# EDUCATION CENTER REUSE

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BLPC / PFRC JOINT MEETING 6 4/3/2019

# JOINT MEETING 6: AGENDA

# **BUILDING LEVEL PLANNING COMMITTEE** PUBLIC FACILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Project Parameters
- 3. Updates
  - a. Schedule and Interior Demolition Phase
  - b. Schematic Design Approval
  - c. Use Permit Process
- 4. Proposed Use Permit Including Design Revisions Since Last BLPC/PFRC Meeting
- 5. Committee discussion
- 6. Public Comment
- 7. Next Septs and Adjourn
  - a. Commission and Use Permit Meetings



# **Building Level Planning Committee - BLPC**

- Based on Policy Implementation Procedure F-5.7 PIP-2
- School Board approved BLPC Charge found at: https://www.apsva.us/wpcontent/uploads/2018/09/C-4-Education-Center-BLPC-Charge-083018-SB-approved.pdf
- Primary role is to serve as the principal communication liaison with community stakeholders
- Solicit comments from constituency groups and share with the BLPC for consideration
- Assist APS Staff during schematic design phase by reviewing:
  - Site amenities
  - Adjacencies between interior spaces and site amenities
  - Community use of the building and site
  - Impact of project on surrounding community

# **Public Facilities Review Committee - PFRC**

- PFRC Charge (June 18, 2014) found at: https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wpcontent/uploads/sites/5/2014/06/PFRC Charge June2014.pdf
- Mission: to ensure that the highest quality of land use planning, design, transportation planning, and other important community aspects are incorporated into civic projects as assigned to the Committee by the Arlington County Board.
- 3. Key responsibilities:
  - Provide a forum for advisory commission and committee input
  - Ensure highest quality of land use planning and design
  - Promote compliance with County Comprehensive Plan and other County planning policies
  - Provide means for broad-based public participation
  - Provide advice to County Board and County Manager

# 2 Project Parameters BLPC / PFRC JOINT MEETING 6 4/3/2019 6

# **Project Parameters**

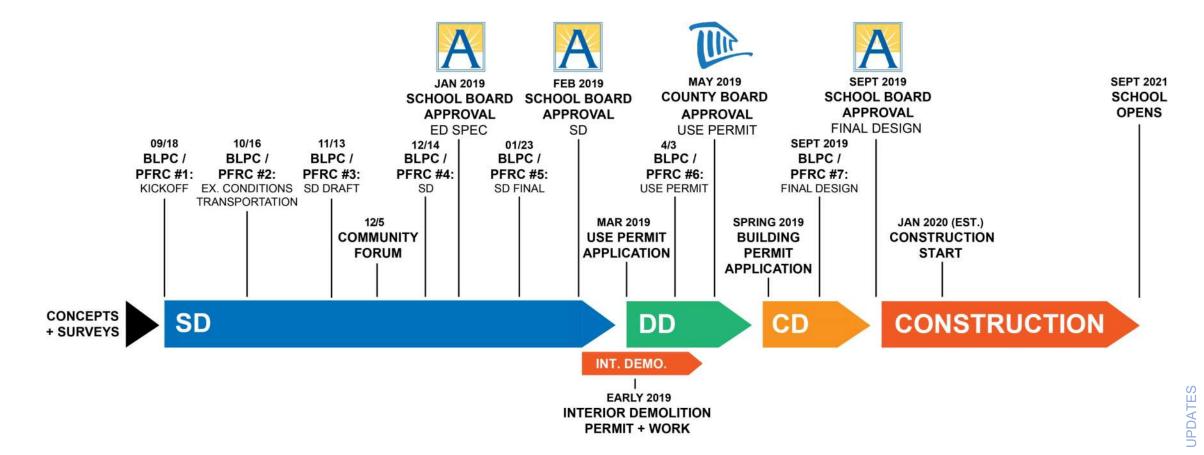
- Project included in the FY2019-28 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Renovate the Education Center to both increase the capacity of Washington-Lee initially, and later to adapt to possible future instructional and grade level changes
- Support APS Strategic Plan Goals, specifically for Healthy, Safe, and Supported Students
- Address capacity by providing 500-600 high school seats
- Open by start of school 2021
- Spend a maximum project cost of \$37 million, using every effort to spend less

