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Superintendent Dr. Patrick Murphy Speaks On the Future of Arlington Schools

Arlington, VA - Leadership Center for Excellence held its first Coffee & Conversation on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at George Mason University, Arlington Campus (3351 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22201). Arlington Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Patrick Murphy sat down with moderator Greg Hamilton, Publisher and Co-Founder of *Arlington Magazine* and Chair of the Leadership Center for Excellence Board of Regents, to discuss the path forward for Arlington's school system.



"The Arlington Public Schools System is the largest today that is has ever been... with new facilities, they are [still] community facilities. As we bring new facilities online, we need to make sure they are truly accessible community facilities," Dr. Murphy remarked.

While enjoying coffee prior to the program starting, attendees had the opportunity to vote on which questions they were most interested in having Dr. Murphy answer. A few of the question topics included the achievement gap between economically disadvantaged and advantaged students, the issue of big schools versus small schools and the role technology plays in education.

"Facilitating events like Coffee & Conversation, where the community is given an outlet to connect with leaders such as Dr. Murphy, is central to the core of our organization's mission," said Mary Ellen Payne, Leadership Center for Excellence Board of Regents member. "For the past 20 years, we have envisioned new ways to inspire, enlighten and connect leaders in our community, and Coffee & Conversation is a perfect example of this vision becoming a reality. We are proud to serve as a community connection for knowledge sharing."



Pictures from Coffee & Conversation may be viewed on Leadership Center for Excellence's [Facebook page](#).

Thank you to sponsor Access National Bank and host George Mason University for their support of this event.

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