

## Your School Board



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Residents who wish to meet with a Board member may do so on a walk-in basis during Open Office Hours on Monday from 5-7 p.m. on days when school is in session. School Board members can also meet by appointment with small groups of individuals to discuss issues or positions. If Monday is a holiday, Open Office Hours are held the following Tuesday from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

### School Board Meetings:

Arlington School Board meeting dates, times, agendas and other information are available online at [apsva.us/schoolboard](http://apsva.us/schoolboard).

## High School Information Night on Dec. 12

This year's High School Information Night will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 12 at Washington-Lee High School. Families of students entering high school in the fall of 2017 will hear about what to expect in high school, program options, and resources available to families. After the opening session, parents and students will have an opportunity to attend individual school presentations to learn more about various programs.

Staff will also highlight the boundary refinements that the School Board will have approved on Dec. 1. Implementation of those adjustments will begin with students entering high school in Sept. 2017, and the adjustments will affect incoming 9th graders for the following three years.

The Information Night opening session will be live-streamed. Families are encouraged to follow us on Twitter @APSVirginia and join the conversation using the hashtag #HSInfoNight. Simultaneous Spanish-language translation will be provided for the opening session in the auditorium.

For more information on High school Information Night, contact School and Community Relations at 703-228-6005.



## High School Boundary Refinement Process Continues

After holding a number of community meetings in October, Superintendent Dr. Pat Murphy will present his proposed high school boundary adjustments, including recommended options for siblings and transportation, on Thursday, Nov. 3.

The School Board is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the proposed adjustments on Thursday, Nov. 15. The Board is scheduled to approve the boundary adjustments on Thursday, Dec. 1.

For more information, visit [apsva.us/apsboundaries](http://apsva.us/apsboundaries), email [apsboundaries@apsva.us](mailto:apsboundaries@apsva.us), or call the hotline at 703-228-6310.

## NewsBRIEFS

### Historical Markers Video Series

Over the summer, APS produced 10 episodes of "Historical Markers," which showcases just a few of the more than 80 historical markers in the County that highlight important events and people in our past. To view the episodes, visit [apsva.us/historicalmarkers](http://apsva.us/historicalmarkers).



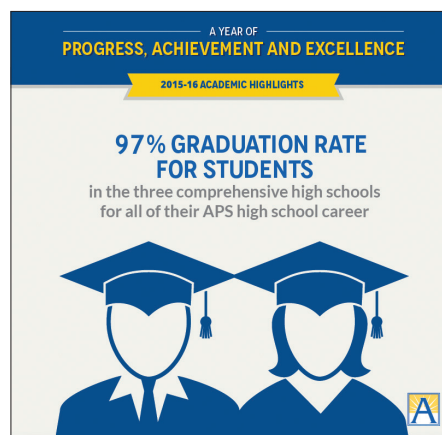
### SAT Scores

The combined SAT scores for Arlington's 2016 graduates continued to outpace the Virginia average by 126 points, and the national average by 177 points. Two-thirds of APS seniors took the SAT, and the average combined SAT score was 1,661. The College Board reports that students who earn the benchmark score of 1550 have a 65 percent probability of obtaining a first-year Grade Point Average (GPA) of B- or higher at a four-year college. Sixty-three percent of APS

students taking the SAT met or exceeded this benchmark. Detailed SAT Results for the Class of 2016 are posted on the APS website at [apsva.us/sat](http://apsva.us/sat).

### On-Time Graduation Rates

The on-time graduation rate (OGR) for the Class of 2016 was 91.1 percent. For those APS students who started as freshman in the fall of 2012 at Wakefield, Washington-Lee, or Yorktown and remained in APS throughout high school, the graduation rate was 97 percent. The annual OGR reflects the percentage of students who earned a Board of Education-approved diploma within four years of entering high school for the first time.



