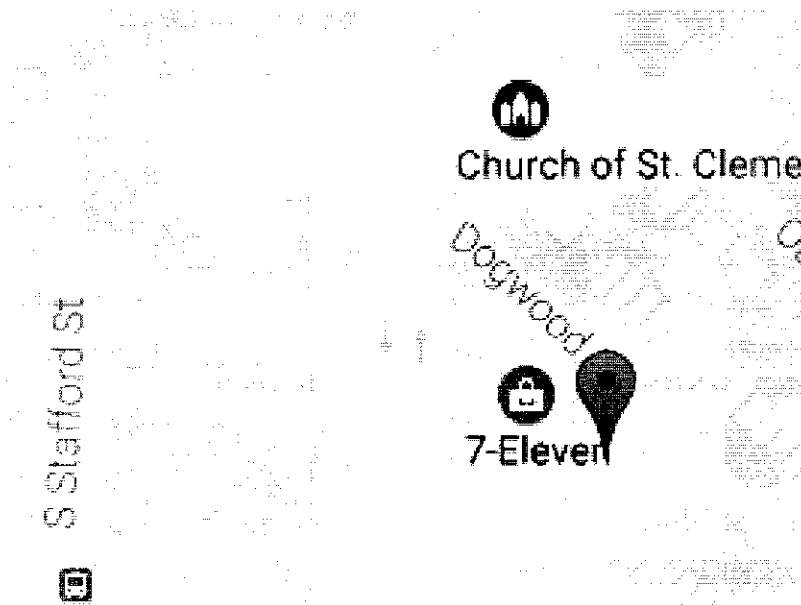
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- Name: Lori Strauss
- Approximate Address: 1764 DOGWOOD DR (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 703-578-3203
- Email: [straussjanusz@gmail.com](mailto:straussjanusz@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Our family supports ACPS's decision to close the schools on March 8th. Teachers have the right to request time off. The school district made sound business decisions to protect the children, and the city has accommodated the most vulnerable children. We believe in the value of public education, and respect the rights of the teachers. Please count this as a vote in favor of fully funding public education in the City of Alexandria, and against those who are standing against teachers and the schools.

Sincerely,  
Lori Strauss

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 9:52 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115703: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I'm a  
resident of Alexandria, and the mo

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- Name: Marie Johnston
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: marie.johnston@gsa.gov
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I'm a resident of Alexandria, and the mother of a middle school child and I commend the teachers of ACPS for their support of A Day Without Women. I also fully support ACPS in their decision to call a teacher work day on March 8th, recognizing that to not do so would have not been in the best interests of the children. I would like to urge that ACPS be fully funded so that our children can continue to enjoy the quality education which we Alexandrians have come to expect. Thank you!
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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115704: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear  
Mayor Silberberg and Members of Cou

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- Name: Danielle Fidler
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: dcfidler1@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of Council,

I am writing to support full funding for ACPS this year and to express my extreme dismay to learn of people seeking to punish teachers for exercising their first amendment rights to draw attention to a systemic injustice by punishing them and our children through cuts to the ACPS budget. Shame on them! I think ACPS made the right decision to close Wednesday and did its best to accommodate children needing free meals - as much as any institution could accommodate everyone, I think ACPS has achieved that. But regardless of my position on the closure, I absolutely support fully funding our schools. To do anything less would be terrible for Alexandria - but to do so because of political pressure to retaliate against teachers for participating in a women's strike (and not a teachers' strike) would be unconscionable and in direct opposition to the values this City has stood for the entire quarter century I've lived here. Withholding funds from our schools harms our children and our entire community. There are more people like me in our community than you may realize just by scrolling social media or listening to people who wouldn't bat an eye if it were a snow day but are suddenly outraged because someone wants to fight for justice.

Sincerely,  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115705: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council  
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- Name: Daniel Sheire
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (571) 278-9634
- Email: dsheire@msn.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Whether or not I support the decision to close ACPS on Wednesday, I absolutely support fully funding our schools. To do anything less would be terrible for Alexandria - but to do so because of political pressure to retaliate against teachers for participating in a women's strike (and not a teachers' strike) would be unconscionable. Withholding funds from our schools harms our children and our entire community. There are more people like me in our community than you may realize just by scrolling social media.
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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115706: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 405  
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- Name: Joy Pochatila
- Approximate Address: 405 MONTICELLO BLVD (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 703-566-7271
- Email: [jpochatila@gmail.com](mailto:jpochatila@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Madam Mayor and Members of City Council,

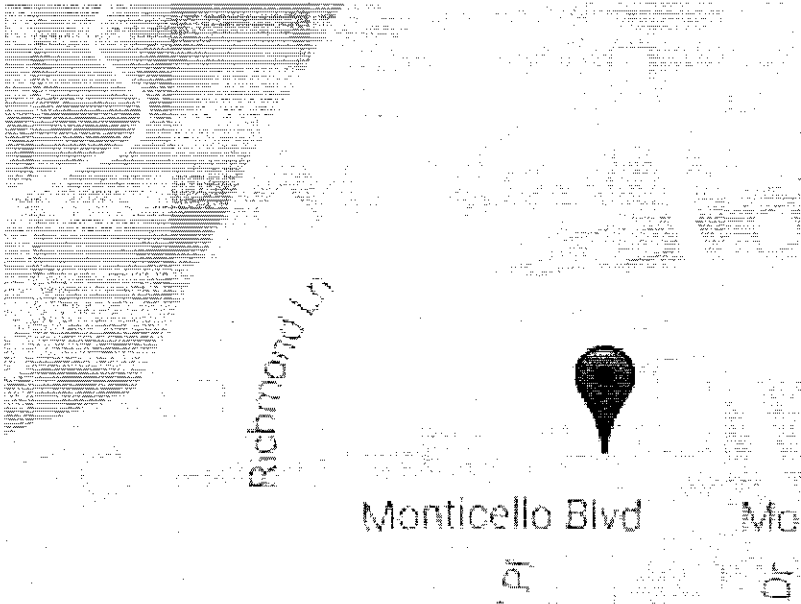
I am sending a note of support for the School Board's decision to close ACPS on March 8, 2017 in response to the over 300 requests for leave, which is likely due to staff participation in the Day Without Women protest. I write this as a working mother, with two children attending George Mason Elementary. Cancelling school with two days notice greatly impacts our family's schedule. I am also coming off a week of traveling for work, when my husband handled all child care responsibilities during that time. My point is that adjusting our work schedule and making child care arrangements is not easy. However, my husband and I fully support any teacher or staff member's decision to participate in the day of protest.

If our teachers and staff believe it's important to take away a day of instruction in order to make a point about pay equality or gender equality or human rights, I stand beside them. I think it's completely applicable and relevant that this protest happens during the same time that City Council is considering the Manager's city budget. I am sure you have heard from MANY parents regarding the tremendous need to fully fund ACPS. Our teachers are directly impacted by this budget process. Good for them for taking a stand, too! They deserve pay that is competitive with the region's salaries. They deserve (as do our children!) physical buildings and spaces that are not just adequate, but provide seats for EVERY child in our City (instead of cramming 1000 extra children into already cramped spaces). I commend the Superintendent and School Board for supporting the ACPS staff. Bravo!

On a personal note, I am using tomorrow as a teaching moment for my children. Just because they are not in school does not mean they aren't learning.

