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ACPS Holds Community Forum to Discuss Lambs Lane Master Plan

(ALBEMARLE COUNTY, Virginia)—On Tuesday, February 15, Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS) will hold a community forum to discuss long-term planning related to its facilities located at Lambs Lane. These include Albemarle High, Jouett Middle, Greer Elementary, and Ivy Creek schools, as well as the Transportation and Building Services departments. The area is also the site of a future Boys and Girls Club facility. The forum is an opportunity for members of the community to assist the school division and its outside planning consultant in its development of a Lambs Lane master plan. Among the plan's objectives is to imagine future uses of the Lambs Lane property.

The property is centrally located within the county, and the schools on site represent approximately a quarter of the division's student population. The forum will center on its potential to become a flagship campus, serving the county's population in practical, innovative and sustainable ways.

The forum will ask those in attendance to factor in many implications of the plan, including pedestrian safety, green space, secondary access, transit and accessibility, traffic congestion and parking, natural resources, and student safety. Additionally, the possibility of moving the Transportation and Building Services departments to a new location will be considered.

Currently, there are no sidewalks at the Lambs Lane area, which restricts access to its facilities for those who do not own cars. There also is no public transportation that goes directly to Lambs Lane, with the closest bus stop several blocks away. Bus loops are severely congested and parking is very limited. The natural resources at the site are currently underutilized by members of the community.

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On Tuesday, the forum will be from 6:30 until 8 p.m. and will be held via Zoom at this link: <u>https://k12albemarle.zoom.us/j/83607106981?pwd=OHMyQVJ3NWZCdnlXcHNlcEx3NGp0Zz</u> 09.

All members of the school community are welcome and encouraged to participate. The first 20 minutes will consist of an introduction and presentation made by the DLR Group, the division's consultant. They will then discuss the steering committee and the various community stakeholders. The forum will also allow time for questions and comments from community members through Zoom's chat feature.

For more information as this process unfolds, please consult the school division's <u>Lambs Lane</u> <u>Master Plan</u> web page.

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