## Mark Your Calendars

### NOVEMBER



**Middle School Info Night**  
Washington-Lee, 7 p.m.



**Timeframe for applying**  
to transfer to a middle school, or H-B Woodlawn grade 6.  
**Through Jan. 23**



**Timeframe for applying**  
to transfer to a high school or high school program.  
**Through Jan. 31**



**Veterans Day**  
No School



**Public Hearing**  
on the proposed high school boundary adjustments



**Thanksgiving Break**  
**Through Nov. 25**

### DECEMBER



**School Board** scheduled to approve high school boundary adjustments



**High School Info Night**  
Washington-Lee, 7 p.m.  
(Snow Date: Dec. 19)



**Winter Break**  
**Through Jan. 2**

### JANUARY



**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day**  
No School



**Inauguration Day**  
No School



**Kindergarten Info Night**  
Washington-Lee, 7 p.m.  
(Snow Date: Jan. 30)



**Last Day to apply** to transfer to a middle school, or H-B Woodlawn grade 6.



**Last Day to apply** to transfer to a high school or high school program.

To view the complete calendar, visit: [apsva.us/calendar](http://apsva.us/calendar)

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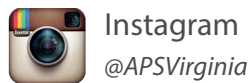
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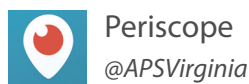
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## New APS 3-5 Year Action Plan Charts Future Projects and Engagement Opportunities

Over the past few months, APS has been working to develop a visual Action Plan that charts the key initiatives and activities planned over the next three to five years. The initiatives address student achievement and evolving state education requirements, staff quality, and the many projects that will address student enrollment growth. The complex and overlapping nature of the initiatives to address these issues keeps expanding, and a focused, long-term plan is essential to effectively demonstrate the work underway to meet the goals of the Strategic Plan.

"I am excited to share with our community the APS 3-5 Year Action Plan. The School Board and staff have developed this comprehensive, integrated blueprint of APS key initiatives," said School Board Chair Nancy Van Doren. "The goal of the Plan is to coordinate instruction and infrastructure efforts to ensure we continue to strengthen our high-performing school system as it grows, to ensure the success of every child."

The Action Plan is intended to provide our stakeholders with a clear picture of how families, staff and the

community can play an important role in making decisions as we move forward.

"School Board Chair Nancy Van Doren recognized that with so much going on, we needed a way to show how all of the issues are tied together and to demonstrate transparency to our community," said Director of Planning and Evaluation Lisa Stengle, who has worked on the plan since it was initiated.

"The initial intent of the plan was to map out our work over a five-year time period and present a timeline for the work in one cohesive document," said Stengle. "The plan is intended to communicate that all of our projects are dependent on and related to one another, and that we need the community's engagement and input on a variety of projects over the short and long term."

The 3-5 Year Action Plan aligns the division's Strategic Plan Goals and key initiatives with long-term planning. It has been set up in three sections: Students; Staff and Learning Environment.

**Students:** This section is focused on Goal 1 (Challenge and Engage all Students); Goal 2 (Eliminate

Achievement Gaps); and Goal 5 (Meet the Needs of the Whole Child.) Key initiatives include instructional planning, implementation and infrastructure; redesign of the high school experience and diploma requirements; implementation of Arlington Tiered System of Supports and the Whole Child Framework; and continuous instructional improvement.

**Staff:** This section is related to Goal 3 (Recruit and Retain High Quality Staff), and the focus of the work will be on professional learning, compensation and benefits.

**Learning Environment:** The learning environment is directly linked to Goal 4 (Provide Optimal Learning Environments). The major tasks include capital improvement

