Arlington School Board

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NEWSLETTER *MAY 2017*

Calendar

May 1	Open Office Hours 5-7 p.m.
May 4	School Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
May 8	Open Office Hours 5-7 p.m.
May 15	Open Office Hours 5:30-7:30 p.m. Work Session on High School Options 7:30 p.m.
May 16	APS Celebration of Excellence Washington-Lee High School 5:30 p.m. Reception 6:30 p.m. Program
May 18	School Board Meeting/Public Hearing on Revision of School Board Policy 25-2.2 Enrollment and Transfers for Schools and Programs 7:30 p.m.
May 22	Open Office Hours 5-7 p.m.
May 24	Celebration of Volunteers and Partners Career Center 5 p.m.
May 25	School Board Work Session on Arlington Tiered System of Support and Inclusion 7 p.m.
May 26	Committee of the Whole 8:30 p.m.
May 30	Open Office Hours 8:30-10:30 a.m.

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APS 3-5 Year Action Plan: Current Areas of Focus

Revision of School Board Policy 25-2.2 Enrollment and Transfers for Schools and Programs

In January 2017, the School Board charged APS staff to revise policy 25-2.2 to provide a blend of neighborhood and option schools, ensure equitable access, simplify the policy, standardize practices, and engage the community to help shape final revisions. The revised policy is set to be effective for the 2018-19 school year. The current draft revision of the policy and additional information can be found online at https://www.apsva.us/transfer-policy-revisions/.

Staff presented proposed revisions to the School Board at their meeting on May 4, 2017. On May 18 the Board will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed revised policy. The Board will act on the revised policy on June 1, 2017. Sign up to speak at www.apsva.us/school-board-meetings/sign-up-to-speak/ or send your feedback to engage@apsva.us.

Options for 1,300+ Seats

The 2017-26 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), adopted by the School Board on June 16, 2016, included $146.71 million for 1,300 new high school seats set to open in September 2022. Here is our current timeline and steps toward the School Board's decision on the location of the new high school:

May 15—The Board will hold a work session to discuss site options, to consider strengths, challenges and the criteria for decision-making.

May 16—Staff will provide information from the analysis of feedback received in the New High School section of the *Engage with APS* website.

Late May—Staff will hold public open houses at the proposed locations to provide an opportunity for a gallery walk and to share how each identified site compares to the selection criteria. Visit www.apsva.us/post/aps-hold-gallery-walks-options-1300-high-school-seats/ for details on times and locations.

The criteria referenced is part of the presentation from the April 18 School Board work session, slide 38, available online at

www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/April-18-ET-and-HS-04-18-17.pdf

June 1—Staff will present proposed high school options to the School Board.

June 29– The Board will act upon staff recommendations.

Additional information about the new high school can be found at www.apsva.us/instruction/new-high-school/. Community members can provide comments during the open houses in late May, at the School Board meetings or via engage@aps.us.

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APS 3-5 Year Action Plan: Current Areas of Focus (Continued)

Curriculum Resource Adoption

Arlington Public Schools is considering materials for adoption for English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. Curriculum materials that are currently under consideration are available for public review.

For detailed information about course/grade level of materials, publisher, resource title, resource type, description, and how to access the materials (either digitally or location of physical materials) is available at www.apsva.us/instruction/curriculum-resource-adoption/. Feedback regarding any of the materials may be submitted online until May 31 by visiting http://survey.k12insight.com/survey.aspx?k=RQsSRTVsXQUsPsPsP&lang=0&data=

Accepting Applications for ACI, BAC & FAC Committees

The Board is seeking individuals to serve as members of three School Board advisory councils, the Advisory Council on Instruction, the Budget Advisory Council and the Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs. Information about advisory committees and the application process can be found at www.apsva.us/school-board-advisory-councils-and-committees/.

Open Office Hours

Through the end of the school year, the community is welcome to meet with a School Board member on a walk-in basis during Open Office Hours. A complete schedule for the 2016-17 school year is available at www.apsva.us/contact-the-school-board/open-office-hours/.

FY 2018 Budget

At the May 4 School Board meeting, the Board approved the FY 2018 Arlington Public Schools (APS) budget of $613.6 million to fund operations for the 2017-18 school year. Visit www.apsva.us/budget-finance/ for detailed information.

APS 3-5 Year Action Plan

The APS Action Plan charts key initiatives and activities planned to meet our instruction and infrastructure needs for the next 3-5 years, and provides a clear picture of how families, staff and community can play an important role.

Visit www.apsva.us/plans/ for additional information and to stay abreast as the plan evolves.