## APS project website:

https://www.apsva.us/education-center-reuse/



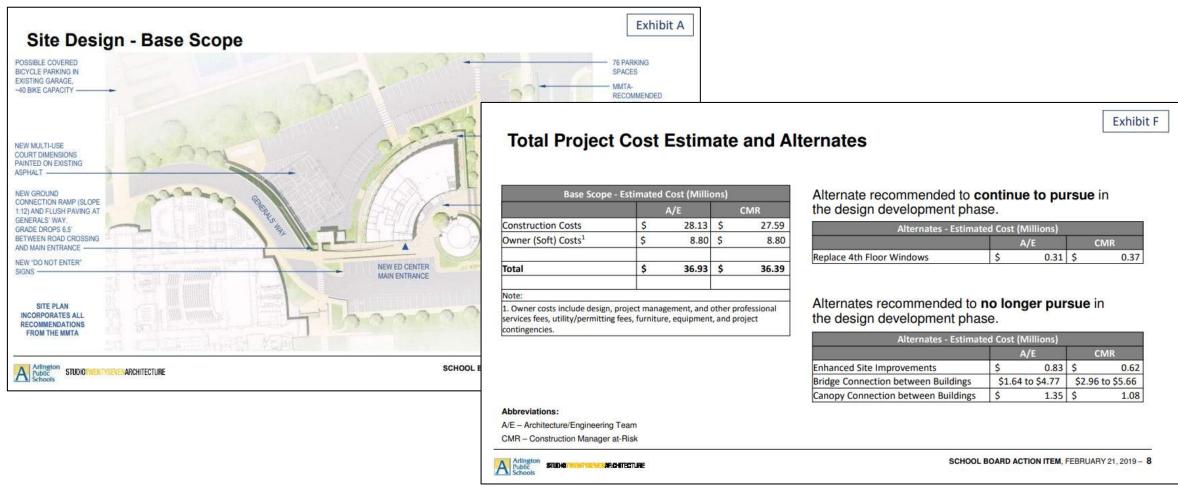
# **Schedule and Interior Demolition Phase**



# Major Activities Since Last BLPC/PFRC Meeting

- January 23, 2019 BLPC/PFRC meeting to review proposed Schematic Design
- January 30, 2019 APS received County comments noting concerns with using Quincy St for pick-up and drop-off
- February 7, 2019 School Board Schematic Design information item
- February 8, 2019 APS submitted draft Use Permit materials for County review
- February 13, 2019 APS/County meeting to discuss County concerns with Quincy St pick-up and drop-off resulting in APS exploring alternative locations
- February 21, 2019 School Board approved Schematic Design
- February 26, 2019 APS received County comments of draft Use Permit
- March 3, 2019 APS submitted Use Permit Application
- March 14, 2019 School Board approved interior demolition contract
- March 27, 2019 APS received County comments on Use Permit application
- March 29, 2019 APS/County meeting to review Use Permit comments and site plan design resulting in further revisions to the site design

# School Board Schematic Design Approval and Motion



Board Presentation: https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/190221-SB-Motion-to-approve-Ed-Center-SD.pdf

Board Motion: https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/190221-F-1-Ed-Center-Reuse-SD-Presentation-wo-motion.pdf



UPDATES

# **Use Permit Process**

- APS submits application and accompanying drawings to County
- Multiple revisions typically occur responding to County staff/commission review
- APS will present the project to County commissions each of which has an opportunity for public comment
  - April 22, 2019 E2C2 meeting
  - May 2, 2019 Transportation Commission meeting
  - May 6 or 8, 2019 Planning Commission meeting
- May 18, 2019 County Board hearing which has an opportunity for public comment



# **Arlington County Principles of Civic Design**

- Intended to inform the design of civic facilities
- Ensure facilities meet community goals and are attractive, durable, & functional
- Supplement existing County planning documents & policies
- Each project reviewed individually- certain principles may be stressed over others

### Civic Values

- Context
- **Bold Architecture**
- Sustainable Design
- Universal Design
- Adaptive Reuse
- Open Space
- Mixed Use

# Siting & Orientation

- **Building Entrances**
- Emphasize Pedestrians. Bicycles, Mass Transit
- Circulation
- **Outdoor Spaces**

