Arlington School Board Meeting

February 19, 2026

Arlington Public Schools

Every Student Counts: Student-Centered Workforce: Advancing Career and Technical Education



This week's *Every Student Counts* video

Thank You Board Members!



Thank You, Board Staff!



Second Quarter Report
Focus Area #1: Student Academic Growth



Visit the bottom of page www.apsva.us/strategic-plan to view the Quarter 2 Report

Data included in this update:

- Office of Academics school support data
- Review of assistance provided to **Partners for Progress** and other identified schools
- Special Education monitoring data, including:
  - Eligibility timelines
  - Secondary transition services
  - Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) trends for schools with revised planning factors
- Division-wide monitoring of instructional implementation

Second Quarter Report
Focus Area #1: Student Academic Growth

Key Takeaways

- **Central office support** included **nearly 700** instances of school-based instructional, coaching, and program support.
- **Schools with consistent Collaborative Learning Team (CLT) cycles** showed stronger instructional alignment and early gains in targeted standards.
- **Five of eight schools** with revised planning factors improved **Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) outcomes**, indicating progress toward inclusive practices.
- **Key challenges** were linked to staffing, scheduling, and consistency—not planning quality.

Next Steps

- Shift support from planning to **monitoring classroom implementation**.
- **Align academic supports** across instructional leadership teams.
- **Use mid-year data** to inform Q3 monitoring and accountability.
- **Maintain support** through walkthroughs, data review, and coaching.

Second Quarter Report
Focus Area #2: Student Well-Being



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Data included in this update:

- McKinney Vento Homeless data (new)
- School Health data (new)
- Chronic absenteeism data for Quarter 2 (overall, demographic, and by school level)
- Student discipline data (Q1/Q2 comparisons)
- Positive school climate and culture efforts
- Student voice through the Student Advisory Board

Second Quarter Report
Focus Area #2: Student Well-Being

Key Takeaways

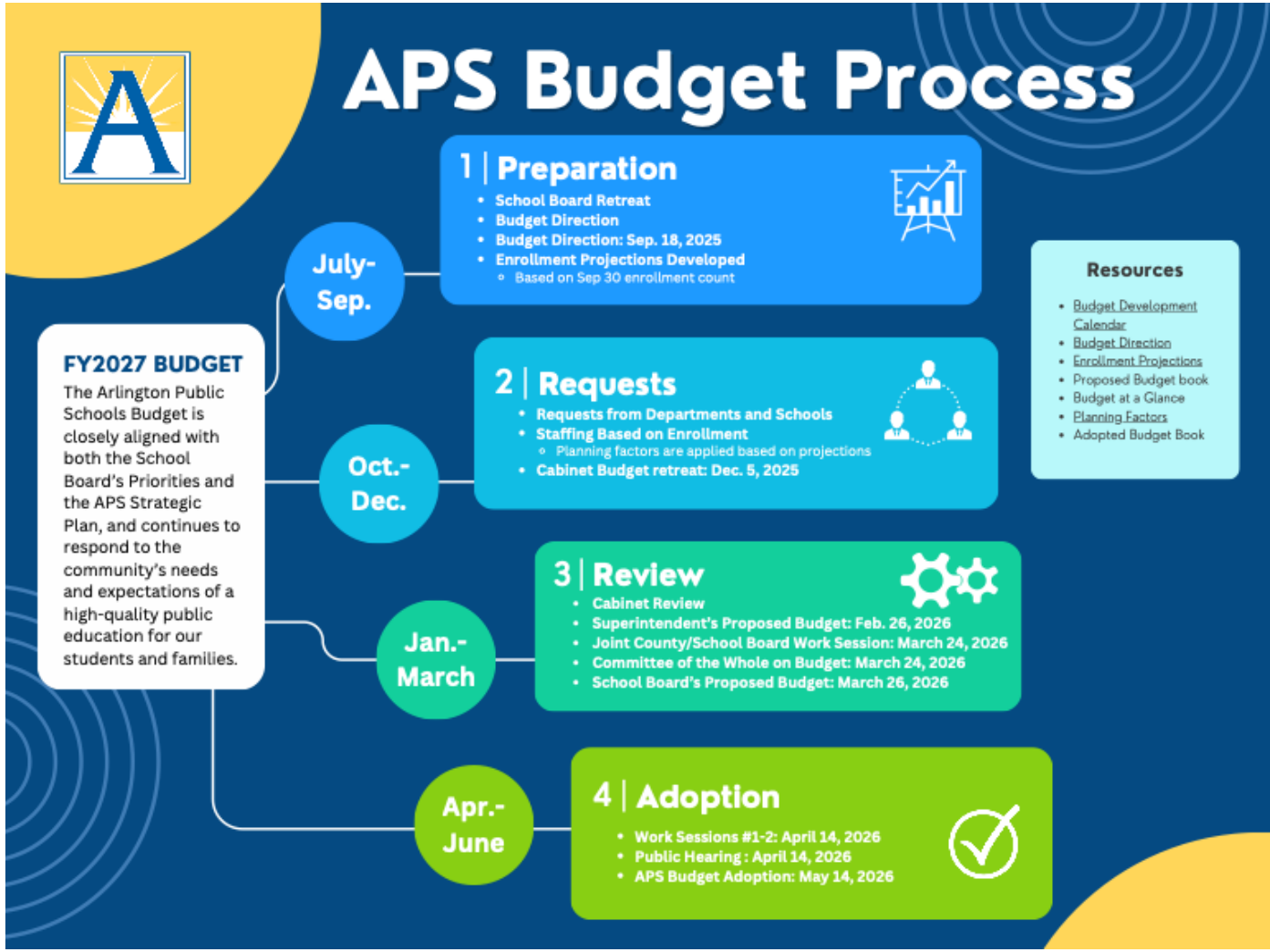
- **More students are coming to school regularly**, with progress toward reducing attendance gaps for English Learners.
- **Suspensions continue to decrease**, as schools use more restorative and supportive approaches.
- **Student voice has expanded**, with broader participation on the Student Advisory Board across high schools and programs.
- **Schools are receiving more direct support**, including visits, consultations, and prevention-focused guidance.

