

**McLean Citizens Association Resolution  
High School Start Times – Blueprint for Change  
February 5, 2014**

**Whereas**, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) awarded a contract on April 3, 2013 to Children’s National Medical Center (CNMC) to develop an Action Plan and Blueprint for Change to assist the School Board in attaining the goal of later high school start times; and

**Whereas**, CNMC is scheduled to provide the School Board with up to four detailed options, with full cost information, in April 2014; and

**Whereas**, as of January 13, 2014, no decision had been made on how many, if any, of the April 2014 options would phase in later high school start times; and

**Whereas**, during the School Board work session on January 13, 2014, there was consensus that there is potential to change some high schools’ start times in September 2014 if FCPS uses a phased-in approach; and

**Whereas**, FCPS has successfully phased in other policy changes and programs; and

**Whereas**, the combination of a phased-in approach and pupil placement options for students who live in adjoining high school pyramids could maximize choice and allow FCPS more time to study and optimize start time change details; and

**Whereas**, the FCPS FY 2015 Proposed Budget assumes that the county transfer to FCPS will increase by \$98.1 million (5.7%) over the FY 2014 transfer; and

**Whereas**, County resources are constrained due in large part to the slow economic recovery; and

**Whereas**, non-school services compete with FCPS for County taxpayer dollars;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved that** the McLean Citizens Association urges the School Board to:

- (1) encourage the CNMC to provide at least two fully-costed options that:
  - (a) phase in later high school start times; and
  - (b) are cost-neutral or identify offsetting reductions in the FCPS budget to fund implementation of later high school start times; and

(2) if later high school start times are implemented in some but not all schools, allow students to pupil place into adjoining high schools to obtain an earlier or later high school start time.

*Approved by the MCA Board of Directors  
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cc: School Board members  
Dr. Garza, FCPS Superintendent  
Board of Supervisors