# **Building Form**

- Massing
- Scale
- Hierarchy

# **Building Details** & Materials

- Pedestrian Scale
- Public art & Architecture
- **Durable Materials**
- Consistency
- Sense of Place





# **APS Strategic Plan - Design Principles**



#### **APS STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2024 GOALS**

Student Success: Multiple Pathways To Student Success

Student Well-Being: Healthy, Safe, And Supported Students

**Engaged Workforce** 

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Operational Excellence

Partnerships: Strong And Mutually Supportive Partnerships

#### **DESIGN PRINCIPLES**

#### Safety + Security

Maintain safe, secure spaces while creating environments which enrich learning and emphasize transparency and community

#### Short-Term Agility + Long-Term Adaptability

Create spaces which are agile in their day to day use, while being adaptable to future changes in program and learning

#### **High-Performance Learning Environments**

Spaces are to perform at the highest levels for the following:

- Thermal comfort
- Indoor air quality
- Acoustics
- Daylight + views
- Transparency
- Technology
- Community use
- Active schools

#### Universal Design

Spaces should be designed and composed so they are accessible, understood and useful for all

#### Adherence To Budget

Building elements should be assessed for meeting the required design function through economical means

#### Sustainability

To the greatest extent possible the final design should minimize the impact on the environment through thoughtful site design, carefully managed water use, innovative energy and exterior envelope solutions, selective material use and a holistic approach to the interior design.





# Summary of Design Changes Since Schematic Design

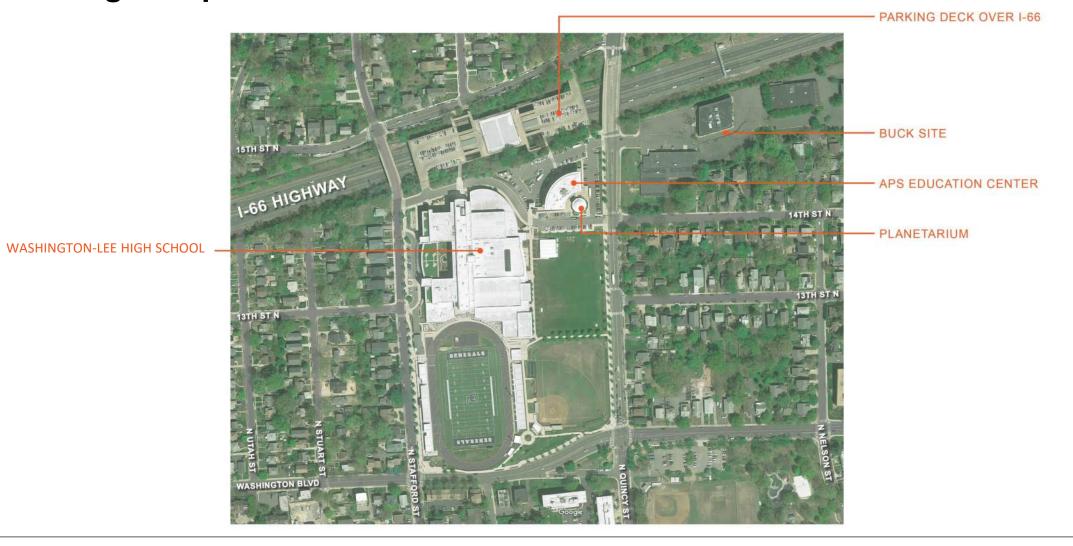
- Site/ Transportation Changes
  - New bicycle parking split to two locations, covered and uncovered.
  - Parking lot striping revisions
  - Added dispersed pickup/dropoff locations
- Building design changes
  - No major changes to locations of main entry and publicly accessible program spaces like the Main Office and the Commons spaces.
  - Floor plan refinements including stair and restroom locations to improve long-term adaptability.