Sincerely,  
Joy Pochatila

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115707: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Whether or not I support the decision to

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- Name: Renee Miller
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038356241
- Email: renee.miller@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Whether or not I support the decision to close ACPS on Wednesday, I absolutely support fully funding our schools. To do anything less would be terrible Alexandria - but to do so because of political pressure to retaliate against teachers for participating in a women's strike (and not a teachers' strike) would be unconscionable. Withholding funds from our schools harms our children and our entire community. There are more people like me in our community than you may realize just by scrolling social media.
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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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- Name: Karen Glasser
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-380-4792
- Email: klgnyc@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To the members of the Alexandria City Council,

Thank you for making the choice to support ACPS employees (and many area families) by closing the schools on Wednesday, 3/8.

I'm sure it was difficult - it's rare that important decisions affecting so many are easy - but our family applauds your recognition and support of the greater good.

Best,

Karen Glasser  
703-380-4792 cell

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115711: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 2725 HEMLOCK AVE I support the decision to close ACPS on

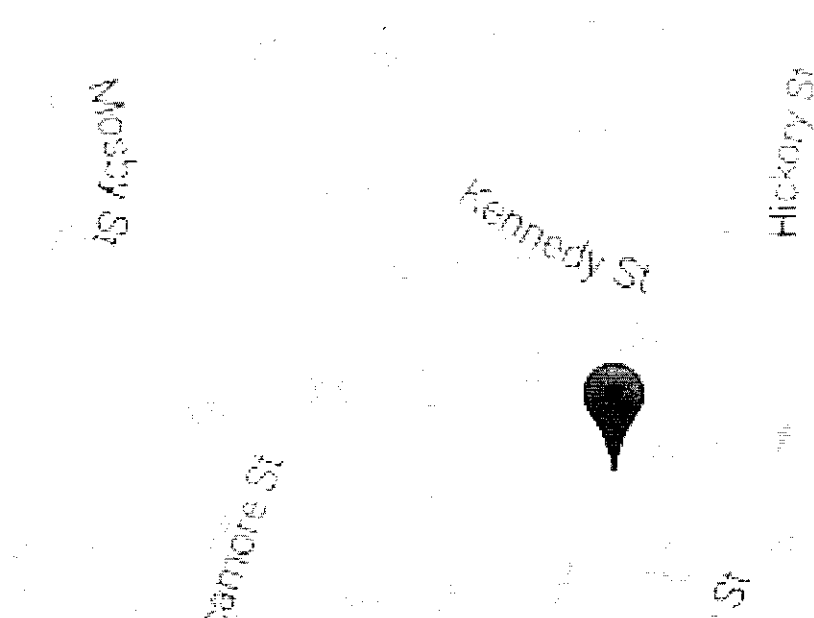
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- Name: Karla Harr
- Approximate Address: 2725 HEMLOCK AVE (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 703-966-9061
- Email: harrkarla@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I support the decision to close ACPS on Wednesday. I understand others may not feel the same. But this decision should not in any way negatively affect their budget. I absolutely support fully funding our schools. To do anything less would be terrible for Alexandria - but to do so because of political pressure to retaliate against teachers for participating in a women's strike would be unconscionable. Withholding funds from our schools harms our children and our entire community.
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115712: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I support the ACPS closure on March 8.

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### **Request Details:**

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- Name: **Call.Click.Connect.** Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I support the ACPS closure on March 8. I have two children in ACPS schools. This is a wonderful teachable moment for the students about equal rights. Protests are meant to draw attention, not to be convenient for the rest of us.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 14

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 10:45 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115713: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council This email is in support of ACPS. Our k

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- Name: Sharon Widmayer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: This email is in support of ACPS. Our kids are our future and our schools need more capacity so there is adequate space for all kids to learn. In addition, ACPS has made strides in student achievement, including the development of a STEM and international academy, increasing SOL scores, and development of new and standardized curricula and assessments at all levels. However, schools need resources to keep up the work of closing the achievement gap, keeping great teachers, and building capacity. All citizens should support full funding for ACPS because good schools are good for all citizens. They allow the next generation to become informed and active citizens, increase property values, and serve as an anchor of community. Our schools should absolutely be funded in full as requested by the school board.

I know that there has been some anger at ACPS in regard to closing on 3/8. ACPS made a difficult decision, made to ensure that school remains a safe and educational environment. Whether or not people support the idea of a Day Without Women, ACPS made a decision for affecting ONE DAY, a decision that they thought was in the best interests of the children they serve. Extra days are already built into the calendar for bad weather closings, so this one day should not impact learning outcomes. In addition, even if community members are upset that teachers chose to take leave to participate in this event, we should remember all the hard work teachers do for our kids, including many hours over and above official contract time.

Thank you,

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 14

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**From:** Beatriz Cook via Call.Click.Connect.  
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 10:57 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115714: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Whether or not I support the decision to

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- Name: Beatriz Cook
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5713571695
- Email: beatrizmcook@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Whether or not I support the decision to close ACPS on Wednesday, I absolutely support fully funding our schools. To do anything less would be terrible Alexandria - but to do so because of political pressure to retaliate against teachers for participating in a women's strike (and not a teachers' strike) would be unconscionable. Withholding funds from our schools harms our children and our entire community. There are more people like me in our community than you may realize just by scrolling social media.

I am more than happy to spend my tax dollars in the women and men that dedicate their lives to educate and nurture our children. I urge you to remember that education is a basic right of the children, let's properly fund it!

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**From:** Nicole Radshaw via Call.Click.Connect.  
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 11:06 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115715: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear  
City Council,I am writing you t

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- Name: Nicole Radshaw
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: nicole.radshaw@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council,

I am writing you to request that you fully fund the ACPS budget. Our school population continues to grow and our infrastructure is not keeping up with it. Children are having class in hallways; buildings are falling apart. All children in Alexandria deserve top tier educations so that we can grow and prosper as a community of citizens and human beings. When we lift our neighbors up, we are all lifted up. I urge you to support our future and to fully fund the school budget.

Thank you for your time.  
Sincerely,

Nicole Radshaw

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 14

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**From:** Allison Wheeler via Call.Click.Connect.  
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 11:11 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115716: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Free  
speech is a vital part of a functio

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### Request Details:

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- Name: Allison Wheeler
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035979840
- Email: allisonwwolf@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Free speech is a vital part of a functioning democracy. Too few of our citizens understand the importance of civic activism in our society. ACPS teachers who have requested leave for International Women's Day are demonstrating their support for the future rights of their students and setting an important civic example. We fully support Alexandria teachers and ACPS for their decision to close for the day.

Thank you for your consideration,

Allison Wheeler (Wolf)  
1600 Russell Road

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 14

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Nicole Mahoney via Call.Click.Connect.  
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 08, 2017 5:44 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115717: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear  
Mayor and City Council,I fully

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- Name: Nicole Mahoney
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: nicole.m.mahoney@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and City Council,

I fully support the school closure on March 8th and this should not impact the school budget, which should be fully funded. Women have a right to peacefully demonstrate their enormous value to society. I realize the inconvenience for parents, but think it's a small price to pay.

