

2018-19 Mid-Year Ambassador Update

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New Approach

- Review information at your convenience
- Receive a broad overview with links for more details

About This Update

- Updates since Fall 2018 Ambassador meeting
- Available in English and Spanish
- Can be shared with families at your schools
- Questions? Please write to engage@apsva.us

**We appreciate the help of Ambassadors and PTAs
with sharing APS information with families!**



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Looking Back: Initiatives Finalized Since Fall 2018 Ambassador Meeting



The 2018-24 Strategic Plan



- In October 2018, the School Board approved the 2018-24 Strategic Plan
- APS has begun incorporating the new plan and monitoring progress towards goals:
 - Multiple pathways for to success for all students
 - Healthy, safe and supported students
 - Engaged workforce
 - Operational excellence
 - Strong and mutually supportive partnerships



www.apsva.us/strategic-plan/



Your Voice Matters 2018 Survey



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- 12,000+ students/staff/families participated in new survey on school climate and child well-being
- Countywide and school-based results have been shared and are available via online dashboard
- Results used to identify strengths and areas for improvement; incorporated in 2018-24 Strategic Plan performance objectives
- Next Your Voice Matters survey in 2019-20

www.apsva.us/planning-and-evaluation/evaluation/surveys/your-voice-matters/



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School/Facility Naming Decisions



- Committees made name recommendations to the School Board for three new schools and W-L H.S.
- The School Board adopted the following names:
 - Dorothy Hamm Middle School
 - The Heights Building (*new location of H-B Woodlawn & the Stratford Programs*)
 - Montessori Public School of Arlington
 - Washington-Liberty High School
- Revised name for Drew will be adopted in April
- New school names take effect September 2019

www.apsva.us/school-naming-and-renaming-processes/



New Elementary School Boundaries for 2019-20



- School Board adopted new boundaries for Abingdon, Barcroft, Drew, Fleet, Hoffman-Boston, Oakridge, Long Branch & Randolph
- Students to attend newly-assigned schools in Sept. 2019, unless eligible for grandfathering provision
- All students in reassigned planning units were notified by mail in January 2019
- Elementary School Boundary Locator is up-to-date

www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/

www.apsva.us/boundary-locator/



Enrollment Projections & Annual Update



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- 2019-28 Revised Projections show that APS enrollment will increase by 24% over next decade
- The current APS CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) plans for growth in next several years
- Priorities for FY 2020-29 CIP may shift the timing of future seats
- *Now Available:* Superintendent's 2019 Annual Update presented on January 24

www.apsva.us/statistics/enrollment-projections/



School Board Policy Reviews



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- School Board policies are being reviewed and revised to keep current with APS needs
- School Board has approved the following revised policies to date:
 - E-6 Food and Nutrition Services
 - I-7.5 Adult Education
 - G-2.14 Employment
 - J-15.8 Acceptance of Electronic Signatures & Records
 - D-12.3 Financial Management – Travel Reimbursement
 - E-3.30 Building and Grounds Management
 - M-14 Support
 - I-10.32 Pupil Services

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2019-20 Secondary Option Applications & Transfer Process



- Centralized, random double-blind lotteries for 2019-20 held for secondary option schools and for transfers to neighborhood schools
- Feb. 22 deadline to confirm or decline attendance
- *NEW THIS YEAR:* A new waitlist will begin with each annual lottery; the waitlists do not carry over from year to year

[www.apsva.us/school-options/middle-school-choices/
middle-school-countywide/how-to-apply/](http://www.apsva.us/school-options/middle-school-choices/middle-school-countywide/how-to-apply/)





