Arlington School Board Meeting

January 22, 2026

Arlington Public Schools

Every Student Counts Episode:

iTeach Program: Growing Talent within APS



This week's *Every Student Counts* video focuses on the iTeach program that builds the APS pipeline of high-quality talent by helping staff advance from substitute or teaching assistant to full-time teacher.

Meal Distribution Planned this Friday Ahead of Potential Winter Storm

- APS is monitoring the potential winter weather forecast for this weekend.
- Our goal is to ensure that meals are available to families during inclement weather.
- APS received temporary state funding to support a short-term food program that provides three days of bagged breakfast and lunch meals.
- Free meal distribution for APS families will be held on **Friday** at **Thomas Jefferson Community Center (Door 12)** from **3 to 5 p.m.**
- A student ID and name must be provided.

Meal distribution details were shared via ParentSquare and posted on the APS website.

Any weather-related impacts to APS operations will be announced by 6 p.m. the evening before a change, or by 5 a.m. the morning of, as needed.



Spring Break – Extended Day Opportunity

- APS will offer families the opportunity to register for Extended Day during the week of Spring Break.
- During our pilot program over Winter Break, more than 300 families registered!
- **Spring Break registration opened on Tue, Jan. 20**, and runs through Tue, Feb. 3, at noon.
- Locations and additional information are available online at https://www.apsva.us/extended-day/extended-day-special-sessions/





Your Voice Matters Survey Launches Feb. 4!

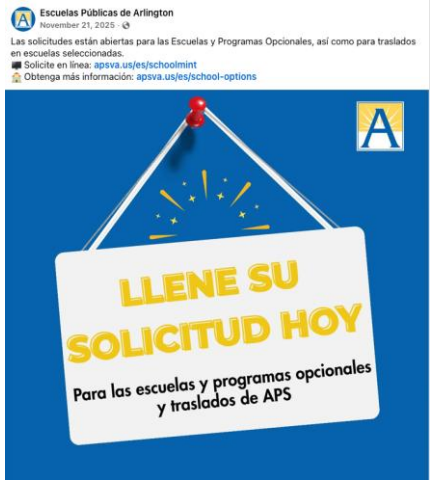
The 2026 Your Voice Matters Survey launches February 4 through March 6

- Voluntary annual survey conducted annually
- Gathers input on academic support, student well-being, school climate, and staff and family engagement
- Staff and student surveys are administered ***confidentially***
- The Opt-Out window ends Jan. 30
- More information available online at **apsva.us/engage/yvm**



Option Schools, Programs & Transfers Lottery

Over **6,000 applications** received!





The lottery will be held virtually on Feb. 6, 2026

- Families will receive offers all day
- Families must confirm or decline attendance to the school or program within 14 calendar days of notice for the first round of offers, then five consecutive days for successive rounds.
- Option schools and programs will host information sessions during that time frame.

Late Applications open March 2, 2026



Deadline for new families to register is June 26, 2026.

Important Dates

- Jan. 29 – End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan. 30 – No School for Students/ Grade Prep Day
- Feb. 10 – School Board Work Session #2 with Advisory Committee for Teaching and Learning
- Feb. 16 – No School for Students, Presidents Day



Good News! APS Rankings for 2026

U.S. News & World Report

Top 25 High Schools In Virginia

- #11 – Yorktown
- #24 – Washington-Liberty

Virginia's Top 25 Middle Schools

#4 – Williamsburg

Virginia's Top 25 Elementary Schools

#4 – Arlington Traditional School

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Top School Divisions in Virginia

- #3 – Arlington Public Schools with an A

Top 50 Public High Schools in Virginia

- #10 – Washington Liberty High School
- #12 – Yorktown High School

Chief of Staff Brian Stockton Awarded Justice in Action Award at Arlington's MLK Tribute

BRIGHT SPOTS

