



Arlington School Board

**Arlington Civic Federation Meeting
February 13, 2024**





School Board FY 2025 Budget Direction

The mission of Arlington Public Schools is to ensure all students learn and thrive in safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments.

The School Board is committed to ensuring that APS financially supports its mission in FY 2025 by providing a high-quality education to all students while laying the groundwork for success and sustainability in the future.



School Board FY 2025 Budget Direction

The School Board, therefore, directs the Superintendent to prepare a needs-based budget that:

- Aligns to the 2023-2024 School Board Priorities.
- Maintains our commitment to recruit, hire, retain, and invest in a high-quality and diverse workforce by sustainably funding market-competitive salary scales and benefits and making other investments as needed to provide high-quality service and support to APS staff.
- Limits new funding requests to items specifically delineated in the priorities or those that are necessary for operational success. For all new funding requests, provide the following: rationale; specific, anticipated outcomes; how and by whom the outcomes will be measured; and the timeline for evaluation.
- Begins to implement necessary changes in resource allocation as outlined in the planning factor study, in particular those that align with our priority of investing with urgency to improve educational outcomes for students with disabilities, English learners, Black and Latino, and economically disadvantaged students.



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The School Board further directs the Superintendent to:

- Use reserves and strategic reductions to balance APS' immediate needs with long term financial sustainability.
- Provide details for changes in any major expenditure category (FTEs, salaries, benefits, purchased services, etc.), allocations between school based and non-school based positions, and total budget in each category.
- Provide recommendations for strategic changes to service delivery, changes in fee schedules, phased-in additions, and additional measures to balance the budget as appropriate.
- Provide three-year forecasts of revenues and expenditures to gauge long-term financial sustainability.



Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Calendar

Jan. 25	Board Action Item – FY 2023 Final Fiscal Status Report
Feb. 29	Superintendent’s Proposed FY 2025 Budget
Mar. 14	Public Hearing on Superintendent’s Proposed Budget
Mar. 19	School Board Work Sessions #1 - 4
Mar. 22	County and School Board’s Joint Budget Work Session
April 11	Board Action Item: School Board’s Proposed Budget
April 23	Public Hearing on the School Board’s Proposed Budget
May 9	Board Action Item: FY 2023 Budget Adopted



Collaboration of School and County Boards

- The School and County boards collaborate on the budget by:
 - Monthly 1 x 1 and 2 x 2
 - Joint Work Session
 - Joint Leadership Meetings
 - County Leadership Meetings
 - Joint Advisory Committees
 - Briefings when necessary



Honored Citizens 2024

- The School Board is now accepting applications.
- Nominations are due by March 12
- Recognition will be on April 25
- Please visit our website for all the selection criteria and application information.
- <https://www.apsva.us/arlington-school-board/aps-honored-citizens/>



Staying Connected with the School Board!

- Sign up to receive monthly newsletter and agenda updates
- Sign up to speak at a Board Meeting
 - Walk-in sign-up: 6:15 – 6:45pm; at least 10 slots.
 - Comment via telephone
- Sign up for virtual Open Office Hours
- Visit our Engage Page at www.apsva.us/engage to follow our current initiatives and provide input and feedback
- Follow us on Twitter [@APSVA_SchoolBd](https://twitter.com/APSVA_SchoolBd)
- Email the Board at school.board@apsva.us
- Office Phone **703-228-6015**
- Website: <https://www.apsva.us/arlington-school-board/>





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