April 29, 2021

Dear Arlington Community,

**Universal Pre-K**
Our District has been awarded a grant from the State Education Department for a pre-Kindergarten program for district four-year-olds. We are excited about this opportunity for Arlington families. At this time, we are waiting for information from the State Education Department about the criteria and application process for this program. We are unable to begin the registration process until we have further details from the State. We will notify the community as soon as we have more information.

**After-Hours Support Line**
Our After-Hours Support Line is open tonight from 7-8pm. As a reminder, the After-Hours Support Line is an opportunity for families to connect with a District staff member after hours to access information and resources. Every Thursday evening that school is in session, from 7-8 PM, a school psychologist or social worker can be reached if families need assistance with school related issues or information about local resources and mental health programs.

Calls are not anonymous and information may be shared with home building staff. To connect with us please use the Zoom link/information below:

[Arlington After-Hours Support Line](#) or dial +1 646 876 9923. The Meeting ID is 959 9084 9612 and the passcode is 967544.

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**Welcome Dr. Daisy Rodriguez**
At last night’s Board of Education meeting, the Board appointed Dr. Daisy Rodriguez as our next Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Rodriguez to Arlington on July 2, 2021. Dr. Rodriguez is currently the principal at the White Plains Middle School – Eastview Campus. Prior to working in White Plains, she worked as an administrator in New Jersey and in New York City. Dr. Rodriguez began her career as a math teacher and school counselor for the New York City Department of Education in the Bronx. She earned her Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership from Seton Hall University.

After her appointment, Dr. Rodriguez thanked the hiring committee for their trust and asserted, "I am very excited to join the Arlington Central School District community. I'm committed to carrying on the Arlington traditions and will focus on upholding Arlington's mission to empower students to be lifelong learners that will lead passionate and purposeful lives. I look forward to being a part of this wonderful community, learning about the great work currently taking place and working collaboratively to create opportunities for our students. Together we can achieve great things!"
2021/2022 School Year Calendar
Last night the Board of Education approved the 2021/2022 School Year Calendar. You can also find the calendar at www.arlingtonschools.org under News.

Elementary Summer School Program
Families of students in grades K-4 will be receiving a separate email to register for Elementary Summer School Program. If you are interested in this summer program, please return the registration form by Tuesday, May 11.

AHS Earns Distinction as an “Official” No Place for Hate School
We are pleased to announce that Arlington High School has been designated by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) as an “official” No Place for Hate (NPFH) school. Typically, the process to be designated an NPFH school is a year-long process. AHS was also featured in a recent ADL Newsletter for the student led and student created March 10 AHS Spring Equity Conference. We were also recently informed that Arlington will be featured on next year’s NPFH Coordinator Handbook and Resource Guide for 2021-2022 as a school of distinction.

Arlington hosted several events this school year—all led by students. Three events worthy of mention were as follows:

• The Student-Faculty Equity Panel Discussion
• The March 10th AHS Multi-District Spring Equity Conference
• Deconstructing Hate: An AHS Podcast Series

This work would not be possible without the work, dedication, and leadership of all students on the AHS Student Equity Association and their advisor, Assistant Principal Juan Zucchero. This year over 75% of Arlington High School students and teachers affirmed their commitment to “No Place for Hate” by signing the NPFH pledge—that’s over 2,000 signatures!

Special Board of Education Meeting
There will be a Special Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00pm to discuss the superintendent transition. The meeting will be held remotely. There is no public comment during a special meeting. The public can watch the meeting on the Arlington Communications YouTube channel.

Budget Vote is May 18
On April 20, the Board of Education adopted the 2021/2022 Educational Plan and Budget. This year’s budget vote is on May 18. Polls will be open from 6:00am to 9:00pm. Visit the 2021 Budget Vote webpage for budget details and for information about the Board of Education candidates.

Sincerely,
Larry Licopoli, Ph.D.