# Site Design

# **Existing Campus**

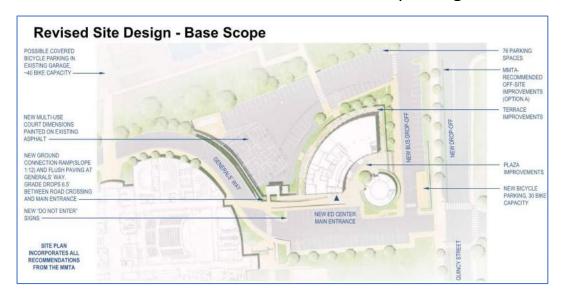


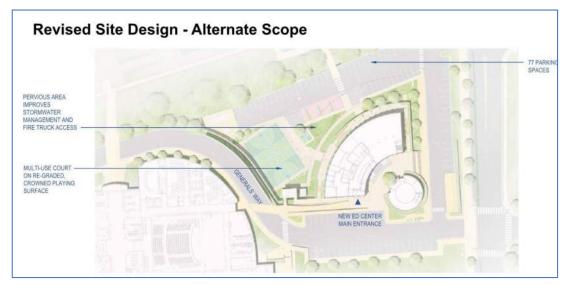




# Site design – base and alternate we showed last meeting

- Both provide the same pedestrian improvements, including the ramp and stair between W-L and Ed Center
- Both provide the same bicycle improvements, including the new bicycle parking at North Quincy
- Both provide the same motor vehicle parking improvements, including providing 70 parking spaces in the Ed Center lot.
- The difference was in whether the parking lot is redeveloped as a multiuse court









# Site Design – base scope we showed last meeting







# What we heard about site design last meeting and subsequently

- BLPC and PFRC Schematic Design recommendation letters
  - Highlighted the bike lane/ pickup-dropoff lane for further consideration
  - Highlighted the general desirability of a multiuse court
- School Board Schematic Design Approval
  - Approved base scope, not the alternate, for the site design
- County Staff comments on draft Use Permit submission
  - Do not assume the use of N Quincy St for any accommodation of school transportation needs.
  - The multiuse court is desirable as a unplanned new asset in the community
  - Incorporate canopy trees wherever possible (which is already part of the design)
  - Provide Historic American Building Survey (HABS) —level photography of the existing building.
  - Other standard school use permit conditions, e.g. minimize energy use intensity.
- School Staff comments on Use Permit submission
  - The multi-use court is not desirable nor an APS instructional requirement for the project





# School Staff comments on multi-use court

- Outdoor space was not part of the Educational Specifications that were developed by APS Department of Teaching and Learning, W-L, and Design and Construction staff
- It is not required or desired by physical education staff
- School staff find its particular location challenging to supervise