Thanks,  
Nicole Mahoney  
507 Queen Street

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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**From:** David Sterling via Call.Click.Connect.  
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 08, 2017 7:24 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115718: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am  
on the fence about today's sick out

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- Name: David Sterling
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-725-5729
- Email: info@sterlingprepress.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am on the fence about today's sick out by the school system. But if the rumor that people are suggesting to not fully fund the school system is true, that idea is misplaced. Would that punish the people who ultimately made the decision? Maybe. Would it send a message to teachers that actions have repercussions? It could. But ultimately, you hurt the children who had nothing to do with it. Yes, by all means lets underfund the school system and hobble our next generation's ability to have a quality education. Please don't.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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**From:** Heather Mullane via Call.Click.Connect.  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 3:01 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115671: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear  
Mayor Silverberg & City Council Mem

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- Name: Heather Mullane
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 2026809025
- Email: htrant@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silverberg & City Council Members,

The City Manager's budget does not appropriately address the dire capital needs of the school system. A great deal of work has been done by ACPS who have done a study of the needs and costs of each individual school and its building systems. For too long, the schools have not been adequately funded in their capital improvement budgets and are now in dire straits. The schools have significant structural concerns, as well as serious capacity shortfalls. The longer these needs are ignored, the more expensive and significant the structure and maintenance concerns. The time for action is now. Please fully fund ACPS and consider using bonds for additional funding so that we spread the debt over time and don't fund the entire amount on the backs of current taxpayers. Having both had wonderful public school experiences we are hopeful for our daughters' futures in ACPS.

Sincerely,  
Patrick and Heather Mullane

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 14

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**From:** Ryan Moore via Call.Click.Connect.  
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 12:40 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115655: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear  
Mayor Silverberg & City Council Mem

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- Name: Ryan Moore
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: ryan.leviticus.moore@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silverberg & City Council Members,  
I am a chemistry teacher by trade, and I am brand new to the Alexandria community with my wife and child. I just attended my first city council meeting and plan to make it a regularity. I've been trying to get up to speed on local issues as fast as possible, and it is alarming to me that the budget does not appropriately address the needs of the school system. I have worked in a system where I was to teach 40 students in a chemistry class, do labs with 40 students in the lab, and focus on teaching rather than discipline. It is my understanding that the schools have physical structural concerns as well as serious capacity that I have experienced myself in my career. These problems do not become easier the longer the ball is punted. The longer these needs are ignored, the more expensive and significant the structure and maintenance concerns. The time for action is now. Please fully fund ACPS and consider using bonds for additional funding so that we spread the debt over time and don't fund the entire amount on the backs of current taxpayers. Please don't do this to your teachers, students, and community.

V/R,

Ryan Moore

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 14

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**From:** Natalie Kraut via Call.Click.Connect.  
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 8:50 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115624: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear  
Mayor Silverberg & City Council Mem

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- Name: Natalie Kraut
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: natcurls@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silverberg & City Council Members,  
The City Manager's budget does not appropriately address the dire capital needs of the school system. A great deal of work has been done by ACPS who have done a study of the needs and costs of each individual school and it's building systems. For too long, the schools have not been adequately funded in their capital improvement budgets and are now in dire straights. The schools have significant structural concerns, as well as serious capacity shortfalls, which particularly concerns us as new Alexandria homeowners and first time parents. The longer these needs are ignored, the more expensive and significant the structure and maintenance concerns. The time for action is now. Please fully fund ACPS and consider using bonds for additional funding so that we spread the debt over time and don't fund the entire amount on the backs of current taxpayers.  
Sincerely, Natalie Kraut
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 14

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**From:** CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 06, 2017 12:47 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115557: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Do what is right for our future and our

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- Name: Renee Berman
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Do what is right for our future and our kids. Fully fund our schools!
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 13

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**From:** CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 6:43 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115615; Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Silverberg & City Council Mem

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- Name: **Call.Click.Connect.** Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silverberg & City Council Members,  
The City Manager's budget does not appropriately address the dire capital needs of the school system. A great deal of work has been done by ACPS who have done a study of the needs and costs of each individual school and it's building systems. For too long, the schools have not been adequately funded in their capital improvement budgets and are now in dire straights. The schools have significant structural concerns, as well as serious capacity shortfalls. The longer these needs are ignored, the more expensive and significant the structure and maintenance concerns. The time for action is now. Please fully fund ACPS and consider using bonds for additional funding so that we spread the debt over time and don't fund the entire amount on the backs of current taxpayers.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 14

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**From:** Susan Winn via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 10:30 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115295: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear City Council, This e-mail conce

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### Request Details:

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- Name: Susan Winn
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-370-9651
- Email: jns-swinn@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council,  
This e-mail concerns the funding of the Alexandria City Public Schools Budget and requests that you fully fund the Alexandria City Public Schools. Our children are our future and if we don't adequately educate them we are shirking our responsibilities. Many of our schools are old and in need of repair. George Mason Elementary School and MacArthur School have been in need of repairs and renovation for a long time yet this budget would not address the issue and yet there is money for other city buildings that are in less need of updating and repair. Why? If we do not adequately pay our teachers we will not have the best and brightest for our children. My grandchildren go to a school that has leaks when it rains and a rodent problem (George Mason Elementary School). Some of the heating and cooling systems are failing. This was not the case when my children were in the ACPS schools and should not be the case now. Our schools are overcrowded and likely to become more so. Why? As some of you know, I have given many years of volunteer time to the schools and other organizations in the City of Alexandria to make this a city we all can be proud of.  
Please don't let our children down and fully fund the school budget.  
Thank you,  
Susan Winn
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 8

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Arden Levy via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 6:04 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115277: City Clerk and Clerk of Council Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council M

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### Request Details:

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- Name: Arden Levy
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-461-6005
- Email: levyab@hotmail.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,  
I urge you to issue a bond that meets the school system's needs. The City Manager's budget did not appropriately address the dire capital improvement needs of the school system. A great deal of work has been done by ACPS and its contractors who have done an exhaustive study of the needs and costs of each individual school and the ACPS building systems.

For far too long, the schools have not been adequately funded in their capital improvement budgets and are now in dire straits. The schools have significant structural concerns, as well as serious capacity shortfalls.

I heard Mayor Silberberg speak this past Sunday at Agudas Achim Congregation. In the Mayor's comments before taking questions, she failed to mention funding for our schools as one of her priorities. I urge the Mayor and City Council to make this funding a top priority. Studies show that approximately 22% of property values are tied to schools. Fully funding ACPS' capital improvement needs will benefit Alexandria City as a whole.

The City currently has a self-imposed 1.6% debt cap of which only 1.37% is being accessed. We are asking that the City take the responsible steps to issue a bond to raise the much needed capital to meet these needs. Cities of like size with the same AAA/ Aaa bond rating have a median rate of 2.42%.

Bonds are an appropriate and fiscally responsible means of meeting the financial challenges of the City of Alexandria while meeting the facility needs of the City's schools. The longer that these needs are ignored, the more expensive and significant the structure and maintenance concerns.

The time for action is now. I look forward to following your proceedings tonight and urge you to issue a bond to meet the schools' needs.

Regards,

Arden B. Levy  
Parent / Tax payer / Alexandria Resident, etc.

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 7

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**From:** Carrie Keene via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 11:13 AM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115306: City Clerk and Clerk of Council Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council M

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- Name: Carrie Keene
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: ckeene96@gmail.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

I am writing to express my concerns about the city manager's budget, which did not adequately address the urgent capital improvement needs of the Alexandria city school system. ACPS has completed an exhaustive study of the needs and costs associated with each individual school and its building systems. Yet this study appears to have been ignored by the City Council, which has funded the schools below the Superintendent's request. This has now become a safety issue for our children; schools have significant structural concerns, leaking roofs, cracked foundations and unreliable heating and air conditioning, as well as serious capacity shortfalls.

We are asking the City Council to make schools a priority and to set better budget priorities by cutting wasteful spending in other areas so that the needed repairs can be made and capacity met. The time for action is now. I look forward to following your proceedings and urge you address the city's schools growing needs. A well-funded school system helps home values, creates responsible and hard working citizens and helps our overall tax base. Please do not ignore this vital component of our city!

