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## 2020-2024 Subdivision Staging Policy (SSP): Briefing on Staff Recommendations

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## Description

This will be a briefing on the schools element of the attached Working Draft of the 2020-2024 County Growth Policy (Subdivision Staging Policy).

## Background/Overview

The County Growth Policy, or Subdivision Staging Policy (SSP), is a set of policy tools that guide the timely delivery of public facilities (schools, transportation, water, sewer, and other infrastructure) to serve existing and future development. These policy tools are the guidelines for the administration of the county's Adequate Public Facility Ordinance.

This quadrennial update to the policy reflects an effort that has been data-driven and stakeholder informed. As such, the Working Draft of the 2020-2024 County Growth Policy contains new ideas that essentially rethink how we approach school adequacy. Its recommendations reflect significant changes to ensure the county is positioned to adequately balance housing growth with school capacity.

Here are the key objectives of the schools element:

- Shifting the focus of the policy from limiting growth in areas with inadequate school infrastructure, which has had limited effectiveness in addressing school capacity issues, to ensuring the adequacy of school infrastructure to help achieve desired patterns and types of growth.
- Being adaptable to the different growth contexts and desired growth patterns within the county.
- **Supporting other county policy priorities**, such as attainable housing, economic development, and sustainable growth.

## Attachments

- 2020-2024 County Growth Policy Working Draft
- 2020-2024 County Growth Policy Working Draft Appendices