

## **Resolution on Infrastructure Joint BOS/FCPS Committee**

**Whereas**, the ad-hoc BOS/FCPS Infrastructure Committee has made recommendations to provide some additional funding for construction and renovation of school facilities, and

**Whereas**, the County's and FCPS's facilities staff have standardized maintenance, including major maintenance, and renovation/construction categories, and

**Whereas**, this BOS/FCPS ad-hoc committee has recognized the need to improve the design and construction practices in their recommendations that (1) County and School staff should continue to employ Value Engineering, and (2) the staffs should highlight significant project savings and reallocation to their Boards, and

**Whereas**, the County's cost for new construction has been \$264 per square foot, and FCPS's cost for new construction has been \$160 per square foot, and

**Whereas**, the County and FCPS may be leasing overly expensive and unneeded storage and other space, and

**Whereas**, both the County and FCPS may realize significant savings through a review the potential for telecommuting and reassessment of space needs resulting from significant reductions in administrative and maintenance positions and warehouse space, and

**Whereas**, the County is budgeting for a review of the status of County facilities in the FY15 budget, and

**Whereas**, the BOS have proposed a joint FCPS/BOS working group to review the condition of School and County facilities, and

**Whereas**, the County and FCPS use different criteria and rating systems for determining the conditions of facilities and the priority for renovation, and

**Whereas**, the County and FCPS may not be using similar methods when determining the number of square feet, e.g., perhaps non-building space is being factored into the comparative calculations.

**Therefore**, the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (Federation) (1) commends the members of the BOS/FCPS Infrastructure Committee for the cooperation shown in their work to address facility needs by both the County and FCPS, and (2) commends both boards for taking steps to implement the recommendations contained in the Committee's report.

**Furthermore**, the Federation recommends the County and FCPS facilities staff, under the auspices of the BOS/FCPS Infrastructure Committee (1) develop common criteria for assessing facility condition and the urgency of renovations, and (2) jointly carry out inspections of both County and FCPS facilities, and (3) ensure that square footage comparisons are of comparable entities, and

**Furthermore**, the Federation recommends that the County hire a qualified, independent, contractor to evaluate the County's design and construction process, and FCPS and the County's utilization of space.