Sincerely,  
Carrie Keene  
1207 Hillside Terrace  
Alexandria, VA 22302

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 8

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**From:** Sondra Rhodes via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 7:30 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115351: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please Keep the Power-Up Program at Hamm

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- Name: Sondra Rhodes
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-969-1975
- Email: fiveofsix@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please Keep the Power-Up Program at Hammond Middle School during 2017-2018

Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson and Council Members,

I have been very distraught over hearing that the Parks and Recreation plans to cancel the Power-Up program. I did not sleep well last night, and I have been stressing over what I am going to do for my child if Power-Up is canceled. I am a single-working parent of an 11-year-old. The Lord blessed me with my daughter when I was 43, and she is my only child. We live in a nice, small townhome community where my daughter is presently the only school-age child in our neighborhood. I am a native Texan. Thus, I do not have many family members living in this area. My oldest sister lives in Woodbridge, VA. My youngest sister lives in Gaithersburg, MD. I depend on my City's resources. Because my daughter is an only child, I do not want her coming home from school and being alone until I get home from work. I want my daughter to be in a safe environment with her peers until I pick her up from Hammond. Currently, my daughter enjoys being with her classmates in Power-Up, and she enjoys the activities. She also loves the staff, Mrs. McGee and Mrs. Washington. I know that I am not the only parent who needs the Power-Up program to continue. So, please think of the children who currently benefit and who will benefit from such a wonderful program.

Sincerely, Sondra Rhodes, Phoenix's Mom

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 8

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**From:** Ricardo Alfaro via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 6:23 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115350: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson

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- Name: Ricardo Alfaro
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7872493285
- Email: ricardoalfaro@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson & Honorable Member of City Council,

I write today in encourage you to re-appoint James "Jimmy" Lewis to Alexandria's Traffic and Parking Board.

It's no secret that Alexandria faces a number of transportation challenges, from managing parking to reducing congestion. With his experience serving on the Board and deep ties to the community, there is no better candidate than Jimmy to advocate for citizens and common sense solutions.

Jimmy has few peers when it comes to his experience and expertise on Alexandria transportation issues. In fact, his Traffic and Parking Board colleagues respect him and his experience so much that they elected him to represent them at the Transportation Commission and on two working groups addressing new parking standards.

Please re-appoint Jimmy to this important Board and allow him to continue working for Alexandrians.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Alfaro

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 8

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**From:** Lee Ann Lynch via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 8:37 AM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115182: City Clerk and Clerk of Council Dear City Council -- I am concerned that

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- Name: Lee Ann Lynch
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-214-8799
- Email: leetomlynch@gmail.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council -- I am concerned that the City Manager's budget did not appropriately address the dire capital improvement needs of the school system. A great deal of work has been done by ACPS and its contractors who have done an exhaustive study of the needs and costs of each individual school and its building systems. For far too long, the schools have not been adequately funded in their capital improvement budgets and are now in dire straits and as a result, the schools have significant structural concerns, as well as serious capacity shortfalls.

My understanding is that the City currently has a self-imposed 1.6% debt cap of which only 1.37% is being accessed. We are asking that the City take the responsible steps to issue a bond to raise the much needed capital to meet these needs. I ask that you consider bringing Alexandria in line with cities of like size with the same AAA/ Aaa bond rating, which have a median rate of 2.42%.

Bonds are an appropriate and fiscally responsible means of meeting the financial challenges of the City of Alexandria while meeting the facility needs of the City's schools. The longer that these needs are ignored, the more expensive and significant the structure and maintenance concerns.

The time for action is now. I look forward to following your proceedings on February 28th and urge you to issue a bond to meet the schools' needs.

Regards,  
Lee Lynch  
Parent, Tax payer and Alexandria Resident

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 7

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**From:** Jennifer Hartenstine via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 8:44 AM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115186: City Clerk and Clerk of Council To the Mayor and City Council Members,

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- Name: Jennifer Hartenstine
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7032990922
- Email: jchartenstine@gmail.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: To the Mayor and City Council Members,

As you well know, the City Manager's budget did not appropriately address the dire capital improvement needs of ACSP. The schools have not been adequately funded or maintained for years and now have significant structural concerns, as well as serious capacity shortfalls.

The City Manager's responses to fact-based, specific questions about the needs of ACSP show that he either does not have a full understanding of the issues, is willfully obtuse about the situation, or both.

I urge you to NOT make the same mistake. I believe that members of the city council cannot possibly be blind to the real needs of the schools or how those needs are linked to the city's commerce, real estate market, choice of home ownership, etc. Nor does it seem likely that you lack the understanding that the longer the needs are ignored the more expensive and disruptive repairs will be. What is needed, therefore, is ACTION by our elected representatives - you.

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The time for action is now. I look forward to following your decisions and voting accordingly in the coming months.

Regards,

Jennifer C Hartenstine, Ph.D.  
Parent / Tax payer / Alexandria Resident

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 9:49 AM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115195: City Clerk and Clerk of Council at 1600 CRESTWOOD DR I would like to express my desire that t

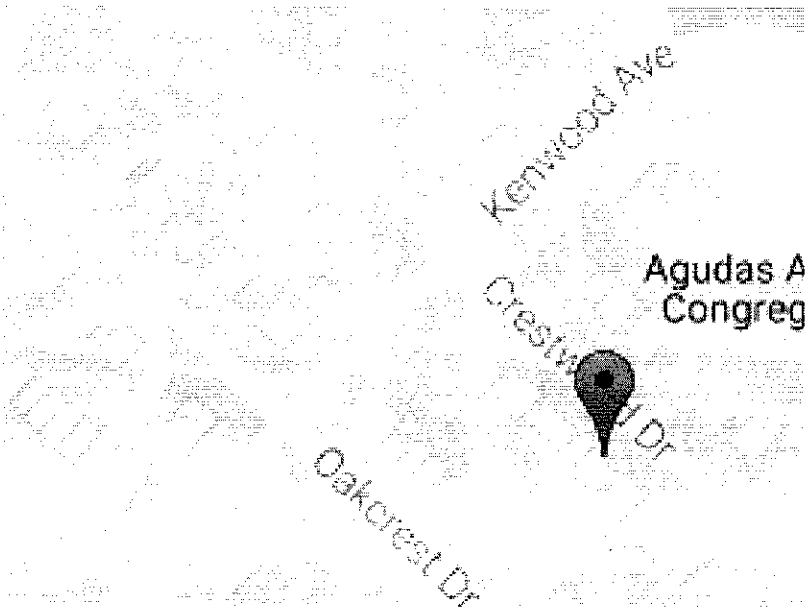
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- Name: Andrew Corso
- Approximate Address: 1600 CRESTWOOD DR (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 703-693-1059
- Email: [andrew.corso@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.corso@gmail.com)
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: I would like to express my desire that the City Council vote to INCREASE the city's self-imposed borrowing cap to 2.4% (and borrow against it) to more fully-fund the expansive list of urgent capital improvements in the city, in particular improvements to school construction and renovation projects, sidewalk and street repair, utility construction and upgrades, and recreation facilities. I believe Alexandria can safely and responsibly take on higher debt through bonds, on par with comparable local jurisdictions, to fund these much-needed projects.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 7



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**From:** Jaime Dawson via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 1:28 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115120: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council M

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- Name: Jaime Dawson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-823-2748
- Email: jaimemdawson77@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

My husband grew up in the ACPS system. He is now an attorney at Dawson and Associates, our firm, and continues to support ACPS through volunteering through our children's schools. We have two children at GW middle, one at George Mason elementary and one who will also be brought up in these schools. Our company has also given thousands of dollars towards the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria-- recognizing the importance of higher education for kids who need financial assistance. The needs are always changing. My husband knew that back in the 1980's . The population also ebbs and flows.

