MOTION: ENCOURAGE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY SCHOOLS TO PROCEED WITH PLANS TO INCREASE THE PLANNED CAPACITY OF THE THIRTEENTH AND FOURTEENTH HIGH SCHOOLS AND ADD THE FIFTEENTH HIGH SCHOOL TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND FUND TWO MILLION IN SITE ACQUISITION FOR THE PROPOSED EASTERN END ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the September 30, 2016 actual enrollment for Prince William County Schools exceeded projected enrollment by 704 students, with the high school enrollment 777 students higher than anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the approved design for the 13th high school (West) has a planned capacity of 2,053 students; and

WHEREAS, an alternative design (PRICE design) would yield a planned capacity of 2,557 students with an additional cost of $10.5 million; and

WHEREAS, the Schools’ Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process has begun and includes the possibility of increasing the size of the planned 13th and 14th high schools by approximately 500 students each, and potentially adding the 15th high school to address the continued growth in high school student population; and

WHEREAS, increasing the high school capacity by approximately 500 students is $1 million per year in debt services, and such an increase was not anticipated in the approved CIP or the County’s Five-Year Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Supervisors is cognizant of the community’s concerns regarding the overcrowding of our schools and the need for additional funding to increase capacity; and

WHEREAS, elementary schools in eastern Prince William County are experiencing persistent problems as a result of overcapacity; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Supervisors is also cognizant of the School Board’s desire for some indication that funding may be available, should they ultimately decide to add an additional elementary school and increase the capacity of future schools; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors does hereby encourage the Prince William County Schools to proceed with plans to increase the planned capacity of the thirteenth and fourteenth high schools already in the approved Capital Improvement Plan and add the fifteenth high school to the upcoming Capital Improvement Plan subject to appropriation, the Board of County Supervisors will consider future funding for the additional debt associated with these projects for the thirteen, fourteenth and fifteenth high schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors does hereby commit to funding two million dollars in-site acquisition for the proposed eastern end elementary school.

Votes:
Ayes:
Nays:
Absent from Vote:
Absent from Meeting:

ATTEST: ___________________________ Clerk to the Board