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Daniel Storck, Supervisor, Mount Vernon District
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Dr. Michelle Reid, Superintendent, Fairfax County Public Schools
Fairfax County School Board
Mateo Dunne, Mount Vernon District School Board member
Fairfax County Park Authority

Re: Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations Resolution on Mount Vernon Government Center Revisioning, Whitman Middle School Boundary issues and related matters

To All:

Enclosed please find MVCCA's Resolution, named above, and adopted by the Council on November 19, 2025.

This Resolution describes a concept for a proposal revisioning the Mount Vernon government center by relocating Whitman Middle School to an "education hub" within its attendance area and relocating the Supervisor's Office to the Whitman building and grounds as is more particularly set forth in the attached document.

We recognize this is complicated multiyear proposal but we urge you to "think outside the box" and proactively and seriously consider implementation of this long-term vision for the future of the Mount Vernon District.

Thank you for your service to our community.

Very truly yours,

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations

By /s/ *Judith F. Harbeck*

Judith F. Harbeck, Co-Chair

MVCCA Educ 2025-2 Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association’s Resolution on Mount Vernon Government Center Revisioning, Whitman Middle School boundary issues and related matters

WHEREAS a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make real change to Mount Vernon District is created by the intersection of (1) plans to revision the Mount Vernon Government Center area (Supervisor’s Offices, police and fire stations, Sherwood Library and Whitman Middle School (WWMS)), (2) extensive school boundary studies also underway, (3) continuing development of The Commons (former ISA) and (4) plans to move and expand the George Washington Recreation Center (GWRC) ; and

WHEREAS some community members have suggested an ambitious plan (referred to herein as MV2.0) to redo the Mount Vernon Government Center and create a 21st century learning hub around Mount Vernon High School (MVHS), The Commons, and the GWRC by finally returning WWMS to a location within its attendance area; and

WHEREAS the MV2.0 plan has many moving parts involving the Board of Supervisors (BOS), Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), the School Board and the Fairfax County Park Authority as follows:

- (1) The Supervisor’s Office would take over the current WWMS building, which has ample meeting and office space for the Supervisor and staff as well as for other public/community uses as may be suggested in the revisioning survey. Costs for any needed alterations would likely be less than building a new Center; sports facilities usage would continue under the Park Authority and perhaps be expanded to utilize the grounds of current WWMS.
- (2) The current Supervisor’s offices would be given over to the Police and Fire Departments (FCPD, FCFD) and would likely also require minimal alteration to meet their needs (and perhaps a magistrate/traffic court could eventually be included to reduce travel time loss for officers and citizens as the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) has often advocated).
- (3) Riverside ES, which is contiguous with the GWRC and The Commons and across the street from MVHS, would become the new WWMS enabling middle school students to take better advantage of after school activities, and potentially of MVHS facilities and courses, The Commons and the GWRC while avoiding long bus rides. Parent, student and community involvement and ease of access would be strengthened at both the new WWMS and MVHS while greatly reducing bus expenses and traffic on Richmond Hwy and the Government Center area.
- (4) MVCCA has long advocated for neighborhood schools to improve young students’ (and their parents’) relationships with schools and educators; under the MV2.0 plan:

(a) Current Riverside ES students who reside west of Richmond Highway would be relocated to west side Mount Vernon Woods ES and Woodlawn ES, closer to home and without busing across Richmond Highway.

(b) Riverside students living east of the highway would be moved to east side Woodley Hills ES and Washington Mill ES.

(c) West side students currently assigned to Woodley Hills and Washington Mill would also move to the west side schools to rejoin their communities as in (a) above.

(d) The Advanced Academic Program (AAP) Center and other special programs currently at Riverside could be moved to another feeder school, likely Woodley Hills or Washington Mill based on probable capacity.

WHEREAS the proposed MV2.0 plan will require cooperation among many entities, take years and significant funds to complete, but the result could be game-changing for the Mount Vernon community, improve the imbalance of County amenities in the District, correct the decades-long injustice of the location of WWMS, and reduce busing of students across and along Richmond Highway especially as traffic and roads will soon be affected by widening of the highway and addition of BRT lanes; and

WHEREAS as taxpayers we understand funding issues, but we also understand the ramifications of missed opportunities and failure of long term vision; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) urges Supervisor Daniel Storck and the entire BOS, the FCPS Superintendent, the School Board, Police and Fire Departments and the Fairfax County Park Authority to work together to proactively and seriously consider implementation of the proposed MV2.0 plan elements, in whole or in part, as set forth above;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MVCCA urges all parties, in evaluating the MV2.0 plan from a funding standpoint, to consider possible savings from reuse of the current Whitman building and the Supervisor's Office, bus expenses, and possible "savings" from the recent purchase by FCPS of King Abdullah Academy to become the new high school in western Fairfax; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that MVCCA in urging consideration of the above does not at this time adopt the MV 2.0 plan, or any particular part thereof, and reserves the right to comment on future developments.

Adopted by the MVCCA General Council on November 19, 2025