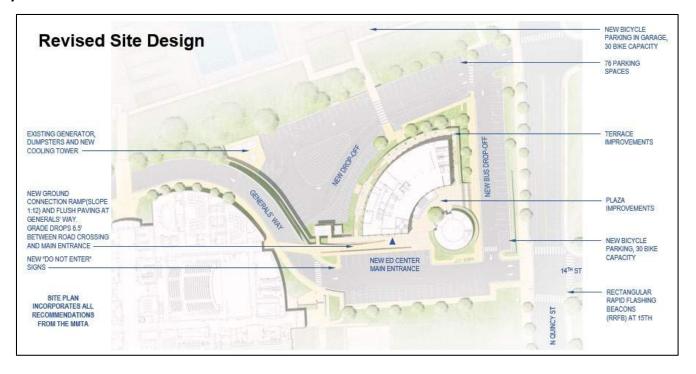






# **County Staff Comments on Use Permit Documents**

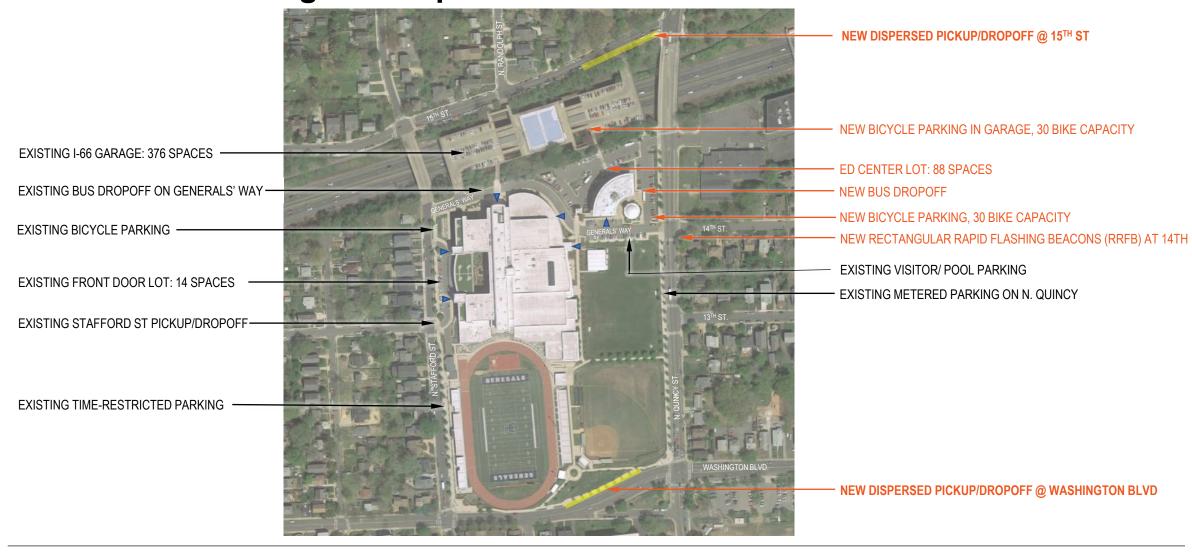
- County comments on Draft Use Permit submission prompted a revised site plan for the formal Use Permit application which included pickup/dropoff on-site, as shown below.
- Further discussions with County staff resulted in another site plan revision to move pickup/dropoff to dispersed locations addressing County concerns related to impact on all traffic modes on Quincy St.





