

BOARD BRIEF

Date: March 8, 2024

BOARD INFORMATION: X

MEETING PREPARATION:

FROM: John Contreras, Director of Safety and Security Services

THROUGH: Dr. Alicia Hart, PMP, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Michelle Rief, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: SY23-24 SRO/MOU Quarterly Reports (November 2023 and February 2024)

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

- Goal 1: Systematic Alignment
- Goal 2: Instructional Excellence
- Goal 3: Student Accessibility and Support
- Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation
- Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

SY 2022-2023 FOCUS AREA:

- Social Emotional and Academic Learning Recovery
- Staff Wellness and Growth
- Middle School Educational Experience
- Strategic Plan Implementation

FY 2023 BUDGET PRIORITY:

- Social and Emotional Supports for Students
- Safety and Security Upgrades

SUMMARY:

ACPS is focused on providing an equitable, high quality education to all students. The Department of Facilities and Operations (through the Office of Safety and Security Services) contributes to this overall strategic goal by working to remove unsafe school environments as a potential barrier to learning. The Office of Safety and Security Services is providing this report for the following periods:

- August 2023-October 2023
- November 2023-January 2024

BACKGROUND:

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Collection and reconciliation of school safety data is a requirement of both school board policy and our school law enforcement partnership memorandum of understanding (MOU).

- Virginia code 22.1-280.2:3 requires the school board in each school division in which the local law-enforcement agency employs school resource officers to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with such local law-enforcement agency that sets forth the powers and duties of such school resource officers, and other stakeholders. The MOU details the requirement to collect, review and reconcile specific data related to incidents on school campus grounds.
 - As it relates to the MOU, there is also a requirement to provide a summary of the quarterly meetings that occur with APD in regards to the SRO program:
 - The most recent SRO/MOU Quarterly Meeting occurred on February 20, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the quarterly reports.

IMPACT:

The provision of data related to school safety allows for transparency, community engagement, and the opportunity to further promote safe and secure school and campus environments for students, staff, families and all others.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. MOU SRO Quarterly Performance Report for November 2023
2. MOU SRO Quarterly Performance Report for February 2024

REFERENCES:

N/A

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