

Dear APS Immersion School Community—

I am following up on the message last week to announce the members of the Task Force and subcommittee for the Dual Language Immersion Visioning process. These groups will lead the work in developing a Master Plan to strengthen the Dual Language Immersion program.

We will provide updates and opportunities for input and feedback throughout the process and before presenting final recommendations in early 2022. Updates on the process and specific engagement activities will be added to [the APS Engage Immersion Visioning webpage](#) and communicated in both English and Spanish through School Talk and other APS communication channels.

Task Force Members

Central Office Staff

Sarah Putnam, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Elisabeth Harrington, Supervisor of World Languages
Rebeca Prell, World Languages Specialist
Jonathan Turrisi, Director of Strategic Planning
Kati Costar, Office of English Learners
Caitlin Sherman, Special Education
Amanda Dempsey, Arlington Tiered System of Support
Carolyn Jackson, Office of Equity & Inclusion

Consultant (1) - Rosa Molina, Executive Director of the Association of Two-way Dual Language Education (ATDLE)

School Board Member (1) - Cristina Diaz-Torres

World Language Advisory Committee Chair (1) - Adriana McQuillan

Wakefield

Administrator/Designee (1) - Frances Lee
Teachers (1) - Ana Munoz
Parents (2) - Cynthia Cocuesta Cuttier, Bill Gillen

Gunston

Administrator/Designee (1) - Dena Gollopp
Teachers (3)- Nadia Robles, Daniel Rios, Megan Stetson
Parents (2)- Lyzbeth Monard, Jenny Rizzo

Claremont

Administrator (1)- Jessica Panfil
Teachers (3)- Claudia Delgadillo, Laura Mufson, Wendy Bermudez
Parents (2)- Marizol Rocha, Melissa Schwaber-Mills

Key

Administrator (1) - Denise Santiago
Teachers (3)- Esmeralda Alomia, Jeremy Sullivan, Meg Enriquez

Parents (2)- Natalie Hardin, Erin Freas-Smith

Elementary Feeder School Structure Subcommittee

Central Office Staff

Jonathan Turrisi, Director of Strategic Planning
Gladis Bourdouane, Integrated Project Planner
James Sample, Office of Equity & Inclusion
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Wakefield

Parent (2)- *Volunteers needed. If interested, please contact Assistant Principal, Frances Lee, at Frances.Lee@apsva.us* Anna Carolina Prieto, Mary Gunderson
(added 5/5/21)

Gunston

Parent (2)- Melania Saraniero. Adon Hwang

Claremont

Parents (3)- Paula Cordero-Salas, Rachel Berkey, Emily Teeter (added 5/4/21)
**Volunteer needed. If interested, please contact ClaremontPresident@gmail.com*

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Parents (3)- Ethan Kearns, Gillian Burgess, Susi Menazza

Elementary Administrator/Designee (2) - Jessica Panfil (Claremont), Heidi Heim (Key)

Please visit [the APS Engage Immersion Visioning webpage](#) for more information about the visioning process including the goals and objectives, timeline, frequently asked questions (FAQ) and more. Please send any questions and comments you have to engage@apsva.us.

Sincerely,

Bridget Loft

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