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Important Dates Regarding East Area High School And HCPS Capital Improvement Program

Dear Eastern Henrico Neighbors:

During the work session on Thursday, July 15, your School Board will receive an informational briefing from Dr. Russo and the HCPS staff regarding the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for next fiscal year (which begins July 1, 2011). This is the first step in the annual consideration and update of the major construction and renovation plans for the school system. Please note that this is an informational meeting. Although there will be Board discussion, there will be no Board action taken on July 15th. The Board is not scheduled to vote on the CIP until October 28, 2010. Also, there will be no public comment time during the work session. As always, any citizen can speak during the public comment session at the regular monthly Board meeting or you can provide your comments via email to: jwmontgomery@henrico.k12.va.us

The timeline for the consideration of the CIP, the currently approved CIP, and PowerPoint presentation that the HCPS staff will make to the School Board can found at <http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/henrico/Board.nsf/Public> which is the BoardDocs link. Once there, click on the agenda for the 2:00 pm work session. On the agenda, you will find the CIP presentation under Operations. (I have also inserted the timeline below.)

Please note a couple of important points. The renovation of Varina High School and Brookland Middle School are scheduled to begin this fall. (VHS is the first of the "campus-style" high schools to be renovated, and BMS is the second "campus-style" middle school to be renovated. Fairfield MS was the first MS to be renovated.)

NEW EAST AREA HS: The money to produce the plans for the new East Area HS has already been allocated and is being spent. There is a need for almost 40 additional acres to build the new school, and that land is being pursued by condemnation proceedings and negotiations. The school cannot be constructed, however, until the County moves forward with a general obligation bond referendum or other funding is made available. At this point, the earliest that the County is considering a bond referendum is 2012, which means that a new school could not be opened until the fall of 2015. To be clear, the County has not proposed a 2012 referendum, but this is the earliest that one is being considered.

FY 2011-12 through FY 2015-16

July 15, 2010 Monthly School Board Meeting

-Division of Operations reviews CIP timeline and CIP Draft

August 26, 2010 Monthly School Board Meeting

-Superintendent issues CIP Draft

-Superintendent receives feedback/recommendations from School Board

September 9, 2010 School Board Work Session

-Division of Operations reviews updated CIP Draft

-Superintendent receives feedback/recommendations from School Board

September 23, 2010 Monthly School Board Meeting

-Division of Operations reviews updated CIP Draft (if necessary)

-Superintendent receives feedback/recommendations from School Board

October 14, 2010 School Board Work Session

-Division of Operations presents final CIP Draft for review

-Provide update on discussions with County Budget and Finance staff

October 28, 2010 Monthly School Board Meeting

-Superintendent submits recommended CIP to School Board for approval

November 1, 2010

-Submit CIP to County Budget Office

December 9, 2010

-HCPS presents CIP to County Manager and staff

January 11, 2011

-The County Manager submits recommended CIP to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission

June 21, 2011

-Board of Supervisors approves appropriations for the FY2011-12 Capital Projects

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