

November 17, 2017 – Spanish Forum at Kenmore Budget Meeting Notes

Priorities

- Continue providing valuable after school programs for students
- Maintain current class size for effective instruction
- Keep and increase social workers and psychologist in alignment with increase enrollment
- Keep and diversify summer school programs
- Revise transportation policies in regards of student' proximity to schools, particularly during winter season. Safety concern for kids walking to school
- Improve programs and activities for students in extended care
- Provide greater opportunities and lower registration costs for adult education programs
- Continue negotiations with Arlington County to get additional funding to cover projected enrollment needs and additional costs

Tradeoffs

- Enforce policy for non-resident families attending Arlington Public Schools

Communications

- Improve the ways of communicating with Spanish speaking parents. Timely communication is important
- Provide parent training on how to access online information including registration to a variety of school programs
- Incorporate “WhatsApp” as formal communicating tool with parents. Hispanic leaders communicate via text using this application as they usually have limited access to internet
- Provide budget and other important information in Spanish (Citizen's Guide) and make this information available to family resources and school liaisons
- Continue the Budget forum in Spanish and advertise it more in order to increase attendance (Most parents thought that the forum at Kenmore was exclusive for Kenmore families)