A great deal of work has been done by ACPS and its contractors who have down an exhaustive study of the needs and costs of each individual school and it's building systems. As far as I know, the schools have never had a budget projection so far off from what we need to function properly.

For far too long, the schools have not been adequately funded in their capital improvement budgets and are now in dire straits. The schools have significant structural concerns, as well as serious capacity shortfalls.

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The time for action is now. I look forward to following your proceedings on February 28th and urge you to issue a bond to meet the schools' needs.

What is a legacy? It's planting seeds in a garden you never get to see. Please continue to nurture this educational "garden".

Regards,

Jaime Dawson (Steve Dawson - TC class of '92)  
Parent / Tax payer / Alexandria resident/ former ACPS student

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 1:25 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115119: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council City Council, I am writing to ask yo

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### Request Details:

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- Name: Janine Rubitski
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7039305706
- Email: janinerubitski@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: City Council,

I am writing to ask you to restore the FY2018 Capital Improvement funds needed by ACPS to resolve the continuing lack of class room capacity. I and many other parents were very encouraged by the progress made by both ACPS and the city in the FY17 budget in starting to address the severe shortage in elementary space. However, given the the City Manager's proposal for FY18, we seem be going backward again.

The city approved \$34M in FY18 CIP spending for ACPS last year – the City Manager this year proposed \$19M which will not allow for the capacity additions to move forward.

The discussion on using Lee Center as swing space has been going on for a year. The ACPS assessment of the Lee Center shows that it would only cost \$8.5M to renovate and add modulars for additional capacity, while co-locating with programs that have invested in infrastructure. Additionally, ACPS has offered the top two floors of the new West End building as administrative space for many of those that would be impacted in the move. By the City still not having their full assessment report complete, ACPS and the school board had to budget for a full new build for the Swing Space, creating an even larger divide between the City's proposal and ACPS's request.

The City Manager has stated that his proposed budget only hurts modernization, not capacity. This is not true. By removing rebuilds of Douglas MacArthur and George Mason he is reducing planned school capacity by 500 students.

We hear over and over that, yes, the schools have maintenance issues, but ACPS needs to figure out the full scope of their needs and come back with a plan. However, after a significant undertaking, the facilities department and a consultant have produced a full assessment of each school. These have a very clear picture of the needs and costs to begin doing the vital maintenance, modernization and capacity construction that is vitally needed.

We need to make progress and make it quickly before the lack of seats in classrooms worsens into a crisis. I ask you to look for solutions to fund the CIP and work closely with ACPS to overcome whatever politics or conflicts are preventing this from happening.

Thank you,  
Janine Rubitski  
Resident and homeowner since 1998

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**From:** Mary Rust via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 1:34 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115121: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council As a parent of 2 public school children

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- Name: Mary Rust
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7034770837
- Email: crustette@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: As a parent of 2 public school children in ACPS, I urge you to fully fund our schools. We must not eliminate the needed improvements that have been proposed by the school board. Please think of the children, they are our future. Thank you.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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**From:** Maureen Waters via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 4:13 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115145: City Clerk and Clerk of Council Please increase the borrowing cap from 1

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- Name: Maureen Waters
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: maureenwaters2610@gmail.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Please increase the borrowing cap from 1.6% to 2.42% (the average borrowing rate of cities of comparable size and bond rating) and borrow fully against it, to completely pay for both school and city infrastructure projects.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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**From:** Rachel Goldberg via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 3:51 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115140: City Clerk and Clerk of Council Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council M

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- Name: Rachel Goldberg
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5712146620
- Email: rgoldberg1@gmail.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

The City Manager's budget did not appropriately address the dire capital improvement needs of the school system. A great deal of work has been done by ACPS and its contractors who have done an exhaustive study of the needs and costs of each individual school and its building systems.

For far too long, the schools have not been adequately funded in their capital improvement budgets and are now in dire straits. The schools have significant structural concerns, as well as serious capacity shortfalls. From my perspective as a parent of two children in Maury Elementary School and a supporter of public schools generally, this seems to me one of the biggest challenges facing our school system. It needs to be addressed now.

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The time for action is now. I look forward to following your proceedings on February 28th and urge you to issue a bond to meet the schools' needs.

Regards,

Rachel Goldberg  
24 E Chapman St.  
Alexandria, VA 22301

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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**From:** Rosemarie Wiedemer via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 3:44 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115139: City Clerk and Clerk of Council Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council M

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- Name: Rosemarie Wiedemer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035492551
- Email: rosie.wiedemer@gmail.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

The City Manager's budget did not appropriately address the dire capital improvement needs of the school system. A great deal of work has been done by ACPS and its contractors who have done an exhaustive study of the needs and costs of each individual school and it's building systems.

For far too long, the schools have not been adequately funded in their capital improvement budgets and are now in dire straits. The schools have significant structural concerns, as well as serious capacity shortfalls. Adding portables is a short term solution that solves classroom space issues while exacerbating issues of overcrowding in general spaces like auditoriums, gyms, cafeterias, music rooms, etc. Just ask the kids who have to eat lunch at 9:45 in order for the schools to get everyone in the cafeteria.

In 2012/13 ACPS enrollment was 13,113 and today, 2016/17, enrollment is 15,056. While redistricting attempted to tackle the overcrowding in the elementary schools, it did nothing to address the capacity problems for the middle and high schools. Our middle and high schools are at if not close to capacity this year, and the peak enrollment for ACPS is at the 2nd-3rd grade level. What will we do in three to five years?

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The time for action is now.

Sincerely,  
Rosie Wiedemer  
Parent of two George Washington Middle students  
Current Fundraising Chair, GW PTA  
Past George Mason PTA President

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**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 3:13 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115131: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council M

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- Name: Heather Anderson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7032012232
- Email: handerson79@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

The City Manager's budget did not appropriately address the dire capital improvement needs of the school system. A great deal of work has been done by ACPS and its contractors who have done an exhaustive study of the needs and costs of each individual school and its building systems. For far too long, the schools have not been adequately funded in their capital improvement budgets and are now in dire straits. The schools have significant structural concerns, as well as serious capacity shortfalls.

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The time for action is now. I look forward to following your proceedings on February 28th and urge you to issue a bond to meet the schools' needs.

Regards,

Signature  
Heather Anderson  
Alexandria Resident

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**From:** Lisa Larson via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 1:53 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115123: City Clerk and Clerk of Council Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council M

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- Name: Lisa Larson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: lflarson@yahoo.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

The City Manager's budget did not appropriately address the dire capital improvement needs of the school system. A great deal of work has been done by ACPS and its contractors who have done an exhaustive study of the needs and costs of each individual school and its building systems.

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I have been an Alexandria resident since 1997 and though I do not have children, I understand how important strong schools are to retain quality and diversity in Alexandria and build for a bright future. As a taxpayer, I have the right to have a say in how the City allocates funds.

The time for action is now. I look forward to following your proceedings on February 28th and urge you to issue a bond to meet the schools' needs.

