APPENDIX H – SCHOOL PARK CONCEPT PLANS
Briarcliff Elementary: The surrounding woodlands at this site are a distinct asset. New development should leave these woods intact. Accordingly, proposed field improvements are limited to the existing field area. Better definition of field areas and lighting and irrigation will enable the most efficient use of these fields. Six additional parking spaces are proposed near the Pond Street entrance. A shelter, restroom and playground are proposed in close proximity to this parking area for ease of access and security. Pedestrian connections to the surrounding neighborhood are shown along Hastings and Wicklow Drives. A walking trail through the woodland area, connecting to the pedestrian access points, is also proposed.
Cary Elementary: The existing lower field area will potentially be reduced by construction of Kildaire Farm Road Extension. The plan shows a 250-foot softball/baseball field with soccer/football and warm-up areas overlaid across the outfield portion of the field. Lighting and irrigation will have to be reconfigured as necessary. The upper portion of the site includes a small track, a play lawn, a playground and a restroom. Pedestrian connections come in from School Street and Kildaire Farm Road.
Davis Drive Elementary and Middle: The football field and two softball/baseball fields are already lighted and irrigated. A 220-foot by 360-foot rectangular field is already irrigated, but not lighted. This field should be lighted. Three smaller fields are proposed to be developed. These three fields should be irrigated and at least one of them lighted. Access to parking is awkward relative to facility location. There are no significant opportunities to improve this situation. Along the south end of the site, adjacent to the White Oak Greenway, are proposed a playground, shelter and an amphitheatre. Pedestrian access is suggested via the White Oak Greenway and along Davis Drive. Future pedestrian connections to the west and north should be explored in conjunction with new development along those edges of the school property.
East Cary Middle: The existing football field should be lighted and irrigated. The field area along Maynard Road can be configured to include a softball/baseball field, a second softball/T-ball field, and a medium-size rectangular field and half-field size practice/warm up area. This field area should be lighted and irrigated. A playground, shelter and restroom are proposed for this end of the site. Vehicular circulation patterns to accommodate the proposed Arts Theater are also shown.

The south end of the site is proposed as a small passive-oriented park. The site incorporates a portion of the adjacent shopping center site currently used to stockpile excess soil. This passive park area includes an open play lawn, outdoor education opportunities, a playground, two shelters, a restroom and eight parking spaces. Pedestrian and vehicular access to this area is from Ryan Road. Pedestrian access to this area and to the site as a whole is possible from several points along Maynard Road.
Farmington Woods Elementary (Adjacent Homeowners' Recreation Site): This is primarily proposed as a passive park opportunity. The existing tennis courts could remain tennis, be utilized for skating or other court sports, or could be removed to accommodate a small rectangular field area. If developed as a field area, lighting and irrigation are recommended. The existing open lawn could be developed as another rectangular field area. Caution should be utilized in developing fields because of the limited availability of parking. A playground, a shelter, a restroom, open play lawns, and loop trails are also proposed. Pedestrian access can be accommodated via greenway to the west, along Hampton Valley Road, and along Cary Parkway. A proposed greenway trail passes through this site and continues through the Farmington Woods Elementary School site.
Oak Grove Elementary: The existing field/track combination can be modified to include a Little League/T-ball field and small rectangular field or one larger rectangular field. To accomplish this, the track will need to be relocated to the back of the property. The area within the track can be used as a small play/practice lawn. The lawn area on the west side of the site can be configured into a rectangular field. Both reconfigured field areas can be lighted and irrigated.

The existing playground areas behind the school building could be upgraded if desired, although these will predominantly serve school use. New parking is suggested in the northwest corner of the site, providing access to a new playground and restroom. From here, access to the field on the west side of the site is much easier.

Pedestrian access is essentially limited to along Penny Road.
Reedy Creek Elementary: The existing track is proposed to be expanded so a larger field can be accommodated. This field can then be lighted and irrigated for extended use. The existing vehicular turnaround is proposed to be modified to include up to 55 parking spaces. From this parking, access to a new playground, a shelter, a restroom and the field is easily accomplished. Pedestrian access via greenway connection to the east is desirable when future development occurs.
Weatherstone Elementary: The track within the existing field area can be reconfigured so to enable the development of a small rectangular field. Lighting and irrigation are recommended for the field. Existing playgrounds can be upgraded for expanded public use. A restroom and a trail loop for walking are shown. Pedestrian access will primarily come from Maynard Road and Olde Weatherstone Way. A pedestrian connection along the north property line is desirable if it can tie into the proposed loop trail.