



Thomas Jefferson Working Group October 1, 2014 Meeting

MORE Seats for Students



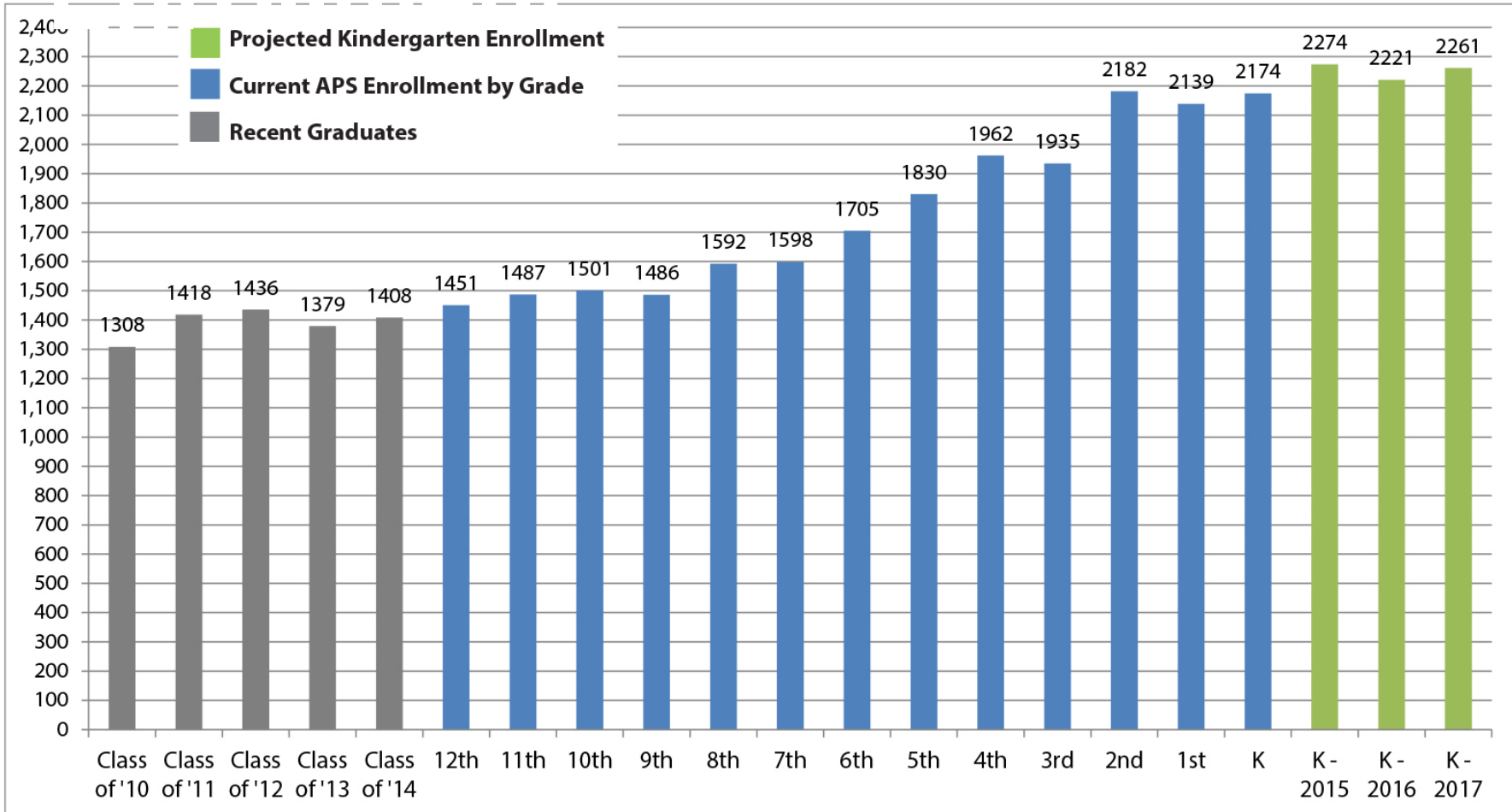
Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Traffic**
- **Design**
- **Next Steps**



