



September 2010

Dear ACI Members and Advisory Committee Members:

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

Emma Violand-Sanchez will serve as the Board's liaison to ACI for 2010-2011. In this role, Dr. Violand-Sanchez will regularly communicate with ACI leadership, providing a sense of the Board's perspective on curriculum-related or other issues within the realm of ACI's work. 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.

Specific areas the Board will be looking at this year, and on which we anticipate your insight and assistance, include:

- Continuing to close the achievement gap and, at the same time, strengthening the success of all Arlington students
- Making the difficult choices necessitated by the current economic situation
- Continuing to encourage citizen participation, from all demographic groups, in the work of the ACI and its advisory committees, thereby continuing to broaden our institutional perspectives and problem-solving skills

We also look forward to seeing you at the ACI kickoff meeting on September 15, and perhaps again at the annual ACI work session in the spring. At that spring meeting, we will engage in a public conversation about the ACI advisory committees' recommendations and APS staff's responses to those recommendations.

Thank you again 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,

Libby Garvey, Chair
School Board