

APS School Ambassador Update—October 12, 2020 (sent Oct. 13)

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On Wed., Oct. 14 (7-8:30 p.m.), APS will host a [Virtual Community Meeting](#) on an initial proposal for new elementary school neighborhood boundaries for 2021-22 that include Ashlawn, ASFS, Glebe, Long Branch, McKinley, Taylor and Tuckahoe. This meeting will have call-in lines for simultaneous translation in Amharic, Arabic, Mongolian and Spanish, which are available on the [Elementary School Boundaries webpage](#), along with information on how to submit questions, the initial boundary proposal, FAQs, and other resources. This process also addresses managing enrollment at elementary schools not in the initial boundary proposal.

There are several additional ways families can share input with staff by Oct. 20, including:

- Complete an online [Community Questionnaire](#) in English or Spanish
- Review the [Questionnaire in Amharic, Arabic, Mongolian and Spanish](#) and call 703-228-6310 to share answers to the questions or any input in these languages on the initial proposal
- Bring your questions in English and Spanish to one of the [Virtual Staff Open Office Hours](#) on Oct. 16 (12-1 p.m.), Oct. 17 (9-10 a.m.), and Oct. 20 (7-8 p.m.).

The School Board will adopt new elementary school boundaries on Dec. 3, 2020.

Oct. 16 Virtual Town Hall with Superintendent Dr. Durán on Return to School Plan

Dr. Durán will host a community virtual Town Hall on Friday, October 16 (5-6 p.m.), to address the Return to School Plan. The Superintendent will address questions already received and take questions during the live event using Microsoft Teams or Facebook Live. The event will provide simultaneous interpretation in 5 languages, including ASL, and closed captions in the livestreamed video. For more information on how to participate, visit www.apsva.us/engage/engage-with-the-new-superintendent-virtual-town-hall-meetings/.

APS and School Resources Officers Work Group Seeks Committee Members

APS seeks committee members who will work with staff in reviewing our school division's relationship and operations with School Resource Officers (SROs), including the review and monitor of the APS Memorandum of Understanding with Arlington County Police Department. APS will gather community feedback, as well as recommendations from stakeholders to the School Board

and Superintendent, on the future of this relationship. A recommendation for monitoring will be presented to the School Board in June 2021. Applications for stakeholders interested in joining the 48-member Work Group are available online from Oct. 9 through Nov. 9, 2020.

- Visit www.apsva.us/engage/schoolresourceofficer/ for more information and a timeline
- A [Work Group application in English and Spanish](#) can be completed online
- Work Group applications are [available online in Amharic, Arabic, and Mongolian](#), with instructions on how to return the completed forms to APS

Next Virtual School Board Meeting on Oct. 22

The next virtual School Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22. This meeting can be [viewed live online](#) and on Comcast Cable Channel 70 and Verizon FIOS Channel 41. Visit the [School Board webpage](#) to view the full agenda and information on how to share your input.

2021 School Year Information and Planning for Hybrid/In-Person Instruction

Information and updates about the 2020-21 school year and planning for hybrid/in-person instruction are available at www.apsva.us/school-year-2020-21/. The information includes the latest updates from Superintendent Dr. Durán and FAQs on instructional models, technology, meals and more. Also, there is an [APS COVID-19 dashboard](#). Families can use the [APS Engage online form](#) to share questions and comments with APS.

Information in Spanish via WhatsApp

In addition to School Talk messages sent to all families, APS provides information in Spanish for families who prefer “WhatsApp en español.” To join this group, please send the name, school, and cell phone number of the person to be added to Dulce Carrillo, Coordinator of Community Engagement, APS School and Community Relations, at dulce.carrillo@apsva.us.