



2018 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLANNING INITIATIVE

Spring 2018: Elementary School Location and Walk Zone Review

Fall 2018: Elementary School Boundaries

This initiative will impact students in grades K-5 as of the 2019-20 school year.

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Timeline	Activity	Community Engagement
Jan. 23	<p>School Board Work Session resulted in request for two proposals in the approach to create attendance zones for new schools through 2021 and adjust boundaries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One proposal will recommend new boundaries and sites for option and neighborhood schools based on where students live and other considerations. This may result in some option school sites becoming neighborhood school sites, and vice versa. * The second proposal will recommend new boundaries only. <p>*Due to recent School Board decisions: Fleet, Drew and Reed are to remain neighborhood schools, and after Montessori moves to Henry, it is to remain an option school.</p>	<p>View presentation: www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/E-S-Boundaries-Draft-WS-Final-1.pdf</p> <p>Watch online: www.apsva.us/school-board-meetings/school-board-work-sessions-meetings/</p>
Jan. 30	Staff reviewed this initiative at a meeting with APS Ambassadors and PTA leaders.	www.apsva.us/engage
Feb. 2-20	<p>Task groups of staff, PTAs, and civic associations will form for each school site to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather and apply community input to review walk zones and identify possible areas of expansion Conduct neighborhood walking tour within one-mile policy zone Share community input with staff at two Task Group Work Sessions 	<p>Residents can give input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To PTAs and Civic Associations To engage@apsva.us
Feb. 20-March 1	WALK ZONE: "Getting Started on Walk Zone Review" Task Group Sessions. Each school task group will review its walk zone with APS and County staff and advisors to identify possible areas of expansion. There is no public comment period, but the working sessions are open for public observation and written input.	Schedule is posted here: www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/walkzonereview/
Feb. 20-March 20	WALK ZONE COMMUNITY INPUT: Each task group has two weeks to help residents share input on potential walk zone expansion using print and online questionnaires available at www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/ .	<p>Residents can give input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To School Task Groups Via online questionnaire
Feb. 26 – March 9	SCHOOL LOCATION COMMUNITY INPUT: Residents can give input on considerations for APS to take into account in reviewing neighborhood and option school locations.	www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/
March 12-21	Post Questionnaire results on considerations for reviewing neighborhood and option school locations, and results from each School Walk Zone Questionnaire.	www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/
March 12-22	WALK ZONE: "What We Heard on Walk Zone Review" Task Group Sessions. Each school task group will share community input gathered on walk zones with APS and County staff and advisors. While there is no public comment period, community members can observe working sessions and provide written input.	Schedule to be posted: https://www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/walkzonereview/
March 26	Post draft considerations staff will use to develop school location recommendations	www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/
April 12	Post School Location Review analysis of suitability for neighborhood & option elementary school sites. School Board Work Session that will include this initiative will be live-streamed starting at 7 p.m.	www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/ www.apsva.us/school-board-meetings/school-board-work-sessions-meetings/
April 16-21	<p>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Bring questions to Staff Open Office Hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, April 16: 7-8:30 p.m. in Wakefield H.S. cafeteria Friday, April 20: 7:30-9 a.m. at the Education Center, Room 101 Saturday, April 21: 9:30-11 a.m. in Kenmore M.S. cafeteria 	Residents can also write to engage@apsva.us

April 30	Staff will publish draft recommendations on neighborhood and option school sites.	www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/
April 30 – May 10	COMMUNITY INPUT: Questionnaire on draft recommendations for school locations.	www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/
May 9 7 p.m.	COMMUNITY MEETING: Staff will present draft recommendations and answer questions at a community forum to be live-streamed and include interpretation.	Syphax Education Center 2110 Washington Blvd. School Board Room 256-258
May 15	Post results of Questionnaire on draft recommendations for school locations.	www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/
May 17 6:30 p.m.	The Superintendent to present recommendations as an information item at School Board meeting (Syphax Education Center, 2100 Washington Blvd. 22204).	www.boarddocs.com/vsba/arlington/Board.nsf/vpublic?open
June 21	The School Board will take action on proposals to designate sites as neighborhood or option schools. If any option schools are to be moved, the decision on June 21 will not specify which option schools will be located at specific sites.	www.boarddocs.com/vsba/arlington/Board.nsf/vpublic?open
Fall 2018	During Phase 2, elementary school boundaries will be developed.	www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/
Nov. 2018	School Board will take action on elementary school boundaries (Syphax Education Center, 2100 Washington Blvd. 22204).	www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/
By June 2019	If the School Board decides that any schools will move to a new location, then the Dept. of Teaching and Learning will lead a collaborative effort within APS that uses the 2018-24 Strategic Plan, national standards, and other considerations to recommend placing specific schools at identified sites.	
Sept. 2019	Fleet Elementary opens for 2019-20 school year, and Drew opens as full neighborhood elementary school. New elementary boundaries go into effect.	
Summers: 2020; 2021	If any elementary schools will move to a new location, these moves will take place during the summers of 2020 and 2021.	
Fall 2020	Staff will review enrollment projections for the following year and make any adjustments necessary to elementary boundaries for the 2021-22 school year.	www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/
Sept. 2021	New elementary school opens at Reed site.	

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MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE

- **Up-to-date information** is posted regularly at www.apsva.us/engage, including maps and questionnaires.
- **Episode 14** of the “What’s Up, APS?” podcast with APS Planning & Evaluation Executive Director Lisa Stengle and Elementary Education and Early Childhood Pre-K Programs Director Wendy Pilch. Find it at: www.apsva.us/school-community-relations/aps-podcast/.



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February: Facebook Live series with APS Integrated Project Planner Gladis Bourdouane:

- **Feb. 9:** Overview of Elementary School Location and Walk Zone Review Process
- **Feb. 12:** School Walk Zone Review with APS Multimodal Transportation Dir. Kristin Haldeman
- **Feb. 15:** Spanish Overview of Process and Walk Zone Information
- **Feb. 16:** Neighborhood and Option Schools with APS Teaching & Learning Dir. Sarah Putnam
- **Feb. 20:** Timeframe and Next Steps

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