



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 school year 2021-22. Your home is in planning unit 16061 that has been reassigned from **Tuckahoe Elementary School to McKinley at the Reed site**. The School Board's decision applies to all current students living in Planning Unit 16061 in Grades K through 4, and all future incoming students. As part of this process, the School Board adopted a grandfathering provision for students currently in Grades K-4 who live in planning unit 16061.

The grandfathering provision allows students in Planning Unit 16061 who will be in grades 1 to 5 in the 2021-22 school year (this school year's Kindergarten to Grade 4 students) to remain at Tuckahoe Elementary school until new boundaries take effect in 2023-24. This provision applies to students who were enrolled in APS as of Dec. 7, 2020. Please note that APS transportation will not be provided to students eligible for grandfathering who choose to remain at Tuckahoe for school year 2021-22. Students who are eligible to remain at their current school due to grandfathering have the option to attend their newly-assigned neighborhood school in 2021-2022.

Additionally, information on elementary option schools for the 2021-22 school year can be found at www.apsva.us/schooloptions. Details on the fall 2020 elementary school boundary process are available at www.apsva.us/engage/fall2020elementaryboundaries.

Attached is a grandfathering status form. All families who receive this letter should complete the form, by January 8, 2021, to indicate whether they will or will not choose the grandfathering provision for the 2021-22 school year, when their children will be in grades 1 through 5.

Ways for families to return completed grandfathering status forms:

- Visit www.apsva.us/engage/notification to download a soft copy of the form and email completed form to apsboundaries@apsva.us
- Complete the enclosed form and scan or take a picture of the completed form and email to apsboundaries@apsva.us
- For your convenience, you may also drop off the completed form to the school your child currently attends; there will be a designated box for families to drop off completed applications.

We are working closely with school principals to plan a smooth transition. APS will provide more information about any virtual events or other opportunities for families transitioning to another school. We want every family making a transition to feel informed and connected to their school community before the first day of school.

Please return the completed forms **by Jan. 8, 2021** in order for school principals and staff to plan and prepare accordingly for the 2021-22 school year and be ready to welcome all students. If you have any questions, please write to engage@apsva.us. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Lisa Stengle
Executive Director, Dept. of Planning and Evaluation