Looking Ahead: Remainder of 2018-19 School Year



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FY 2020 APS Budget



- APS facing significant deficit for FY 2020
- Important dates for FY 2020 APS Budget:
 - Feb. 23: County Board to Set the Real Estate Tax Rate
 - Feb. 28: Superintendent's Proposed FY 2020 Budget
 - Feb 28-May 7: School Board Work Sessions
 - March 28 & May 2: Public Hearings on Budget
- School Board to adopt FY 2020 budget on May 9, 2019
- Budget process video and information available online

www.apsva.us/budget



PreK-12 Instructional Program Pathways



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- Department of Teaching and Learning is currently leading process to articulate multiple pathways for student success
- Assessing and defining how schools and programs fit within the pathways and options, including immersion and other option programs/schools
- Initial presentation shared during Feb. 7 School Board meeting; *Next:* Feb. 12 School Board Work Session
- Community input will be gathered in the Spring
- School Board will adopt final program pathways in May

www.apsva.us/instruction/





- Deadline to apply for elementary option programs/schools for 2019-20 is 4 p.m., April 15, 2019
- Transfers to neighborhood elementary schools are not available for 2019-20
- A new waitlist will begin with each annual lottery; the waitlists do not carry over from year to year

www.apsva.us/school-options/elementary-school-choices/



ASFS-Key Building Swap Plan



- ASFS-Key building swap was paused in January to allow the decision to be informed by new enrollment projections, PreK-12 Instructional Program Pathways, and data collected for evaluation of World Languages, ESOL/HILT and Special Education
- The location for elementary immersion now at Key will be re-evaluated to best meet the needs of all students interested in this successful option pathway
- Process to conclude by Dec. 2019

www.apsva.us/asf-key-school-building-swap/



School Construction for 2019-20



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- **Fleet Elementary School:** Structural framing complete; ongoing installation of exterior walls, building systems and interior construction
- **Dorothy Hamm Middle School:** Addition foundations started, hindered by record-setting rain; ongoing installation of major utilities underground
- **The Heights Building:** Structural framing complete; ongoing installation of exterior walls, building systems and interior construction
- **Henry and Drew Elementary Refreshes:** Prioritizing scope with school staff and developing preliminary project budgets
- **Career Center:**
 - Relocatable classrooms will be moved from other areas for use by Career Center programs in 2019-20
 - Equipment and serving line will be upgraded to a full-service kitchen that allows for hot food to be cooked on-site, as at other schools

www.apsva.us/facilities-operations/



Education Center Reuse Project



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- Will provide 500-600 W-L seats by September 2021
- Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC), with staff, students, families and community members, has met since Fall 2018; broad community meeting was held in December
- The School Board will consider schematic design information in February 2019

www.apsva.us/education-center-reuse/



Upcoming School Board Policy Reviews



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- I-7.2.3.32 Addition or Deletion of Courses
- G-1.2 Electronic Technologies Acceptable Use – Staff
- I-11.6.30 Graduation
- I-11.6.31 Promotion
- I-11.6.32 Retention



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APS will gather community input on:

- Proposed PreK-12 Instructional Program Pathways and proposed definition of “option” school/program
- Expansion of sibling preference to secondary students
- Consideration of alternative ways to hold lotteries for admission to option programs/schools
- Engagement will take place in Spring 2019



Thank you, APS Ambassadors!



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Your efforts are vital to ensuring our community is up-to-date on important APS initiatives.

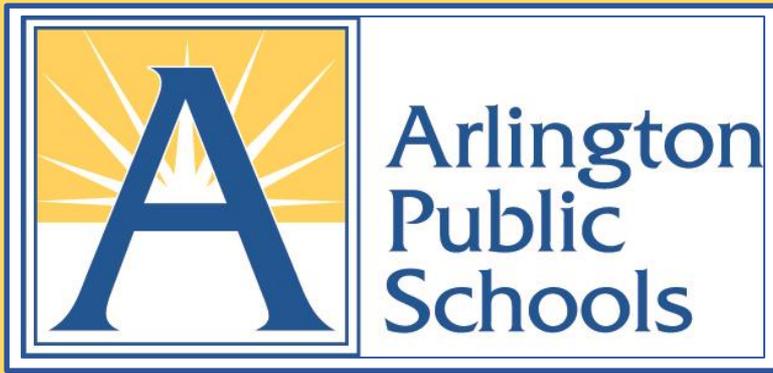
An informed and engaged community helps keep our schools strong, and we value your support and the feedback you share from your schools' families.

Thank you!

Coming Soon:

- Online questionnaire for your input on this program
- Request for volunteers to serve as 2019-20 Ambassadors





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