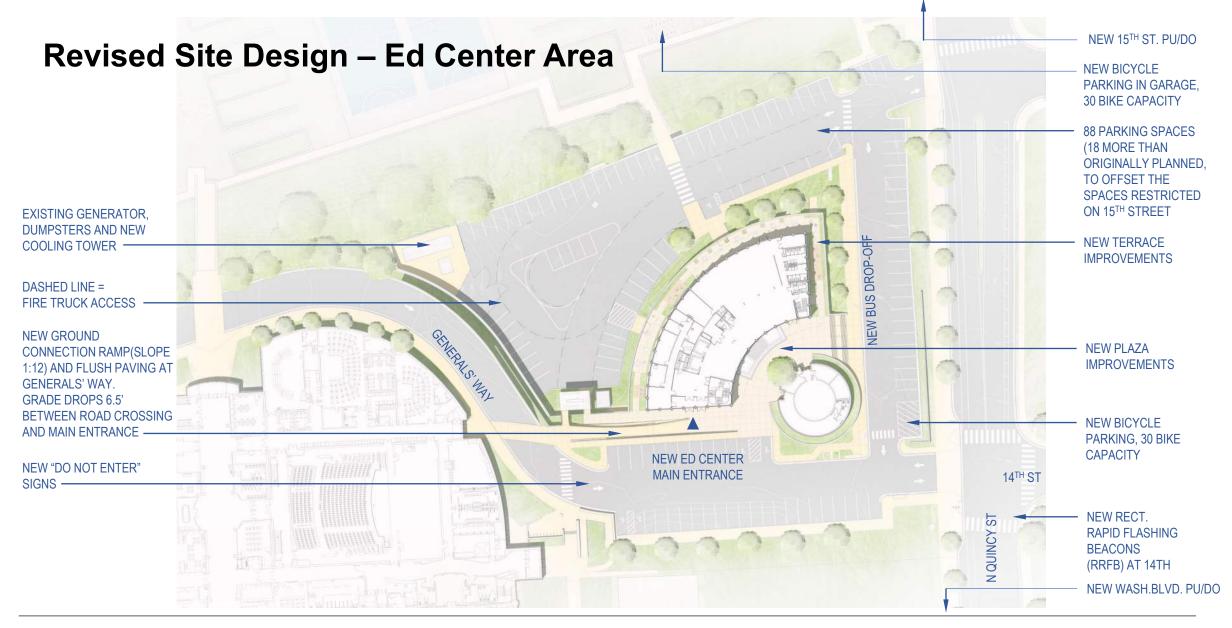


# **Revised Site Design - Campus**





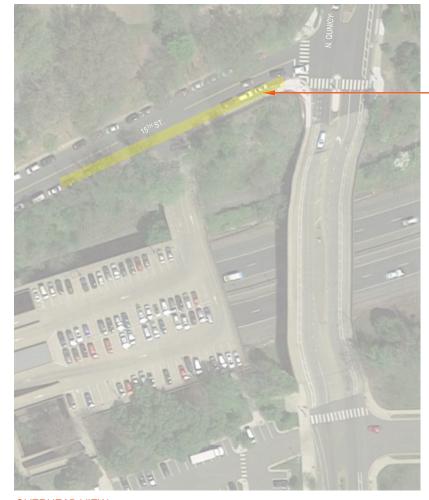








# **Dispersed Pickup/Dropoff – 15<sup>th</sup> Street**



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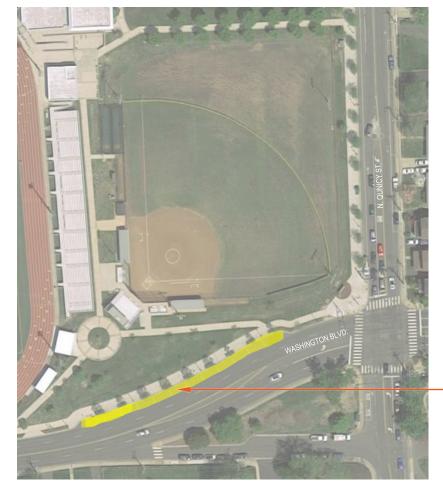
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**OVERHEAD VIEW** 





# **Dispersed Pickup/Dropoff – Washington Boulevard**





STREET VIEW LOOKING TOWARD QUINCY

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**OVERHEAD VIEW** 

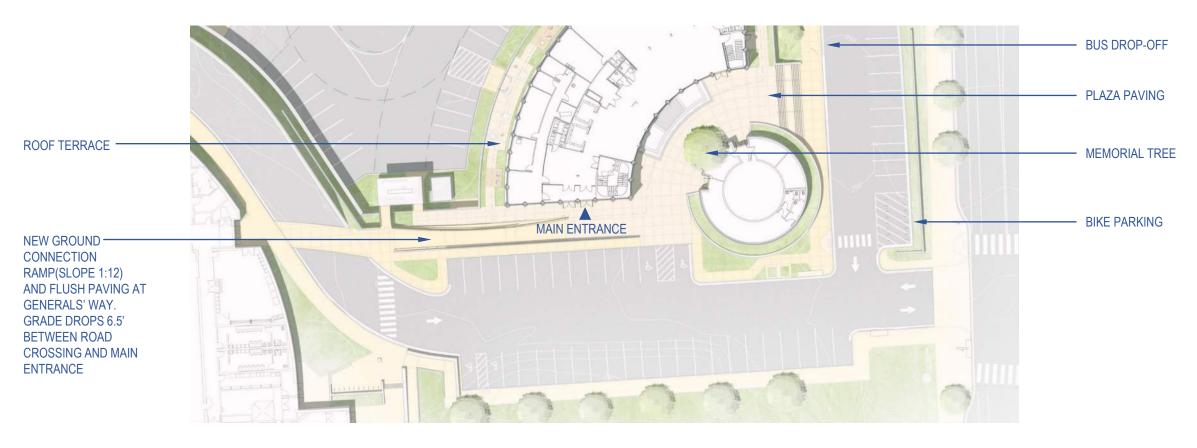




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# **Minor revisions to Main Entry Area**

• The base of the ramp moved about 9' to accommodate the entry doors.



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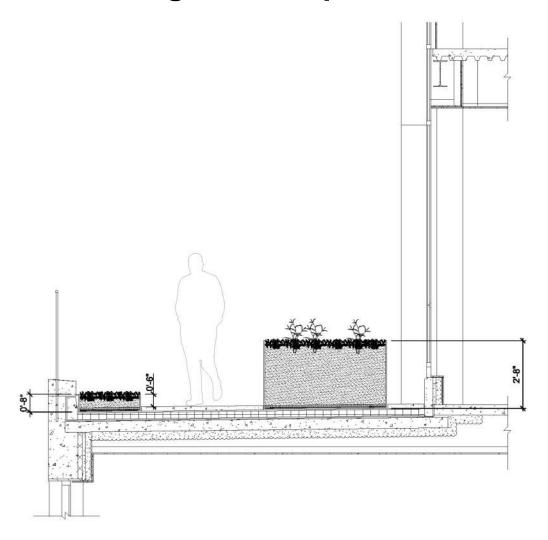




