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.

Timeline	Activity	Community Engagement
Jan. 23	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. • One proposal will recommend new boundaries and sites for option and neighborhood schools based on where students live. This may result in some option school sites becoming neighborhood school sites, and vice versa. * • The second proposal will recommend new boundaries and maintain all schools at current sites. *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.	View presentation: www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/ES-Boundaries-Draft-WS-Final-1.pdf Watch online: www.apsva.us/school-board-meetings/school-board-work-sessions-meetings/
Jan. 30	Staff reviewed this initiative at meeting with APS Ambassadors and PTA leaders.	http://bit.ly/2s9b8SG
Feb. 2-20	Task groups of staff, PTAs, and civic associations will form for each school site to: • 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	Residents can give input: • To PTAs and Civic Associations • To engage@apsva.us
Feb. 20-March 1	"Getting Started on Walk Zone Review" Task Group Work Sessions: Each school task group will review its walk zone with APS and County staff and advisors. While there is no public comment period, community members can observe these work sessions and provide written input for the task group.	Schedule is posted here: www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/phase1/
Feb. 20-March 20	COMMUNITY INPUT: Each task group has two weeks to host a walking tour with residents, who can share input in person and via online questionnaires available during the two-week period at www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/.	Residents can give input: • To Task Groups • Via brief questionnaire
March 12-22	"What We Heard on Walk Zone Review" Task Group Work 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 work sessions and provide written input.	Schedule to be posted: www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/phase1/
April 10 7 p.m.	School Board Work Session (1426 N. Quincy St.): Two staff proposals will be presented. Both proposals will recommend walk zones for all schools. One proposal will also recommend sites for neighborhood schools and five option schools, based on resident students in walk zones. The second proposal will recommend walk zones only and maintain all schools at current sites.	To watch online: www.apsva.us/school-board-meetings/school-board-work-sessions-meetings/
April 11 7 p.m.	COMMUNITY MEETING: Staff will present the proposals and answer questions at a community meeting that will be live-streamed and include interpretation.	Yorktown High School (5200 Yorktown Blvd.)
April 12-30	COMMUNITY INPUT: Residents can review materials online and share input by: • Participating in an online questionnaire at APS Engage site • Attending a Staff Office Hour session (Spanish-speaking staff available): – 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	Proposals, questionnaire, and related materials: www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/ Residents can write to engage@apsva.us

May 17 7 p.m.	As an information item on the School Board meeting agenda, the Superintendent will present two proposals and recommend one of them.	www.boarddocs.com/vsba/arlington/Board.nsf/vpublic?open
June 21	The School Board will take action on the proposals presented. This decision will address walk zones and may designate sites as either neighborhood or option schools, but—if any option schools are to be moved—this decision will not specify which option schools will be located at specific sites.	www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/
Fall 2018	During the second phase of this initiative, staff will finalize recommended elementary school boundaries.	www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/
Nov. 2018	School Board will take action on elementary school boundaries.	www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/
By June 2019	If the School Board decides that any schools will move, then the Dept. of Teaching and Learning will lead a collaborative effort within APS that takes into account the 2018-24 Strategic Plan, national standards for option schools, and other factors to develop a recommendation for 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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Note: Details are subject to change and this form will be updated regularly and posted to* www.apsva.us/engage*.

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE

- **Up-to-date information** will be posted regularly at **www.apsva.us/engage**.
  - **Week of Feb. 5:** 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/**
- **Mid-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:** Elementary School Walk Zone Review with APS Multimodal Transportation Dir. Kristin Haldeman
  - **Feb. 14:** Elementary Neighborhood and Option Schools with APS Teaching & Learning Dir. Sarah Putnam
  - **Feb. 16:** Timeframe and Next Steps
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