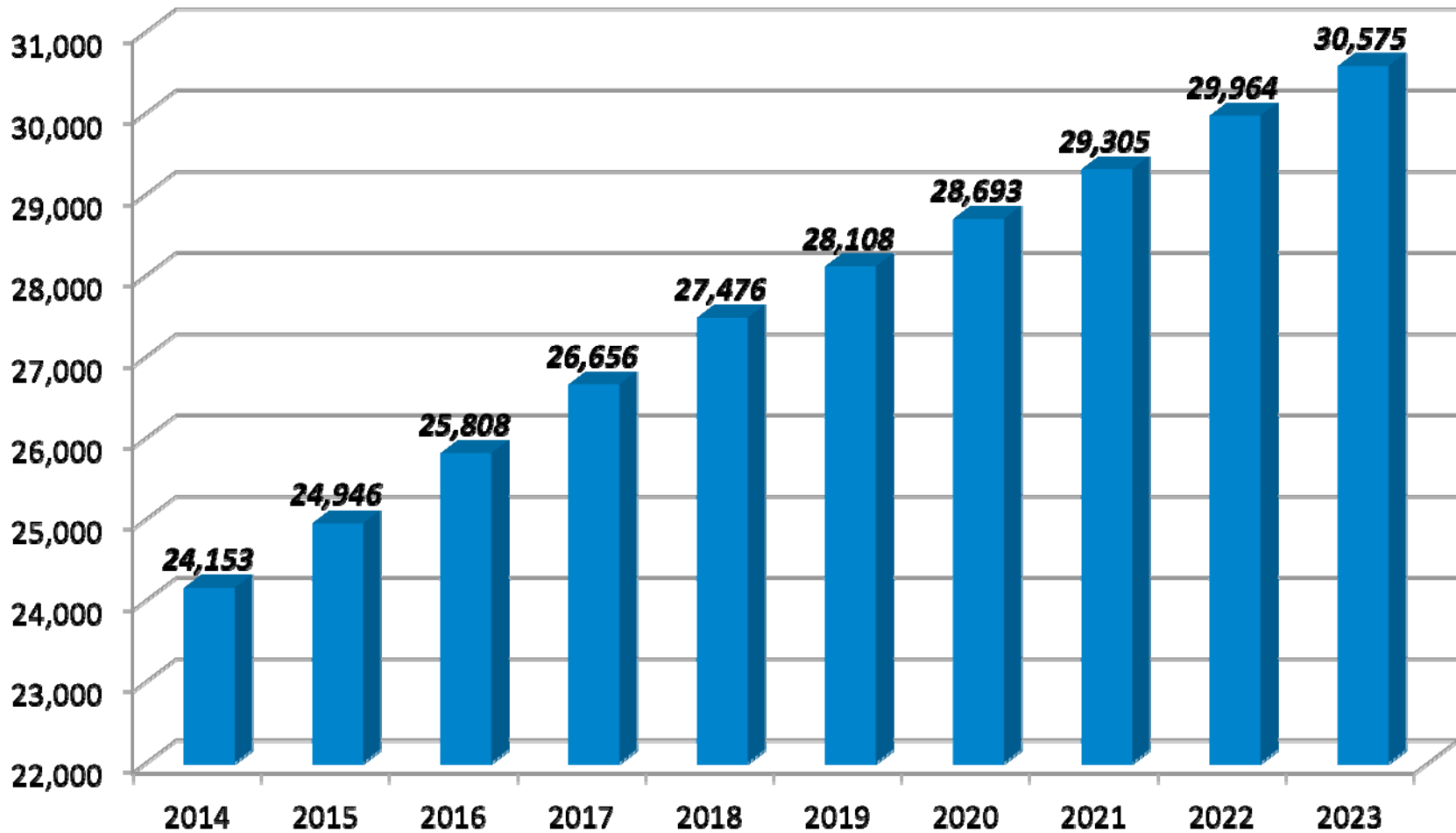
Current and Projected

Numbers based on Spring 2014 Enrollment and Projections



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Ten-Year Enrollment



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Why Now?

- APS is experiencing an unprecedented rate of enrollment growth.
 - APS welcomed 1,200 new students just in the past year. That's equivalent to almost **2 elementary schools**.
 - Between FY 2009 and FY 2014, total enrollment has increased by nearly 3,800 students — a 19% increase.
 - Enrollment is projected to reach 30,000 students by the fall of 2023.

Why Now?

- The School Board approved construction of a significant number of new seats over next ten years in the CIP adopted in June.
- Determining the locations for these seats is challenging, but we must make decisions now if we are to continue to deliver optimal learning environments for all Arlington students.
- If enrollment growth continues additional sites throughout the County will need to be continually evaluated.

Why Jefferson?

- A significant number of elementary seats is required in South Arlington to address increasing enrollment.
- A memo between the County Manager and the APS Superintendent recommended two County-owned South Arlington sites that APS may consider: Jefferson and Gunston.
- Jefferson was selected because an existing elementary school (Oakridge) is already located on property adjacent to Gunston.

Why Jefferson?

- Because substantial new residential development is proposed along Columbia Pike in the years to come, building at the Jefferson site will help address APS needs now, and in the future.
- Co-locating ES and MS programs creates synergies and efficiencies by using existing physical resources more effectively, especially recreational infrastructure, parking and paving.

Why Jefferson?

- The Jefferson location is particularly well-served by public transportation.
- Building a new school delivers 225 more seats for less dollars than additions at existing schools, not including structured parking if required.

Next Steps

- Attend the Elementary Seats Stakeholder Leadership Meeting on **Monday, October 6** which will provide information on the process for delivering elementary seats in South Arlington.
- Spread the word about the Elementary Seats Community Meeting on **Monday, October 20**.
- Find out more about the CIP and engagement opportunities at www.apsva.us/cip.

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