

BOARD BRIEF

Date: 05/27/22

BOARD INFORMATION:

MEETING PREPARATION:

FROM: Dr. Alicia Hart, PMP, Acting Chief of Facilities & Operations
Mr. Kurt Huffman, Executive Director of Community Partnerships and Engagement
Dr. Clinton Page, Chief of Accountability and Research

THROUGH: Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Meagan Alderton, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Update, School Law Enforcement Partnership (SLEP) Advisory Group Status

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment
Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

SY 2021-2022 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation

FY 2022 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Implementation of 2025 Strategic Plan

SUMMARY:

On April 21, 2022, the updated SLEP Advisory Group proposal was presented to the School Board. Staff received consensus from the School Board to proceed with the updated proposal. This brief will provide an update on the SLEP advisory group process since the April 21, 2022 meeting.

Membership Selection Process

The membership application process for the non-ACPS member core member spots and participatory subcommittee spots opened on Friday, April 22, 2022 and closed on Monday, May 2, 2022. The Office of Community Partnerships and Engagement received 58 applications during this time period. Scoring of applicants by the Family and Community Engagement Center (FACE) (based on a rubric) occurred and final membership selections were made. The scoring rubric was based on the answers submitted by applicants in response to the application form, to include aligned experience, stakeholder classification and any additional information provided.

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In addition, selections were made for the Core Advisory group members in alignment with the updated proposal presented on 04/21/22:

- Selection of Secondary Principal Representative
- Selection of School Psychology Representative
- Selection of Teacher Representative
- Selection of the Second Student Representative
- Selection of APD Representative
- Selection of the City Representative (Awaiting selection)

The advisory group membership list will be shared once we receive the City Representative selection.

External Facilitator Selection

Thru Consulting has been selected as the external facilitator for the SLEP advisory group. Thru Consulting was selected through an open solicitation (quote) process, with final review and selection made by Dr. Clinton Page, Chief of Accountability and Research.

Research and Focus Group Facilitator

Hanover Research Inc. will provide research and focus group/survey facilitation services for the SLEP advisory group process. Hanover Research is a current vendor with ACPS and provides similar support services to the Department of Accountability and Research.

Next Steps

- Thru Consulting and Hanover Research Inc have met to begin coordination of efforts as it relates to their individual roles within the SLEP advisory group process. Dr. Alicia Hart and Dr. Clinton Page will provide coordination assistance to Thru Consulting and/or Hanover Research as needed (i.e. contract management, assistance in finding meeting space, coordinating translation services for meetings, etc).
- Members will be informed of their selection and next steps on Tuesday, 05/31/22. The first advisory group meeting is planned for Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

The concept of a SLEP Advisory Group was introduced during an October 2021 update to the School Board on the return of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program to ACPS through June 30, 2022.

On March 10, 2022, the first iteration of the SLEP advisory group proposal was presented to the School Board.

On April 21, 2022, the second iteration of the SLEP advisory group proposal was presented to the School Board. This version of the proposal included 13 revisions based on the feedback

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received from the School Board on March 10, 2022. Consensus was provided to staff to move forward with this version of the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the status update and next steps for the SLEP advisory group.

IMPACT:

The creation of a SLEP Advisory Group will assist in increasing engagement and transparency around the school law enforcement partnership between ACPS and APD.

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

REFERENCES:

N/A

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