**REVISED** 



# No changes to Proposed Roof Terrace





# **Building Design**

# Summary of Building Design Changes Since Schematic Design

- No major changes to the exterior from Schematic Design Option A, which is the design approved by the School Board.
- Floor plan refinements including stair and restroom locations to improve long-term adaptability, which is one of the APS project design principles.
- No major changes to locations of main entry and publicly accessible program spaces like the Main Office and the Commons spaces.



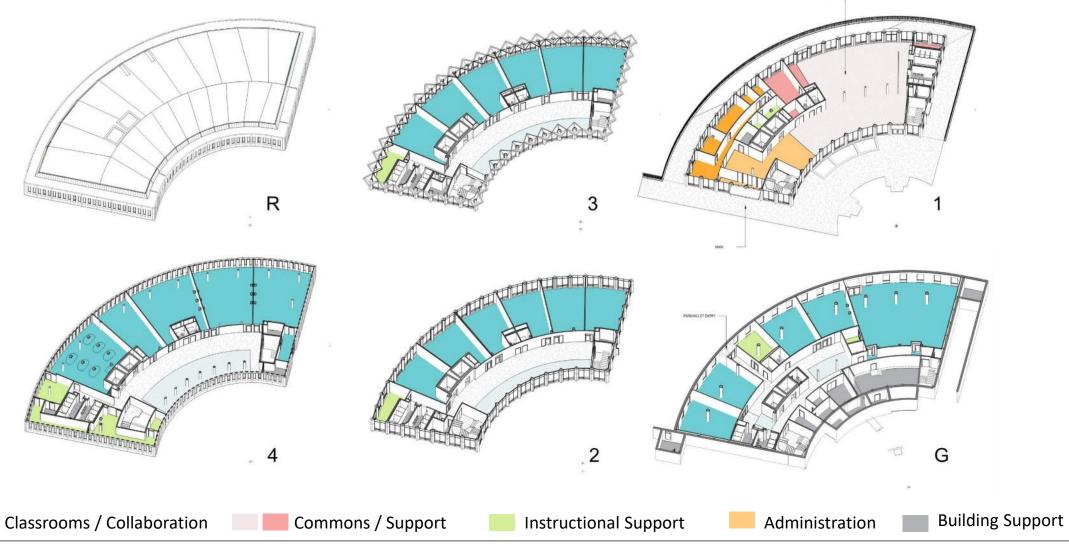




