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## **School Board Charge**

*School Board Advisory Committee Working Group*

### Goal

The APS School Board welcomes active community engagement in the work of the school division. The School Board believes this input strengthens Arlington Public Schools and helps the system achieve its priorities. In that spirit, the School Board is assessing the current School Board advisory committee structure and alignment with the priorities, strategies and performance objectives in the strategic plan.

The School Board Advisory Committee Working Group will work with the school board and staff to evaluate the current School Board advisory committee structure, effectiveness, and alignment with strategic priorities and make recommendations for revision in accordance with the School Board's charge:

### Charge

The School Board Advisory Committee Working Group is charged with the following tasks:

- 1. By June 1, 2025, provide the school board with a statement that describes the:**
  - Purpose and value of School Board Advisory Committees
  - Role of School Board Advisory Committees and desired outcomes for the work of the advisory committees
- 2. Work collaboratively with APS staff to:**
  - Evaluate the strengths, effectiveness and limitations of the current APS School Board advisory committee organizational structure.
- 3. By June 1, 2025, provide the school board with a recommendation for a proposed revision to the APS school board advisory committee structure with rationale**
  - The working group will provide the community a draft of its proposed revision to the advisory committee structure by Spring 2025, such that the structure aligns with the priorities in the 2024-30 Strategic Plan; diverse perspectives from APS staff, families, students and community members are included; and committee recommendations are actionable and relevant. The working group will solicit community feedback and use that feedback to develop a recommendation to the school board that defines:
    - The name of each proposed school board advisory committee and a charge that aligns the work of the committee with at least one of the priorities in the 2024-30 Strategic Plan



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- The role and purpose of subcommittees and process for forming within each of the proposed school board advisory committees
- Reporting structure and expectations for the committee's work
- A proposed membership composition (e.g. # of community members, staff, etc.) for each advisory committee
- Roles and responsibilities of advisory committee members, including leadership on the committee (e.g. Chairs/Vice Chairs, etc.)
- Length of term and term limits of committee members

**4. By June 1, 2025, provide the school board with a recommendation on a transition process to the new advisory committee structure with rationale.**

- The recommendation should include:
  - A process, including a proposed timeline, for integrating or transitioning existing committee's structure to its new organization with the aim to institute changes beginning in the 2025-26 school year unless the working group identifies barriers to do so.