



Syphax Education Center 2110 Washington Blvd • Arlington, Virginia 22204

December 21, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian of «First_Name» «Last_Name»:

On December 3, 2020, the School Board approved elementary school boundary adjustments effective for the 2021-22 school year. Your residence is in a planning unit that has been reassigned from «From_School» to «To_School». The School Board's decision applies to all current students in Grades K through 4, and all future incoming students.

If your student is currently in Grades K-3, then your student is to attend «To_School» for the 2021-22 school year, which is their newly-assigned neighborhood school and they are not eligible for grandfathering. In addition, siblings of current Grade 4 students are not eligible for grandfathering and will attend their newly-assigned neighborhood school in the 2021-22 school year.

Grandfathering Eligibility and Process for Current Grade 4 Students

In this process, the School Board adopted a grandfathering provision that allows students who are currently in Grade 4—and who will be in Grade 5 in the 2021-22 school year—to remain at their current school if they choose to remain there. Students who are eligible to remain at their current school due to grandfathering do have the option to attend their newly-assigned neighborhood school in 2021-2022. **If your student is currently in Grade 4, then your student is eligible for grandfathering and we ask that you please return the enclosed form by Jan. 8, 2021, to indicate whether you will or will not choose the grandfathering provision for the 2021-22 school year, when your student will be in Grade 5.**

This provision only applies to current Grade 4 students who were enrolled in APS as of Dec. 7, 2020. (For McKinley Elementary School students, the grandfathering provision allows these students to attend McKinley at the Reed site in 2021-22.) Please note that APS transportation will not be provided to students who are eligible for grandfathering and choose to remain at their current school for the 2021-22 school year. If you are interested in information about option schools for the 2021-22 school year, visit www.apsva.us/schooloptions.

There are several ways that families can return the completed grandfathering status forms **by Jan. 8, 2021**. Visit www.apsva.us/engage/notification to download a digital copy of the form and then return the completed form as follows:

- Attach the completed form to an email message and send to apsboundaries@apsva.us.
- Scan or take a picture of the completed form and send via email to apsboundaries@apsva.us.
- Return the completed form to a designated drop-off box at the school your child currently attends.

Details on the Fall 2020 Elementary School Boundary Process are available online by visiting the following link: www.apsva.us/engage/fall2020elementaryboundaries. Please note that the School Board has directed APS to conduct a broader, countywide process to manage elementary school enrollment in Fall 2022. While staff will seek to avoid reassigning planning units in 2022 that were reassigned in 2020, it is important to note that any planning unit could be considered for reassignment in the next process.

We are working closely with school principals to plan a smooth transition and communicate with families so that all students feel welcomed and connected before the first day of school in 2021-22.

For your child currently in Grade 4, please return the completed form **by Jan. 8, 2021** so school principals and staff can prepare accordingly for 2021-22. If you have any questions, please write to engage@apsva.us. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Lisa Stengle
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