Regards,  
Lisa F Larson

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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**Attachments:** Capacity Committee Letter 2.27.17.pdf

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**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 10:34 AM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson <[Jackie.Henderson@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Jackie.Henderson@alexandriava.gov)>; Gloria Sitton <[Gloria.Sitton@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Gloria.Sitton@alexandriava.gov)>  
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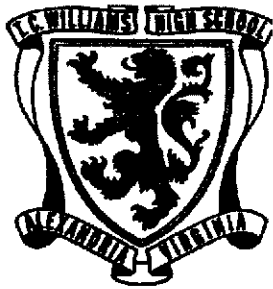
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- Name: Mark Eaton
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- Email: mre.eaton@gmail.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Ladies and Gentlemen: Attached is a letter from the T.C. Williams High School Capacity Committee to the Mayor, Members of the City Council and City Manager. Thank you.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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# T.C. Williams High School

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February 27, 2017

The Honorable Allison Silberberg  
The Honorable Justin Wilson  
The Honorable Willie Bailey  
The Honorable John Chapman  
The Honorable Timothy Lovain  
The Honorable Del Pepper  
The Honorable Paul Smedberg

The Honorable Ramee Gentry  
The Honorable Cindy Anderson  
The Honorable Bill Campbell  
The Honorable Ronnie Campbell  
The Honorable Hal Cardwell  
The Honorable Karen Graf  
The Honorable Christopher Lewis  
The Honorable Margaret Lorber  
The Honorable Veronica Nolan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

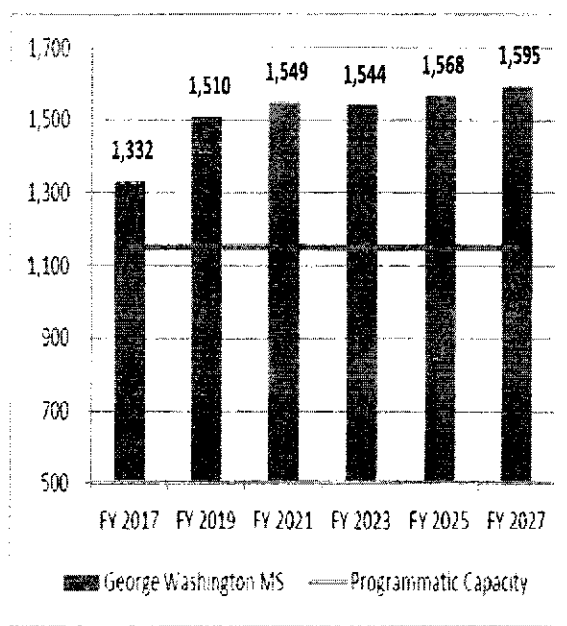
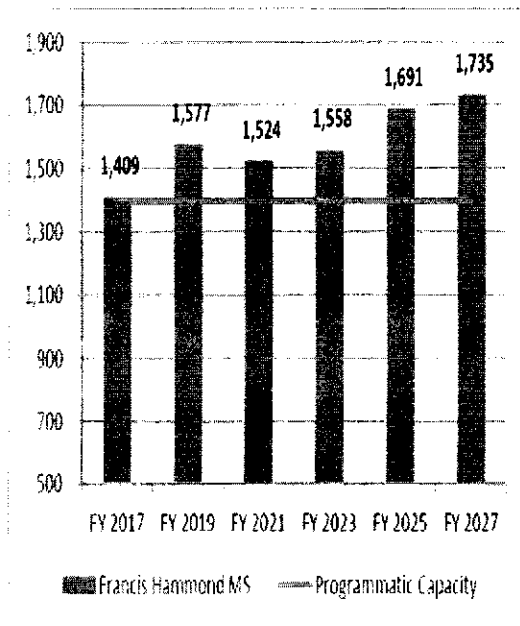
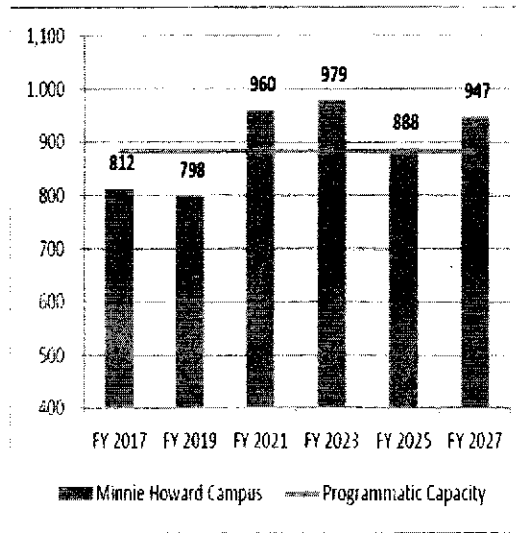
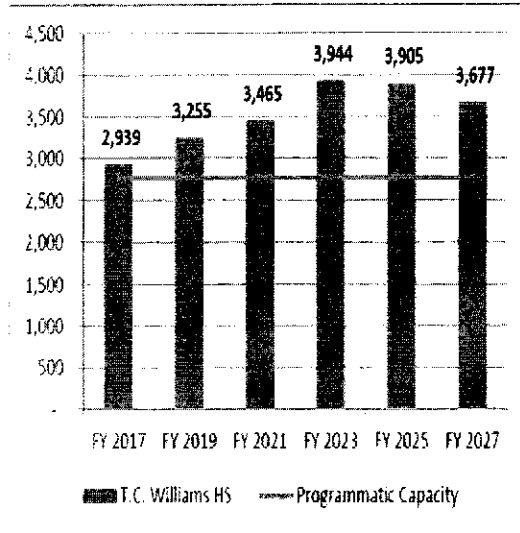
We write on behalf of the Capacity Committee of the T.C. Williams High School Instructional Leadership Team (ILT). The ILT is composed of administrators, department chairs and program leaders at T.C. Williams. The Capacity Committee supports the rebuilding of Minnie Howard as proposed in the School Board's adopted 2018-2027 Capital Improvement Program Budget (CIP).

A senior Alexandria official asked recently, "What, in one paragraph, is the case for a new secondary school?" The case can be expressed in three sentences: the current and projected near-term enrollment numbers at T.C. Williams, Minnie Howard and the middle schools reveal overcrowding now with substantial increases projected for the near future. Second, the overcrowding at T.C. has numerous negative consequences including damaging the education of some of our neediest students. Third, rebuilding Minnie Howard is an opportunity to address the overcrowding and to design specialized spaces to serve all students better.

The CIP proposes rebuilding Minnie Howard as a secondary school with architectural and engineering work starting in 2018 and the new school opening in 2024.

The February 15 enrollments are 2,972 at T.C. Williams-King Street, 792 at Minnie Howard, 1,426 at Francis Hammond and 1,345 at George Washington. The students in grades 6,7 and 8 at Jefferson-Houston are not included.

The following four CIP charts show the compelling need for more space (the horizontal bars represent capacity—the maximum number of students for which each building was designed):



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There are no "alternative facts" about enrollment: the capacity crisis is here. Additionally, safety issues associated with the movement of large groups of students at passing times, assemblies, pep rallies, fire drills and dismissal continue to be a major concern.

The overcrowding at T.C. adversely affects class schedules (e.g., science classes are held in nonscience rooms) and other activities (e.g., students exit the crowded cafeteria in search of quieter and less crowded lunch spaces.) However, the greatest negative effects of overcrowding are felt by students who have the most difficult time in school. Our administrators say that at-risk students repeatedly say that there are just too many people at T.C.

We work in the largest, and arguably most diverse, high school in Virginia without an effective alternative program for students who have difficulties in T.C.'s large and crowded environment. A rebuilt Minnie Howard is a chance to address overcrowding, design space that complements, not duplicates, the King Street campus and create specialized space for an alternative program.

