Arlington Public Schools

Arlington School Board Meeting

Superintendent's Announcements

November 12, 2026

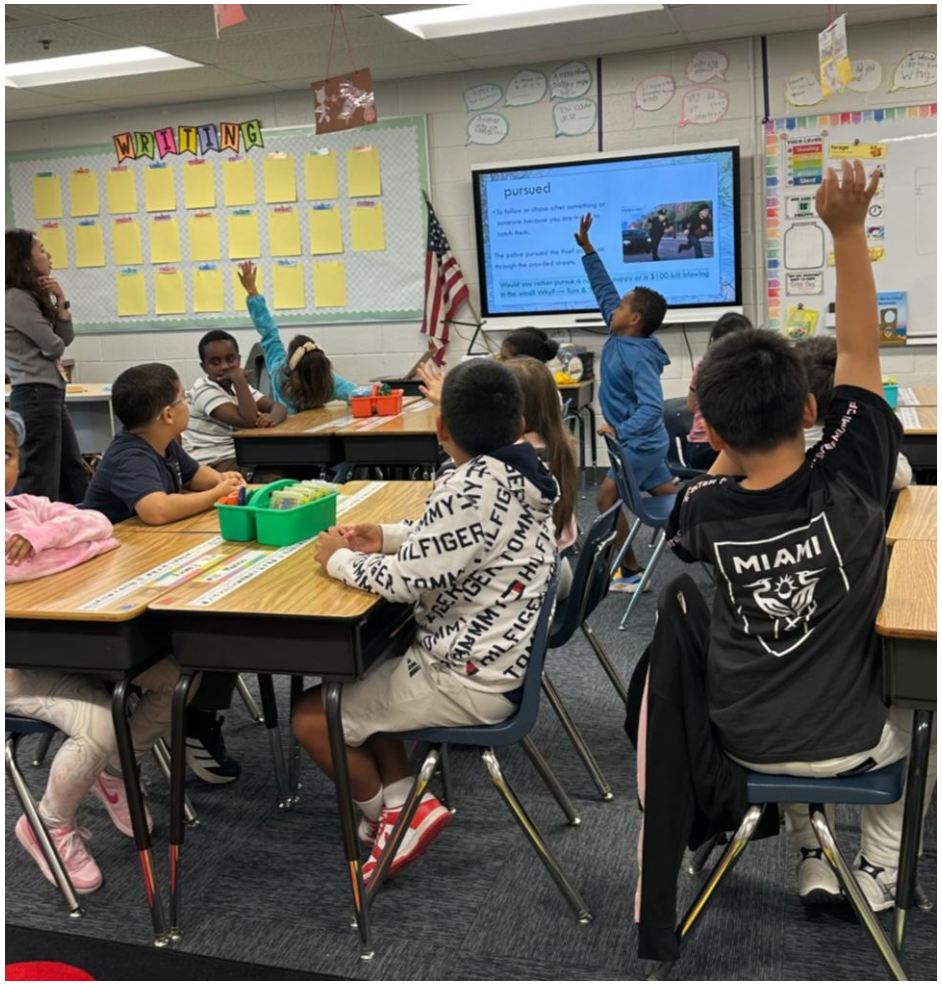
Advanced Academics: Challenging Minds, Inspiring Growth

EVERY STUDENT COUNTS
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL



First Quarter Report Overview

Focus Area #1: Student Academic Growth



Overview

- MAP Growth achievement and SOL projections in reading and math
- Grades 1–3 literacy screening results and trends
- Student Reading Plans under the Virginia Literacy Act
- Academic support provided to schools
- Targeted instruction in reading, math, English Learner services and specially designed instruction

First Quarter Report Overview

Focus Area #1: Student Academic Growth

Key Takeaways

- APS students exceed national MAP Growth averages in reading and math.
- Math SOL projections range from 73% to 83%.
- Achievement gaps persist among student groups.
- Grade 2 literacy risk increased, with 380 students at high risk.
- Academics provided 668 instances of school support.
- 3,160 students in Grades 1–8 require reading plans.



Next Steps

- Target school support based on student needs and data.
- Strengthen K–2 phonics, particularly in Grade 2.
- Support collaborative planning and small-group instruction.
- Monitor math assessments and curriculum implementation.
- Strengthen instruction for English Learners and students with disabilities.

