



September 1, 2015

Dear ACI Members and Advisory Committee Members:

We on the School Board welcome the new and returning members of ACI, and look forward to working with you this year. We appreciate your service and your thoughtful perspectives as we pursue our shared goal of providing the best possible education to all Arlington students.

I am happy to serve as the Board's liaison to ACI for 2015-2016. In this role, I will communicate regularly with ACI leadership. At our September 24th meeting, the Board plans to adopt its priorities for this school year. Each year, the Board adopts priorities to keep our work focused and aligned with the School Board's Strategic Plan. In developing the priorities for this year, the Board reviewed the ACI's recommendations, and those of our other advisory councils and committees, from last year. Our Board priorities are informed by your work, and we believe that it is important for ACI and its committees to be aware of the Board's priorities, so that ACI can determine how its work might align with the School Board's work for this coming year.

We look forward to seeing you at the Board's reception for ACI on September 16 at 6:30 p.m. During the meeting immediately following the reception, we will discuss briefly with you the Board's priorities and some specific areas where ACI committees might want to provide input to the Board. During the annual ACI work session later this school year, we will engage in a public conversation about the ACI advisory committees' recommendations and APS staff's responses to those recommendations.

The Board greatly values the insight from citizen committees such as ACI. Your work ensures that the community voice informs the Board in its decision-making processes. Thank you for your willingness to share your time, expertise, and caring as we work together in the coming year for the citizens, parents, and most of all, the students of Arlington Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Emma Violand-Sánchez, Chair