Thank you for your leadership on this important topic. We hope we can count on your support

Sincerely,

  
Co-Chair, Capacity Committee

  
Co-Chair, Capacity Committee

cc: Dr. Alvin Crawley  
Mr. Mark Jinks

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- Request Description: February 27, 2017

Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

The City Manager's budget did not appropriately address the dire capital improvement needs of the school system. A great deal of work has been done by ACPS and its contractors who have done an exhaustive study of the needs and costs of each individual school and its building systems.

For far too long, the schools have not been adequately funded in their capital improvement budgets and are now in dire straits. The schools have significant structural concerns, as well as serious capacity shortfalls.

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Regards,

Jackie Wright-Martin, tax payer, resident and mother of a child at George Mason Elementary

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: janesebechtol@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: What an exciting opportunity you have tomorrow night! I encourage you to raise the debt cap to 2.42% to allow for funding of the City Manager's Supplemental CIP. The full CIP proposed by the City Manager including the Supplemental, with the guaranteed funding of a bond, would put Alexandria on track to be a city with facilities we can be proud of that will attract people to the city and be a valuable investment for our current residents. The time is now to take on this good debt while interest rates are so low and before the cost of maintaining failing buildings such as MacArthur Elementary and George Mason Elementary continues to skyrocket while we throw away money on band-aid repairs. I hope you will seize this moment and embrace the rare opportunity to get to make a fiscally responsible decision that also meets substantial city needs for the next ten years.  
Janese Bechtol  
West End resident
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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**From:** Liz Cherry <lizc@fool.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 6:56 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Staff; Allison Silberberg; Justin Wilson; Timothy Lovain; Willie Bailey; John Chapman; Paul Smedberg; Del Pepper  
**Subject:** Increase school funding

I am writing to express my concern for our underfunded schools and to urge city council to move forward on the amendment to increase the bond cap.

Though the student population has grown by 75% since 2006, without building any additional schools. Capacity has reached a breaking point and for our city to continue to prosper we must address our school systems. Our **teachers must be paid competitively and our building structures must, at a minimum, be able to hold all our students.**

Good, fully-funded schools are even important to those who don't currently have kids attending public schools as good schools feed years of equity and value into all homes within the school's district.

Alexandria parents are fed up with paying for private schools that start at 40k. Our neighborhoods are excited and eager to send their kids to our Alexandria public schools. Please don't force Alexandria families to choose between moving or going into debt before college.

Thanks again for your attention.

Liz Cherry  
Angus Argetsinger - 3rd Grade George Mason  
Edie Argetsinger - Will be rising Kindergartener in 2018 or 19

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**From:** Carolyn Meza via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 5:54 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
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- Name: Carolyn Meza
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-258-6101
- Email: carolynjeanadams@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Members,

It is imperative that the budget properly addresses the critical improvement needs of our school system. The City Manager's budget falls extremely short.

A great deal of work has been done by ACPS and its contractors who have done an exhaustive study of the needs and costs of each individual school and it's building systems.

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Sincerely,  
Carolyn Meza  
James K. Polk Parent and Alexandria City Tax Payer

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**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
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- Name: Sally Hunnicutt
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: sallyj26@yahoo.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

As a parent at John Adams Elementary, the largest elementary school in ACPS, I write to implore you to take the needed action to address the capacity and capital improvement needs of the city's public schools.

Let me launch this letter by stating I am thrilled with the education my children are receiving at John Adams. I say over and over that John Adams is the best kept secret in Alexandria and the shining star of the West End. I cannot be happier with our dedicated principal, administrators, and teachers. I am so proud that my children attend a school with amazing cultural and linguistic diversity. Academically my children are thriving in John Adam's Dual Language Program and are well down the path of becoming bilingual and biliterate in Spanish. They are excelling in the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's Sympatico Program and the Kennedy Center's CETA Program, and they are developing into culturally competent, empathetic, and globally aware citizens of this great City.

I am not thrilled, however, that my children attend an elementary school with over 1,000 children. When I tell my friends in neighboring jurisdictions like Arlington, Fairfax, Montgomery, Loudon, and even the District that my children attend a school with seven 2nd grade classes and over 1,000 children they think I am joking.

If you have visited John Adams you have seen the impact of a school stretched well past its limits:

- A drop off area that looks like the beltway at rush hour;
- A muddy mess of overflow parking;
- School lunches that begin on the heels of breakfast because the cafeteria and its workers are stretched past reasonable limits;
- A school that is too crowded to let parents join their children for Thanksgiving lunch;
- A school that requires four separate awards assemblies because its cafeteria, which doubles as an auditorium, can barely hold the school's teachers and students—let alone parents;
- A school that cannot offer its children basics like school plays or pageants or even a single Martin Luther King assembly because there are too many children;
- A school with a leaky roof, HVAC that has failed and led to school closures, peeling paint, and playground equipment and benches that have buckled under the stress of so many children.

Unfortunately families looking to buy a home in the City of Alexandria do not look past the latter picture to see the former picture. They turn to neighboring Arlington, Falls Church City, or Fairfax buy homes in neighborhoods with

smaller and better maintained schools.

As you know the City Manager's budget did not appropriately address the dire needs of ACPS. ACPS has done an exhaustive study of the needs and costs of each individual school and its building systems. The mitigation plan included the purchase of a building on Beauregard—in the Mark Center that is suffering from a 45 percent vacancy rate—that will help reduce John Adams' K-5 program to a reasonable size of 600 students. This much smaller footprint may allow John Adams to expand its highly regarded Dual Language program.

—Such an expansion would provide an opportunity for John Adams to serve as the West End hub for Dual Language (DL), complementing its sister school Mount Vernon on the East End, as well as an opportunity for enrollment via lottery to other families across the city.

—Expanding and opening up the program at John Adams to more City residents via lottery will foster the development of more bilingual, biliterate, and culturally competent citizens of Alexandria. It will provide ACPS with more opportunities to fully close the achievement gap between English language learners and native speakers of English -- a proven benefit of DL programs.

Bonds may be an appropriate and fiscally responsible means of meeting the financial challenges of the City of Alexandria while meeting the facility needs of the City's schools. The longer that these needs are ignored, the more expensive and significant the structure and maintenance concerns. These factors will make the City less and less competitive vis a vis neighboring jurisdictions, and prospective home buyers will continue turn to these other jurisdictions for smaller and better maintained schools.

The time to act is now. I look forward to following your proceedings on February 28th and urge you to issue a bond to meet the schools' needs.

Regards,

Sally Hunnicutt

John Adams Parent  
Secretary, John Adams PTA  
Chair, John Adams Dual Language PTA Committee

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: mollyrwilliams@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

The City Manager's budget does not appropriately address the capital improvement needs of the school system, which include structural concerns and capacity issues. The longer these concerns are ignored, the more expensive and significant they become.

I ask that the City issue a bond to raise the much-needed capital to meet these needs for ACPS. This is a fiscally responsible means of meeting the City's financial challenges while also addressing the needs of the City's schools.

I thank you for your consideration and your service to the City of Alexandria. I urge you to issue a bond to meet the schools' needs.

Regards,  
Molly Pugh  
City of Alexandria resident

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- Name: Allison Riley
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [abriley03@yahoo.com](mailto:abriley03@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council Members,

ACPS has been extremely respectful of the City of Alexandria budgeting process for years, despite being historically short funded every year since at least my oldest started school in 2010-2011, but I know it goes back farther than that. They don't cause a fuss, they don't galvanize people or teachers into action because they have always believed the City would do the right thing when the time finally came. They believed that with the right set of facts, the right documentation, the City would see that we need to step up and help our schools. This year it was made perfectly clear that the City either doesn't think there is a problem that needs to be addressed, or they think the problem can be solved once again with band aids. It cannot.