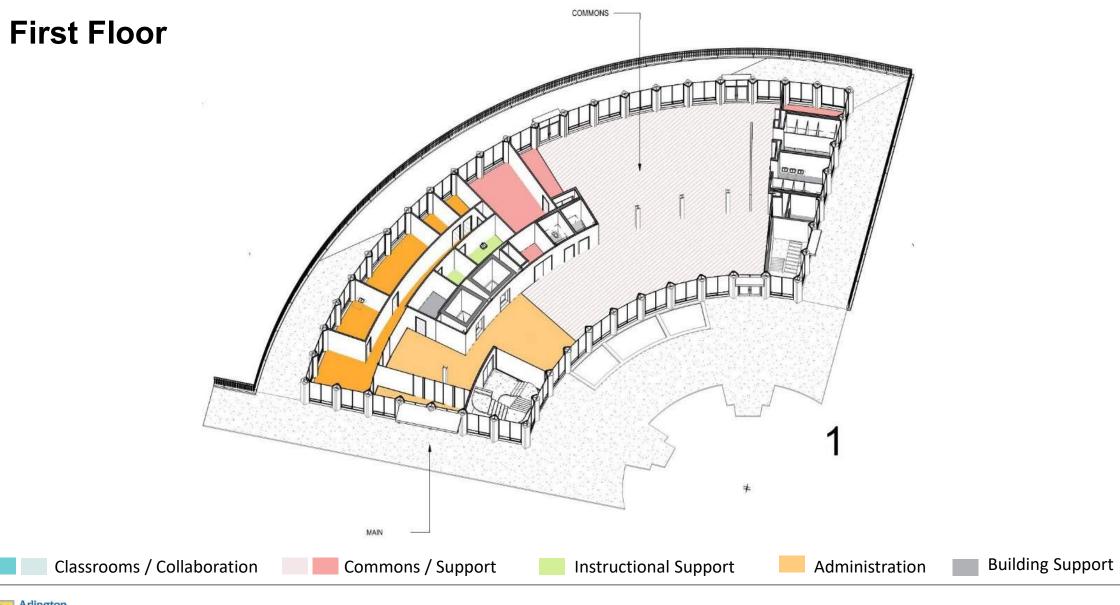




# **Floor Plans**

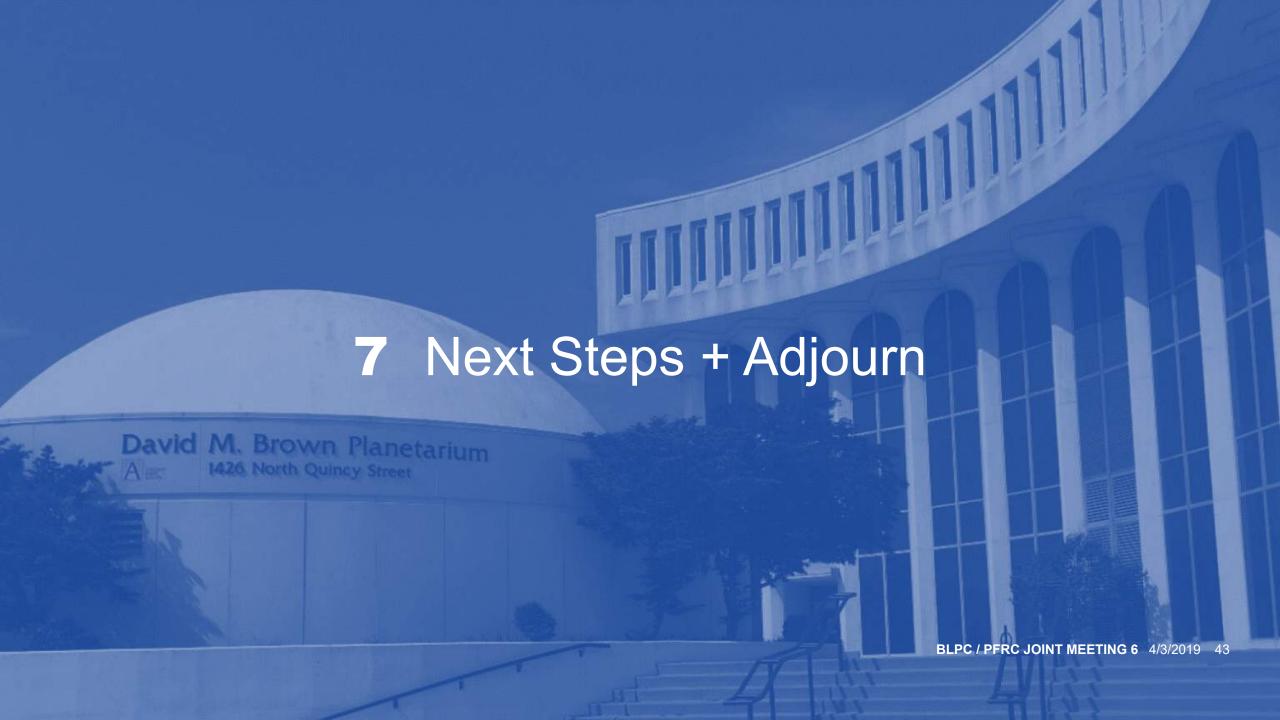












# **Next Steps**

- April 22, 2019 E2C2 meeting
- May 2, 2019 Transportation Commission meeting
- May 6 or 8, 2019 Planning Commission meeting
- May 18, 2019 County Board hearing





# **Adjourn**

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- Public meeting dates and past presentations are posted on the APS project website: https://www.apsva.us/education-center-reuse/
- To provide feedback and/or comments to APS use: <a href="mailto:engage@apsva.us">engage@apsva.us</a>

