

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Work Session on the Annual Update  
February 10, 2022

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 6:32 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.<sup>1</sup>

**Present were:**

Barbara Kanninen, Chair  
Reid Goldstein, Vice Chair  
Cristina Diaz-Torres, Member  
Mary Kadera, Member  
David Priddy, Member  
Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk

**Also present were:**

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent  
Mr. Brian Stockton, Chief of Staff  
Dr. Jason Ottley, Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer  
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director of Planning and Evaluation  
Jonathan Turrisi, Director of Strategic Planning  
Lois Koontz, Project Planner  
Daryl Johnson, Director of Strategic Outreach

To start, Dr. Durán provided an update on the anonymous call about a possible threat at Yorktown High School. The school was placed on lockdown and everyone was safe.

Dr. Kanninen and Dr. Durán then explained that the purpose of the annual update was to help address capacity issues in Arlington and summarize the strategies to manage student enrollment in the upcoming school year.

Annual Update

Ms. Stengle spoke about the various steps being taken to prepare for the SY 2022 – 23 enrollments which included reviewing the policy to address transfers at the secondary schools and the process for targeted transfers. She also spoke about the Bell Time Study to be implemented in the fall. Although the study was not part of the annual update, Ms. Stengle noted its importance to help the efficiency of bus transportation. She then shared that in December of 2020 the School Board directed the Superintendent to undertake a countywide boundary process in SY 2022-23 to be effective SY 2023-24; however, since staff has been monitoring enrollment levels, Ms. Stengle suggested that a countywide process was not needed. Instead, she noted that in October 2022 staff may recommend minor boundary adjustments if the enrollment in the fall significantly exceeds a school's capacity. Ms. Stengle concluded by sharing that APS was starting to plan for 2022-23 and beyond, and that staff was conferring with neighboring counties regarding strategies to manage capacity and enrollment in the future.

Annual Update Discussion

The Board discussed the change of enrollment patterns and capacity at certain schools and some strategies to help with enrollment. They also discussed targeted transfer options at Abingdon and Drew Elementary Schools, and including VPI and PreK school options in policy updates. Ms. Kadera mentioned that having different programs moving from one school to another makes it hard for families to integrate and be part of the school community.

Ms. Stengle and Mr. Turrisi explained they are cautious in trying not to impact many families when moving programs from one school to another and look at where families reside as part of their process. Mr. Johnson responded to questions regarding the application process, lotteries, and waitlists at certain schools and the decision timeline.

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<sup>1</sup>The recording of School Board work sessions is posted on the APS Web site following the meetings.

In conclusion, Dr. Kanninen restated that there will be no elementary comprehensive boundary readjustment in the fall and Mr. Goldstein expressed his concern that there hasn't been a comprehensive boundary change in many years.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Barbara Kanninen, Chair  
Arlington School Board

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