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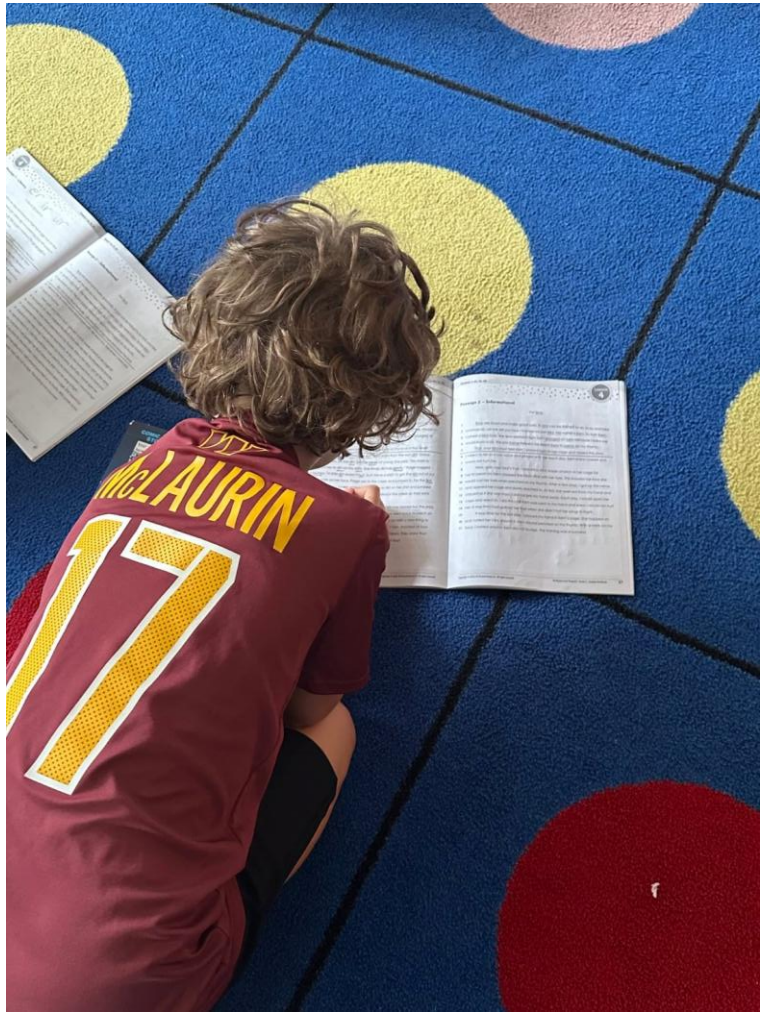
Focus Area #2: Student Well-Being



Data included in this update:

- School health, including clinic visits and immunization rates
- Social-emotional learning and mental health supports
- Extended Day enrollment and staffing
- Supports for students experiencing homelessness
- Chronic absenteeism
- Student discipline and school climate
- Student voice and engagement, including the Student Advisory Board and school-based initiatives

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Focus Area #2: Student Well-Being

Key Takeaways

- 99.5% vaccination compliance and 98.1% MMR compliance, with 18,283 clinic visits
- Extended Day has 45 newly hired frontline staff, with 25% of schools reporting no waitlist
- Chronic absenteeism continues to trend downward overall
- Q1 suspensions declined by 48%
- Suspension disproportionality remains significant: students with disabilities are 44% of suspensions (17% of enrollment); Black students are 28% of suspensions (11% of enrollment)
- Secondary SEL results improved, from 49% in self-efficacy to 69% in self-management



Next Steps

- Continue monitoring of absenteeism and strengthen tiered interventions through Attendance Summits
- Continue targeted attendance supports for students experiencing homelessness.
- Ensure appropriate tiered interventions and school support for bullying incidents
- Partner with Special Education on targeted school reviews related to
- Strengthen Responsive School implementation

APS Schools Among Virginia's Top 20 for Improvement

2025-26 School Performance And Support Framework

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APS Schools

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Top 20 Rankings

Schools recognized for statewide improvement

Arlington Community High School	Six-year federal graduation indicator	No. 1
Arlington Community High School	Chronic absenteeism	No. 3
Arlington Community High School	Federal graduation indicator	No. 8
Barrett Elementary School	Chronic absenteeism	No. 16
Gunston Middle School	Science performance	No. 16
Carlin Springs Elementary School	Math performance	No. 19
Campbell Elementary School	Reading growth	No. 20

National Veterans and Military Families Month

- Honoring the service and sacrifice of our veterans, active-duty service members and military families.
- APS proudly recognizes the veterans, military-connected students, families and staff who are part of our school community.

Thank you for your service, sacrifice and contributions to our community.

www.apsva.us/military-families

Deadline Approaching: Free Winter Break Meal Kits Available



- **Take Action**: Register by Nov. 15 to reserve your student's meal kit at **apsva.us/mealkit**.
- 14 free meals in each kit: Seven breakfasts and seven lunches
- Easy to store: No cooking or refrigeration required
- One meal kit per student

Meal Kit Pickup: Tue, Dec. 22, at the following locations:

- **Middle Schools:** Kenmore, Gunston, Jefferson and Swanson
- **High Schools:** Wakefield and Washington-Liberty

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Inclement Weather Reminders

- **Code 1** – Schools and Offices Closed
- **Code 2** – Open Late – 2-Hour Delay
- **Code 3** – Early Dismissal
- **Code 4** – After School and Evening Activities Canceled
- **Code 5** – Weekend Activities Canceled

Allotted Snow Days:

- 15 at Elementary Level
- 14 at Secondary Level
- After the allotted days are met, APS will transition to distance learning on any additional snow days to avoid extending our school year.



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Inclement Weather Reminders

- **Extended Day** will close when schools close on Early Release Days.

- Decisions are **announced by 6 p.m.** the evening before the change when possible.

  If necessary, due to an uncertain forecast, the decision is announced in the morning by 5 a.m.



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From Swanson to the World: Celebrating APS Fulbright Honoree



- Leigh Rauseo
  French Teacher, Swanson Middle School
- Fulbright Teacher Exchange Award for the 2026-27 academic year

Congratulations, Leigh!

BRIGHT SPOTS