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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent

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THROUGH: Sarah Putnam, Executive Director, Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Gerald R. Mann, Jr., Chief Academic Officer

DATE: December 19, 2025

RE: Title I Application for Reallocated 2024-2025 Private School Funds

This is the first year (2025-2026) that Arlington Public Schools (APS) must administer required *Title I Equitable Services for Private School Children, Teachers, and Families.* It is also the final year of the reallocation of unused funds previously withheld (from 2024-2025) for the provision of those services directly by U.S. Department of Education (ED) under the Bypass Provision.

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) has notified districts that ED has set a new process for accepting and using the reallocation of Title I 2024-2025 Award Year Bypass funds. The requirements and process are outlined below:

- Funds are to be used exclusively for private schools:
  - Restriction to schools that elected to participate in APS Title I in the 2025-2026 school year
  - Requiring specific consultations with private schools (through the week of January 5)
- A separate Title I grant program application from APS is required and is scheduled to be:
  - Prepared with information provided by private schools (week of January 12)
  - Included in the consent agenda for the January 22 APS School Board meeting
  - Submitted to VDOE with Superintendent and School Board Chair signatures by January 23

VDOE provided school divisions initial notice of this requirement at a meeting held on December 10, 2025 (slide deck attached), due to short turnaround time for all pre-application process requirements. Written notification is anticipated in the next issue of the Virginia Education Update.