

Gross, Penny

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Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2013 1:06 PM
To: Frank, Aaron M.
Cc: Hagg, Elizabeth A.
Subject: Re: Bailey's ES overcrowding

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Aaron/Liz:

Well I was told that about 100 people will show up. But we have a set time for public comments after which we will have the Office/retail discussion. Now isn't everyone glad that we established ground rules for the public comment periods of 3 and 5 minutes for individual and community representative comments--and for only the first hour of the meeting. I'm going to ask that those speaking to the Willston School site try to keep it to the first 1/2 hour because there will be another meeting devoted to having the school staff present to us, and to keep the repetitive comments to a minimum as it won't be productive to hear the same thing over and over and over.

JT

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From: Frank, Aaron M. <Aaron.Frank@fairfaxcounty.gov>
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John,
Fyi.
Aaron

On Thu, Jan 31, 2013 at 5:54 AM, Eric Welch
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wrote:
Lolita,

Hello! I hope your conference call last night for COTS and the Hispanic community went well. I would have liked to have participated but I had a prior engagement. I know one of the issues you intended to discuss was the overcrowding at Bailey's Elementary School. In the work I have been doing on the proposed charter school, Fairfax Leadership Academy, as well as with my teaching at JEB Stuart High School, I have worked a lot with parents at Bailey's ES on this issue. One of the problems is there is very little land to build new school facilities in the Bailey's/Seven Corners area. You may be aware, we are urging Fairfax County Government to transfer back to FCPS the Willston Multicultural Center property so FCPS can build a new school for the community. Suzie Phipps, a parent from Bailey's, and I created the following petition and website with information on this:

Petition Site: <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/rebuildwillston/> [1]

Information: <http://www.rebuildwillston.com/> [2]

Could you please forward this information to others to support this effort. We need to show Supervisor Penny Gross that the community feels strongly on this issue. The issue here is not the School Board or staff. It is the county and the Board of Supervisors. The school district needs the land and would use the Willston property, but the county has to transfer that land to FCPS.

We also need people to attend the following meeting on February 12:

Seven Corners Development Task Force Meeting
7 pm, Tuesday, February 12
Mason District Government Center
6507 Columbia Pike
Annandale, VA 22003

This Task Force has been given the responsibility to recommend to the Board of Supervisors how land in the Seven Corners community is redeveloped, including the Willston property. At 7 pm on February 12 is time for "public comments" and parents and community members from Bailey's Elementary school and other neighboring schools will speak urging the Task Force to support transferring the Willston property to FCPS to be used for a new school. We need lots of people to attend this meeting to demonstrate the broad range of community support we have on this issue. Again, please share with your network of people from COTS so we can get people out.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments. Thank you for all the work you are doing to advocate for our children, parents and teachers! All the best!

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