

Superintendent's Report 10/13/22

Strategic Planning Updates



- Initiatives taking shape
- Community forums start November 2nd and run through December 8th:
 - Seats are limited to 50 participants/forum;
 - Forums will be formatted as interactive workshops;
 - Forums designed to share vision and mission, equity audit recommendations, and gather input on initiatives;
 - Forums will take place in the evening.
- An additional forum for staff members is being planned for November 9th.
- Final forum will be virtual.

Arlington Public Schools

Community Forum



Limited Seats Available!
Interpretation Available

We Want to Hear From You...

Join Us for a Community Forum on the future of APS! This is opportunity for YOU to provide feedback on initial drafts of strategic district initiatives.

Forum Dates:
November 2nd
November 16th (Boston)
December 1st
December 8th (Virtual)

Scan QR Code to Register for a forum.

Most forums will take place at Arlington High School.
Boston forum location TBD.

Time
6:00-7:30 p.m. (Virtual: 7-8:30)



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Playground Updates



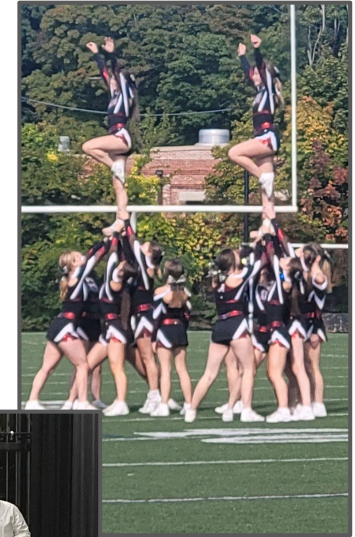
Stratton	Peirce	Bishop
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rubber surfacing scheduled for 10/15• Once we have the rubber down we can schedule inspection• Opening: End of October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equipment arrived last week• Mulch will be installed this fall, then taken out and rubber installed next summer• Anticipated opening: mid-November	Opened Tuesday, October 11th
<p>Delays are not the result of contractor inaction, but of supply chain and shipping issues with equipment. Contractor has been “wonderful to work with” and teams are working as quickly as they can.</p>		

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Additional Updates



- Over 500 students tried out for Fall Athletics and 474 students made final team rosters:
 - Boys Soccer is undefeated and is in first place in the Middlesex League;
 - Girls Soccer is tied for first place in the Middlesex League with a record of (9-2) and have qualified for state tournament;
 - Girls Swimming is also in first place in the Middlesex League with a record of (4-1);
 - Both Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams are having excellent seasons, girls in first place in Middlesex League;
 - Golf has qualified for the state tournament.
 - Combined record for Fall Varsity Sports as of 10/9/22 is (W-L-T) 48-21-3 an almost 70% win percentage.
- New \$9 Rate for Before School Care Program Pilot
- Deeper Learning Dozen and Oct 27th Meeting
- Maestro Alberto Profeta events at AHS
- CFO Search
- Enrollments



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Strategic Planning Update:

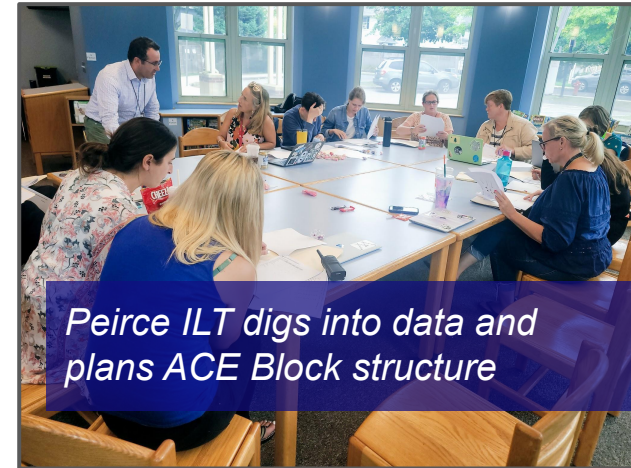
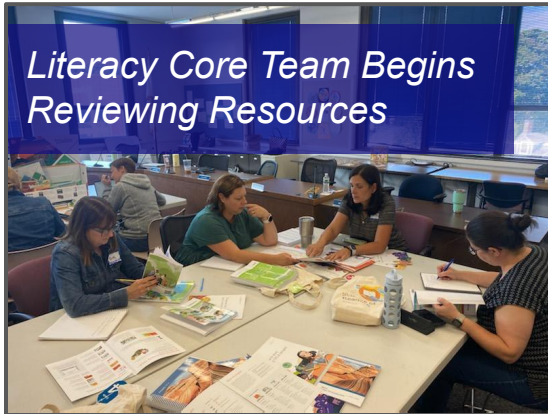
- Met 9/12 and 9/20 to begin mapping out initiatives;
- Started a backwards-planned approach on 9/20 to give more direction to initiative planning;
 - What concrete outcomes do we need and expect in 5 years?
 - What big-picture initiatives and focus areas will lead us towards those outcomes?
 - How do current actions fit within that structure?
 - How do strategic recommendations from the equity audit align with 4 strategic priority areas?
- Administrative Meeting 9/15: crosswalk of Equity Audit Recommendations and Strategic Priorities.



