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Senator Ghazala Hashmi, Chair
Senate Committee on Education and Health
201 Noth 9th Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Delegate Sam Rasoul
House Committee on Education
201 North 9th Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: Arlington Public Schools HB2278 Response

Dear Senator Hashmi and Delegate Rasoul:

In accordance with Virginia House Bill 2278 (2025), Arlington Public Schools (APS) is conducting a comprehensive review of potential accessibility challenges and barriers that may affect individuals with disabilities in its public elementary and secondary school buildings, programming, and grounds. Such review will incorporate portions of the methodology set forth in the U.S. Government Accountability Office's June 2020 report GAO20-448.

Ongoing and continued efforts to improve accessibility are integrated in APS' biannual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) development process. Every two years, this process assesses APS' capital needs, including measures to remove barriers and accessibility challenges to facilities and programming, needed over the subsequent ten years. Such assessment guides CIP development and assists the division in prioritizing resources for necessary renovation, replacement, and upgrade projects during this time span.

APS remains dedicated to creating and maintaining safe, inclusive, and accessible learning environments for all individuals. APS welcomes the opportunity to provide deeper insight into equitable access practices and strategies to enhance accessibility across all public schools.

Sincerely,

Francisco Durán, Ed.D.
Superintendent