



Arlington Heights Civic Association  
PO Box 40311  
Arlington, VA 22204

Re: Fleet/Henry elementary school boundaries

Dear Superintendent Murphy, Chair Goldstein, and School Board members:

I write on behalf of the Arlington Heights Civic Association (“Association”). Arlington Heights is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Arlington and includes over 1000 households. Arlington Heights is also the home of multiple APS schools: Patrick Henry Elementary School, Alice West Fleet Elementary School, Thomas Jefferson Middle School, the Career Center, Arlington Tech, and Arlington Community High School.

The Association held its annual, year-end meeting on November 13, 2018. During that meeting, the Association voted unanimously to oppose the Superintendent’s proposed map 6. Our residents expressed dismay that the map needlessly zones away approximately 30% of Henry’s school population, including our most economically disadvantaged and diverse neighbors south of Columbia Pike. Our residents wish to keep the current Henry school population together at Fleet, and support the creation of a new planning unit for Gilliam Place to be zoned to Fleet.

Henry is the heart of our neighborhood. During the meeting, many residents spoke about how their children attended Henry 15 to 20 years ago. Many of those kids are now in college and beyond. But their parents still care and worry about the future of Henry, and spoke about how they viewed the proposed map as not “moving” Henry, but in truth, closing it down.

I believe that you have now heard from all current Henry neighborhoods (Arlington Heights, Penrose, Columbia Heights, and Douglas Park) expressing concern over proposed map 6. I respectfully request that APS delays the vote on December 6, 2018, and reengages Columbia Pike-corridor residents before committing to this proposal or an essentially identical proposal.

Please contact me at 202-352-8090 with any questions.

Thank you,

*/s/ Kristi Rupert Sawert*

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