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School Teams and the First Few Weeks

- First Annual “Gibbs Day” following supportive First 9 Days of School
- Instructional Leadership Teams Launch school-based planning around instructional practice with support of Arlington Education Foundation



Additional Updates



Branding and Website Update:

- Website design still under construction! Please let us know if there are missing/important links.
- Website launch was a *migration*, redesign and migration of school websites to the new platform will take place over the course of this year.

Calendar Adjustment: Middle School Evening Conferences moved from Nov 10th to Nov 16th

DLD Convening in Lexington, KY: Last week of October

COVID Protocols for 2022-23:

- Posted to front page of New APS Website
- Outbreaks to be monitored by nurses' offices, recommendations will follow local conditions within each school
- Families with questions should contact their School Nurse, Principal, or Nursing Director Doreen Crowe.

Active Search: Chief Financial Officer (closes September 16th)

- Initial Interviews weeks of Sept 19th & 27th
- Final Interviews first week of October

Enrollments: Updated

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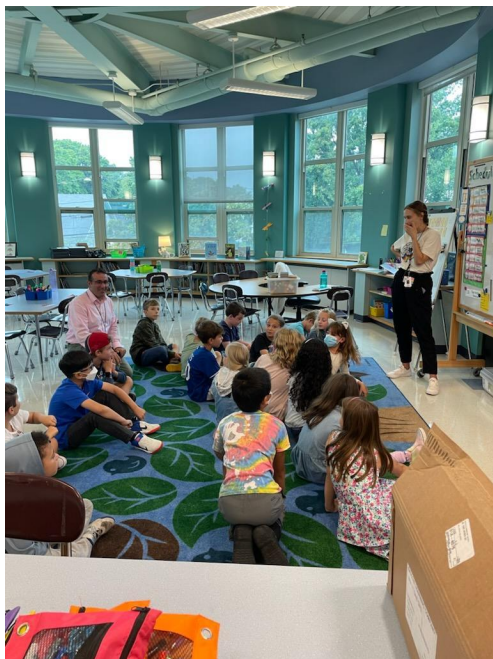
- Update provided to CIAA on 8/26/22
- Team of 24 administrators, teachers, community members in 4 subcommittees (one subcommittee per strategic priority)
- Task: develop 2-4 Strategic Initiatives for each Priority Area
- Plans to engage community: Forums throughout the fall with Superintendent, Ms. Thomas (DEI), and Cabinet Team; monthly updates and feedback on initiatives from CIAA subcommittee

A strong initiative will:

- Directly support the vision and mission
- Directly address the priority area
- Focus on concrete long-term changes that can be broken into specific steps
- Connect directly to students' experience
- Be useful for guiding operational choices within the district
- Have clear metrics for success
- Define an important outcome while leaving room for adaptation on the path to arrive there
- Include a realistic picture of the resources needed and a plan for implementation

First Day of School 2022

Peirce Elementary



APS METCO &
DEI Team



Thompson Elementary

Additional Updates



Supporting Students' Social Emotional Learning, Behavioral & Mental Health, and Wellness through Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Grant: \$212,500 for additional staffing, professional learning, resources to support SEL instruction and Mental Health

Elementary Before Care Program Pilot Update:

- 5 students enrolled @Thompson
- 15 students enrolled @Peirce
- Drop-in option added
- Able to provide scholarships to eligible families
- Will reduce fees if program proves financially sustainable

Transportation Update: Gibbs and Ottoson

Additional Updates



Athletics Update:

- Over 540 students tried out for Fall Sports
- 80-100 more than previous seasons!
- Very competitive and talented teams will start games this week.

Active Search: Chief Financial Officer (closes September 16th)

- Initial Interviews week of Sept 19th
- Final Interviews week of Sept 27th

Enrollments: Updated

- Currently projecting ~150+ students compared to Oct 1, 2021
- Increasing enrollments at secondary overall; slight increase at elementary, overall leveling off elementary
- New ½ LC at Grade 8 Ottoson