



Arlington Public Schools Safe Routes to School

*The One-Year Report:
How COVID-19 Is Changing
the Landscape for Bicyclists
and Pedestrians*

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Context

Arlington Public Schools



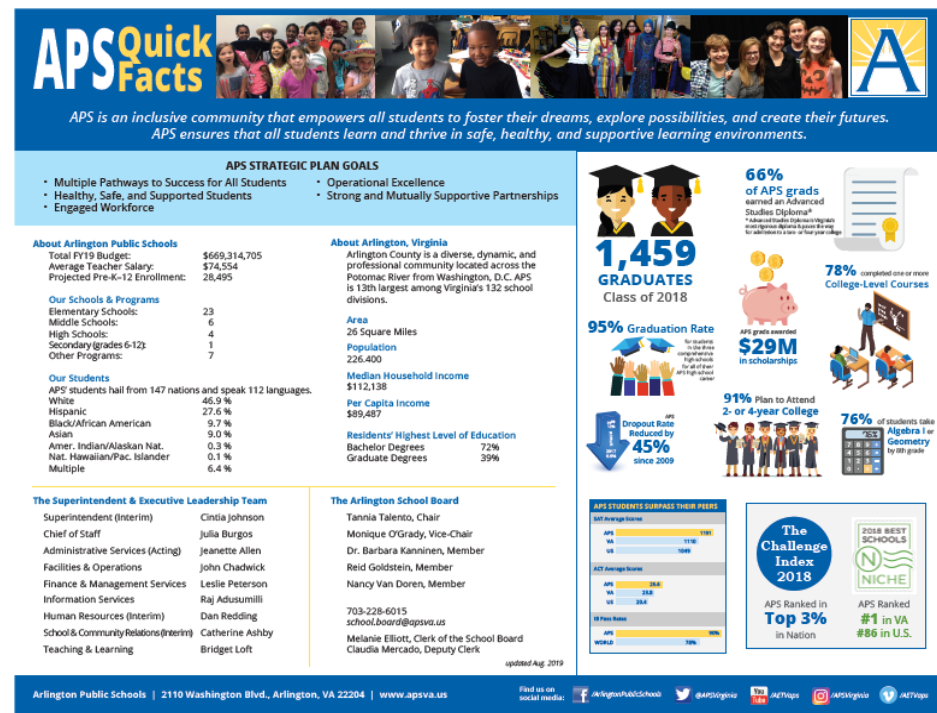
By the numbers:

@29,000 students

- 150 nations/114 languages
- 29.1% free/reduced lunch
- All modes and means
- 41 schools and programs
 - 23 elementary schools
 - 6 middle schools (6-8)
 - 1 secondary program (6-12)
 - 11 high schools and programs (9-12)

+ Department of Multimodal Transportation Planning – 2017-present

+ Virginia Dept of Transportation/Safe Routes to School Grant – 2013-present



Components

Return to School Planning



Timing – Planning for 20-21 started Spring '20 / APS reopened March '21

Team – APS Depts, County Staff, Police, Community Partners,

Families,
Students,
Volunteers
+ DMV/VA/US Support



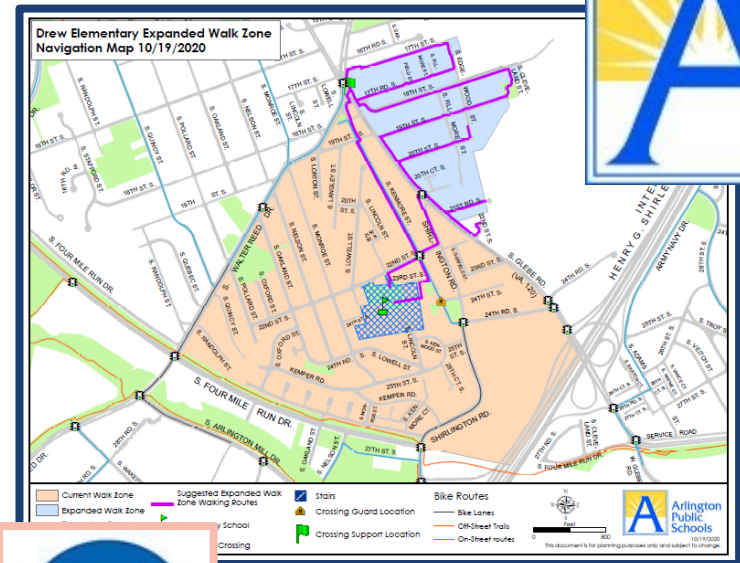
+ Workgroups/Meetings
2-3x/week since Spring 2020!



Considerations

Return to School Planning

- **School Bus Transportation**
 - Challenges / Mitigations
- **Walk & Bike Access**
 - Expanded Walk Zones / Resources
- **Evaluation**
 - Crossings / Infrastructure
- **Park & Walk**
 - Remote Locations / MOT
- **Engagement / Communications**
 - SRTS Activities / Outreach
- **Encouragement**
 - Walking School Bus / Bike Train
- Equity



Continuity/Co-Benefits

Return to School Planning

Behavior Change

- Opportunity
- Flexibility
- Community

Sustainability

- Expanded Walk Zones
- Park & Walk / Remote Drop-off
- Walking School Buses/
Bike Trains
- *Necessity = new innovations
yet to come....?*



Continuity/Lessons Learned

Return to School Planning

Trust **but** Verify

- Peers
- Partners
- Wild Cards

ABC's

= Always Be Communicating

- APS/Internal and External
- County/Police
- Traditional + Social Media
- Word of Mouth



Continuity/Changes

Return to School Planning

APS

Redefined Priorities

- New Possibilities

SRTS

Redefined Role

- Engineering
- Engagement
- Equity

= **AGILITY**



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Traffic Garden Installation / October 31, 2020