



Arlington School Board Proclamation

During Dr. Murphy's tenure, he has guided the Arlington Public Schools through unprecedented growth and change. The School Board profoundly thanks him for his leadership and unwavering commitment to our students and their success.

Whereas, Dr. Patrick Murphy has served with distinction from July 2009 through August 2019 as Superintendent of Arlington Public Schools (APS), the 13th largest among Virginia's 132 public school divisions; and

Whereas, Dr. Murphy has provided excellent leadership, maintaining and enriching a world-class school division with an excellent academic program; and

Whereas, Dr. Murphy has made significant contributions to the school division to continuously improve its programs and services and to advance student success by notably increasing the high school graduation rate by 10 percentage points and earning full accreditation for all APS schools by the Virginia Department of Education for 5 consecutive years; and

Whereas, Dr. Murphy has worked tirelessly to promote the well-being of students, creating an environment that fosters the growth of the whole child and ensures access to meaningful and challenging learning opportunities for all students; and

Whereas, Dr. Murphy successfully led APS to complete multiple capital initiatives with the opening and expansion of new schools and programs, and secured an overwhelming support of bond initiatives by Arlington residents, thereby building strong connections throughout the community; and

Whereas, Dr. Murphy has championed many division-wide achievements, including selection of APS for the prestigious Medallion of Excellence Award presented by the U.S. Senate Productivity and Quality Awards for Virginia and the District of Columbia;

Therefore, be it known that the Arlington School Board does hereby praise Dr. Murphy for his outstanding contributions to APS and to the students, families, and constituents of Arlington County, and expresses its deepest gratitude for his dedication and commitment to public education.

Issued by the Arlington School Board this 22nd day of August 2019.

Tannia Talento, Chair