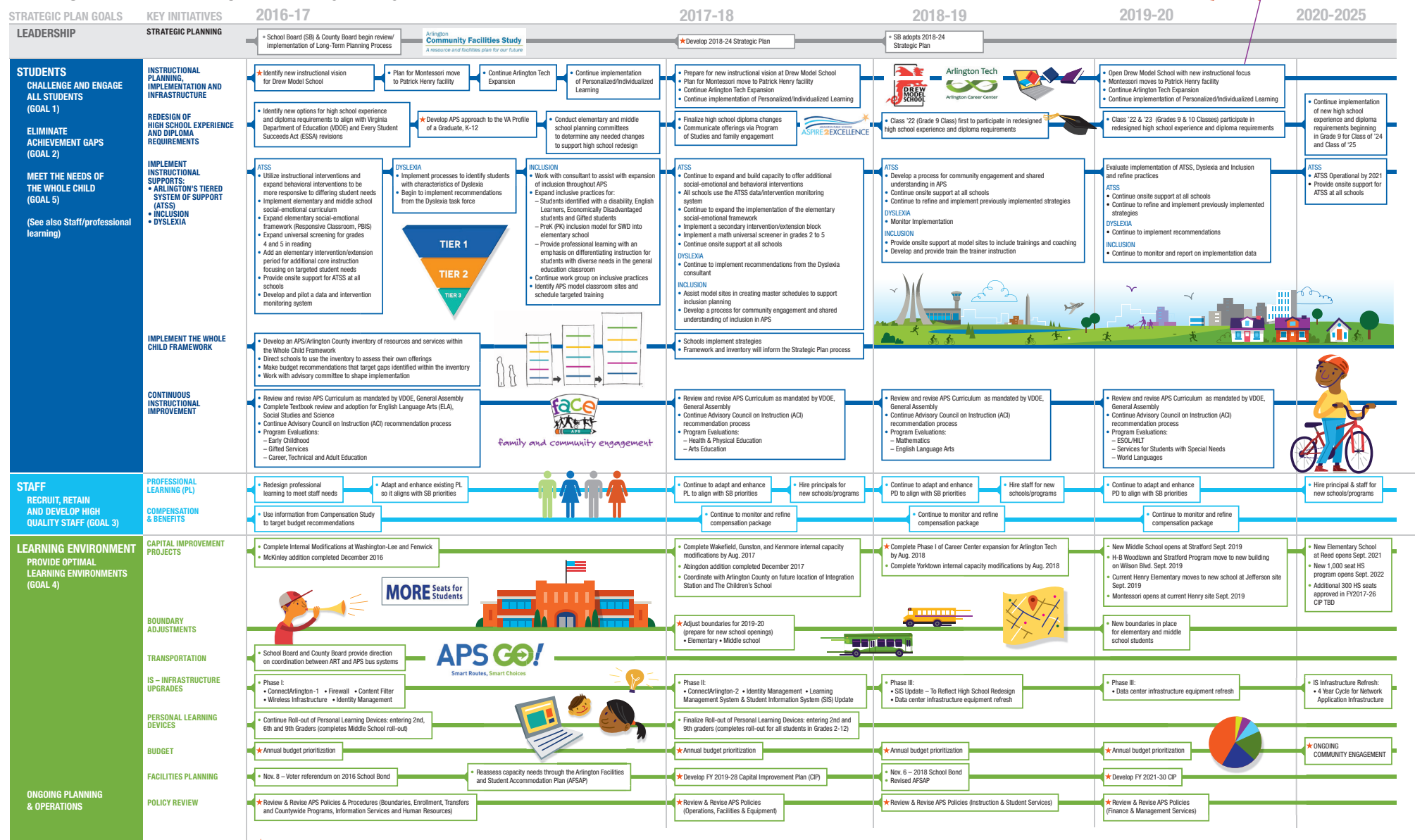
projects; boundary adjustments; transportation planning, infrastructure upgrades; personal learning devices; the annual budget process; facilities planning; and policy review.

APS will continue to make revisions to the plan. "Our work will continue to evolve, so we will need to update the plan annually to keep it current," said Stengle.

For more information on upcoming deliberations and projects, and to learn how you can participate in some of the projects, visit the APS website at [apsva.us/plans](http://apsva.us/plans).



### WHAT IS THE PLAN AND HOW ARE WE GETTING THERE?



\* The chart indicates community engagement processes that are expected to be conducted as of Sept. 2016. However, APS expects that additional issues will evolve and arise and community engagement processes will be added for those topics as needed to formulate plans as we move forward.