Next Steps

- **Closely track bullying reports and outcomes** to ensure fair and consistent follow-up.
- **Launch a division-wide tracking system** for reports, investigations, and results.
- **Monitor attendance weekly** and use proven strategies to help students come to school regularly.
- **Support schools with clear data and coaching**, including suspension dashboards and leadership coaching focused on positive, inclusive practices.

FY 2027 Budget

- **Feb. 26 – Superintendent's Proposed FY 2027 Budget**
- March 24 – County/School Board Joint Work Session
- **March 26 – School Board's Proposed FY 2027 Budget**
- April 14 – Budget Work Sessions
  - Work Session #1, 9-10:30 a.m.
  - Work Session #2, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
  - Work Session #3, 1-2:30 p.m.
  - Work Session #4, 2:45-4:15 p.m.
- **April 14 – Public Hearing on School Board's Proposed Budget**
- **May 14 – Board Action Item: School Board's Adopted FY27 Budget**



ENGAGE with APS

Share Your Feedback!
Additional Information is available at apsva.us/budget

Countdown to Kindergarten!

Get ready for kindergarten! For families with rising kindergartners – join us for a live webinar on:

Tue, March 3 | 6:30 p.m.

- Learn about registration, supports and a typical student day
- Tips to help your family prepare for the first day
- Spanish interpretation provided
- Register in advance through Zoom to receive the link and submit questions at **apsva.us/kindergarten**



Recording and resources will be shared online at **apsva.us/kindergarten**

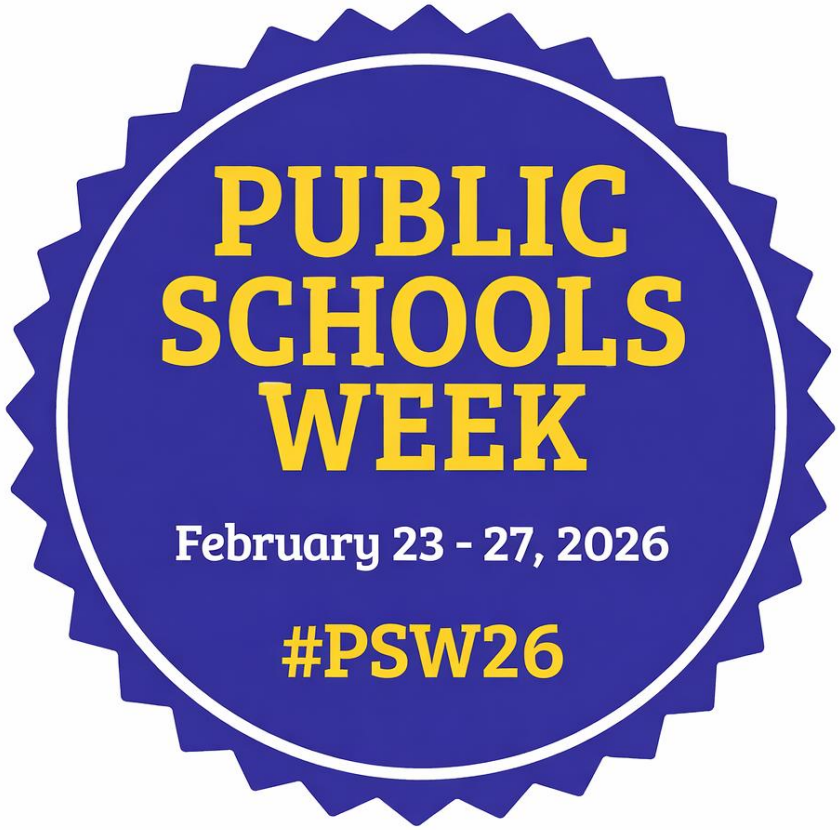
We look forward to welcoming our newest learners to APS!

Mid-year Assessments/Progress Reports

- **Progress Reports** are now available in ParentVUE.
- **Middle of Year (MOY) Universal Screener** results for students who participated will be available in ParentVUE by the end of the week.
- Access scores under **Test History** and **Documents** in ParentVUE.
- **Questions**? Reach out to your student's teacher.

Next Week: Public Schools Week

- National celebration of public education
- Theme: *Building Stronger, Fairer, and More Resilient Public Education Systems*
- Highlights the essential role of public schools in strengthening communities
- Celebrates the people, partnerships and practices that support student success
- Opportunity to elevate and amplify the great work happening in APS every day



School-Based Behavioral Health Program



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