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Mr. Jay Fisette, Chair and
Members of the County Board
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 300
Arlington, Virginia 22201

Re: Stratford School Certificate of Appropriateness (COA 16-24) and Use Permit

Dear Chairman Fisette and Members of the County Board:

The Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB) heard a presentation by representatives of Arlington Public Schools (APS) and their architects at our regular meeting on December 21, 2016 on the proposed Stratford School addition, landscaping, and renovations. The presentation and subsequent HALRB discussion focused on details and materials for the exterior of the proposed addition, as well as on the view sheds and proposed sidewalks and pathways. Massing and form of the addition and changes to the existing building adjacent to the addition had been discussed previously by the HALRB and indicated to be appropriate.

The HALRB supports the use of the materials proposed by the APS architects, specifically the manganese iron spot brick, wire cut brick, pre-patinated copper panels with the color of the sample shown at the December 21, 2016 meeting, and the fritted patterned glass. The proposed use of a precast concrete on the archway that matches limestone cladding on the existing north façade of the building is also supported. Extension above the roofline of the proposed new elevator shaft near the auditorium and music wings was described as likely to be minimally visible. The proposed accessible sidewalks and pathways as potential locations for interpretative elements relating to the path followed by the students who integrated Stratford and the events that occurred in connection with integration in 1959 is supported by HALRB. Concerns raised by HALRB members relating to reforestation and preserving the historic view sheds, particularly from Old Dominion Drive, are addressed in the Stratford Design Guidelines.

The HALRB appreciated the informative presentations by the APS architects and the opportunity to discuss and comment on the proposed addition, the materials, the landscaping, and other issues that arose during the presentations. The HALRB supports approval by the County Board of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed exterior changes in the Stratford School plans presented to us and the granting of a use permit for the project. Please feel free to contact me if further information or discussion would be helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joan K. Lawrence", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joan K. Lawrence
Chair, Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board

cc: County Board Members
HALRB Members
Cynthia Liccese-Torres, Preservation Program Coordinator
John Chadwick, Ben Burgin, Arlington Public Schools