To me, it is appalling that by short funding the schools every year, we have teachers that haven't received a pay raise in 3 or more years while other City employees have received regular step increases.

To me, it is appalling that our facilities are falling down around us and the city won't do anything to help us with it. ACPS conducted a thorough facilities evaluation last year and at least 2 schools, George Mason included, rate lower than City Hall in quality of facilities, and City Hall received an F. Here are some insights from that report, since it appears you haven't read it yet - at George Mason, our foundation is crumbling (physically you can touch it and it comes away in your hand in some places), we have carpets damaged from water and wearing thin that can't be removed because they cover asbestos flooring, and the abatement process is too expensive; ACPS can't pay for it because the city WON'T PROVIDE ENOUGH FUNDING for improvements. There are rotting window casements that let in water every time it rains and replacing the windows won't help because the wood just falls apart in your hands. There are some rooms where bookcases are strategically hiding holes in plaster. Did you know that one of the water leaks that has been repaired time and time again is actually behind the electric box for the school? And even something as simple as playground repairs go unrepaired for weeks because of lack of funding means lack of adequate staffing to get jobs done quickly. In this case it is a hole at the bottom of a popular slide that an adult can put a fist through. And other less critical but no less important repairs have to get paid out of PTA money. At January PTA Meeting, the PTA had to approve spending \$5,000 of PTA savings to fix broken slides and damaged parts on our playground because ACPS does not have the funding to spend on our playground.

And that is just George Mason. There are schools that need complete roof replacement, but ACPS is replacing them a section at a time over the course of years because that is all they can afford. There are schools with 40+ year old HVAC systems that we don't have the money to replace but they fail and need repair multiple times a year. There are schools where they watch rain run down the walls on days that it rains because the buildings are

so old they need to be replaced, not just patched. The City cites improvements needed on City-owned buildings. Aren't the schools City-owned buildings? Why is it considered separate? Why are our students and teachers considered "2nd class citizens"?

And that is just the state of the buildings. It is appalling that the City won't support the capacity issue. Without the rebuild we will be over capacity throughout the city by more than 1,000 children, and that is just in the short term. At GW alone they are already over capacity by 10%, which is expected to go up more next year with a potential incoming 6th grade class of 500 students.

It is truly appalling that the City won't do anything to help our kids and support our schools.

So short-funding the schools by \$70M is the proverbial straw that has broken the camel's back. I and other parents of students at ACPS will not stand for it any more. We **NEED TO FULL FUND OUR SCHOOLS**. Our children should not be in schools with asbestos flooring, they should not be suffering from heat exhaustion in middle school in June because of HVAC issues, they should not be taking classes in hallways of the buildings because there is **NO ROOM**. Why will you not give our students A class facilities?

I hope that my email gives you pause and makes you dig into the facilities report. Most Alexandrians don't know the situation we are in because ACPS has not promoted it publicly and our Principals have been working as hard as they can to get the emergency problems fixed quickly. Truly, our schools are great. My kids have received an excellent education, and the teachers have been fantastic, despite, at times, having to teach in hallways or converted storage rooms, and ACPS did not want to take away from that. But it is time for the truth to come out. Alexandria is a great City, but not when it comes to supporting our schools. We will post photos of our dilapidated schools on Facebook, we will pass out flyers of the true state you allow our schools to fall into. Housing values are driven by the quality of the schools they serve, please start bringing up the quality of the schools by passing a increased bond cap and borrowing against that cap to solve the funding shortage.

We need a cap that is in line with other cities throughout the country with our bond rating and size, in order to fully fund all of the City initiatives that cannot currently be funded with the money they available right now.

Thank you.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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- Email: [sjemison@gmail.com](mailto:sjemison@gmail.com)
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

The City Manager's budget does not appropriately address the dire capital improvement needs of the school system.

The repetitive under-funding of our school system as it continues to grow hurts our kids and hurts our communities. It also undercuts the great efforts made by the teachers and administrators in our school system by depriving them of the resources they need to do their best. Action is needed now to make sure that when our Elementary age children are High School age, there's room for them to learn in Alexandria.

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The time for action is now. I look forward to following your proceedings on February 28th and urge you to issue a bond to meet the schools' needs.

Regards,

Scott Jemison  
President Elect, John Adams PTA

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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## Jackie Henderson

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- Email: estowe@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council,

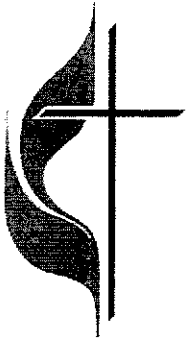
Please find attached a letter from Fairlington United Methodist Church urging the provision for additional resources in FY2018 budget for housing that is affordable for lower-income families.

- Attachment: [city council budget consideration.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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# Fairlington United Methodist Church

*Welcoming. Nurturing. Serving.*

February 13, 2017

Mayor and City Council  
301 King St., Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council:

Fairlington United Methodist Church, along with other churches in Alexandria and ALIVE, urge you to consider providing additional resources in the Alexandria City FY18 budget for housing that is affordable for lower-income families.

For over 25 years, Fairlington UMC has provided aid to those who require help in raising the rent security deposit needed to obtain subsidized housing. Since the security deposit is usually the full market rate (\$1,000-\$2000) amount of one month's rent, these deposits pose an insurmountable barrier to persons with little or no income; however, these deposits must be paid before persons can take advantage of housing vouchers or other housing subsidies. In recent years, we have seen a significant increase in the number of families referred to us who need assistance in raising the required security deposit amount. For the past two years, we have provided families with security deposit aid far beyond the amount that we have budgeted. Even then, Fairlington has not had sufficient funds to cover all those who have requested aid. In 2015, we provided \$18,000 in rent deposit assistance and served 65 households. In 2016, we spent \$14,000 and served 52 households. The reduction of service in 2016 was due to lack of funds, not fewer requests.

Fairlington UMC, along with other churches and ALIVE, are supportive of the request to (1) create a local rental subsidy program that can help families making 40% or less of area median income, and (2) provide funding for one new affordable development annually--in addition to any redevelopments undertaken by the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Fairlington UMC would also like to urge the City Council to initiate a "Rent Security Deposit" fund to assist families in need of help. Fairlington UMC will continue to provide support but cannot meet the need of all who require security deposit assistance. Therefore, there needs to be a more sustainable source so that households do not lose the opportunity for subsidized housing because of lack of funds to cover the security deposit.

We appreciate your deliberation on this matter as you make decisions impacting the City. We value Alexandria's diverse population and would not want to jeopardize it because of an inadequate stock of affordable housing.

Sincerely,

Rev. Mary Beth Blinn  
Lead Pastor

Eric L. Larsen  
Chair, Missions Committee

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Katy Matthews via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
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- Phone Number: 703-243-8802
- Email: matthews.katy@gmail.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

The City Manager's budget did not appropriately address the dire capital improvement needs of the school system. A great deal of work has been done by ACPs and its contractors who have done an exhaustive study of the needs and costs of each individual school and its building systems.

For far too long, the schools have not been adequately funded in their capital improvement budgets and are now in dire straits. The schools have significant structural concerns, as well as serious capacity shortfalls.

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Regards,  
Katy Matthews

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