

FUNDING PRIORITIES: Arlington Public Schools wants to hear from you!

Arlington Public Schools wants your feedback through an online survey as we consider future funding measures focused on the academic and building needs of the district.

K-12 education is not fully funded in the state of Washington. That is why we rely on local funding measures such as educational program and operations levies and bonds and capital levies to support these projects. These measures ensure our students have access to school staff, academic programs and safe, modern buildings that support their education.

To make a truly informed decision we need to hear from you, our community.

The online survey should take 7-10 minutes to complete. Responses are confidential. The survey closes on Dec. 2. The survey can be found on the front of the district website at www.asd.wednet.edu and here:

<https://bit.ly/APS2022survey>

We are thankful for the past support we've received from our community, and want to make sure the decisions we make reflect the values of our community.



The Strength of You, Me and We

Dear Arlington Students, Families & Community Members,

The 2022-23 school year is off to a great start! All school and district staff met in late August for professional development and training to start the year. Our guest speaker, Erin Jones, encouraged and inspired us to be grateful, brave, and know our "why" for educating, preparing, and inspiring each student to graduate and be ready to pursue their life goals.

This year's districtwide emphasis is "THE STRENGTH OF YOU, ME AND WE". We are stronger, wiser, and more creative TOGETHER! Helen Keller said this well, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

This year brings renewed opportunities to put supports, systems and structures in place to increase

academic, social, emotional and behavioral success for EACH student in Arlington. During a recent Board Study Session, the Board heard from school and district leaders regarding their improvement plans. These plans include a focus on the approach of Universal Design for Learning where we strive to remove barriers to learning, and we optimize each student's opportunity to learn at high levels.

We are grateful for the return of more volunteers in our schools and more happy faces and joy across the district after the last two challenging years. Students and staff are grateful to be walking on new carpets and gym/cafeteria floors. Everyone is grateful for the secured entryways at every school to support safety. Students and staff are grateful for and love the new instructional learning spaces and scene shop at Arlington High School. Your partnership has made these things possible, and we invite you to continue partnering with us.

Thank you for helping us with this important work of educating our amazing students.



Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Superintendent



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City of Arlington City Administrator, Paul Ellis, and Arlington Public Schools Board President, Mary Levesque, cut the ribbon to the new "C" Wing at Arlington High School. In February 2020, Arlington voters approved a capital levy to support building and facility improvements across the district. The new C Wing includes a nine-classroom addition with an expanded Life Skills suite, new tech workshop classroom, and general education classrooms. Thank you, Arlington Voters!



Pioneer Elementary third grader, Allison Samayoa Calderon, enjoys her new dictionary donation from Arlington Kiwanis. The Arlington Kiwanis – in conjunction with the non-profit "The Dictionary Project" and Friends of the Arlington Library – recently donated dictionaries to third graders in the Arlington, Darrington and Lakewood School Districts. This is the 21st year Arlington Kiwanis has donated dictionaries to third graders in the three school districts.

Consider volunteering in one of our schools!

Have you ever thought about volunteering in one of our schools? Volunteers are valued partners in the education of Arlington students. We encourage family and community members to consider serving in our schools. Visit the district's volunteer page to learn more: <https://asd.wednet.edu/community/volunteering>

Questions or comments? Contact us!

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The Arlington community helped celebrate the Arlington High School Homecoming Parade on Oct. 14!

Non-Discrimination Statement

Arlington Public Schools provides equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The District will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment. Auxiliary aids and services will be provided upon request to individuals with hearing, vision, or speech disabilities.

The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

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