

**BOARD MEMO**

Date: September 17, 2020

For ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

For INFORMATION   x  

Board Agenda: Yes   x  

No \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** John Contreras, Director of Safety & Security Services

**THROUGH:** Dr. Alicia Hart, Acting Executive Director of Facilities and Operations  
Dr. Stephen Wilkins, Chief of Staff  
Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**TO:** The Honorable Cindy Anderson, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** Alexandria City Public Schools-Alexandria Police Department 2018 Memorandum  
of Understanding

**ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment  
Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation  
Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

**SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA:**

Focus Area 2: Policy Equity Audit  
Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation

**FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

ALICE Training  
MTSS including Restorative Practices and PBIS  
Improving Customer Relationship Services and Management

**SUMMARY:** Alexandria City Public Schools has a standing MOU with Alexandria City Police. The Office of Safety and Security (along with additional stakeholders) is in the process of reviewing the MOU in adherence with HB 292/SB 221 legislation.

**BACKGROUND:** The HB 292 (Van Valkenburg) / SB 221 (Locke) legislation requires school boards to review MOU's with local law enforcement agencies every two years (previous review frequency was every five years). The review process includes:

- The MOU between ACPS and APD signed in 2018 will be reviewed by a joint ACPS/APD committee.
- The committee will ensure the new MOU complies with recent Virginia law changes, where applicable.
- The committee will share/publicize the current 2018 MOU and provide a survey to ensure the greater Alexandria community has the opportunity to provide feedback.

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- The release of the current MOU and survey starts the public comment period. The review period will last through October 31, 2020.
- The committee will collect community input (via the survey) and a public hearing on October 1, 2020, and consider this feedback in the formulation of the updated MOU and/or any future addendums to the MOU.
- The updated MOU will be shared with the School Board prior to its renewal.
- The updated MOU must be renewed and signed by the Chief of Police and the Superintendent by November 2, 2020.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the ACPS/APD MOU review plan.

**IMPACT:** The City of Alexandria, Alexandria Police Department and Alexandria City Public Schools partnering for a safe educational environment for all.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

2018 MOU between ACPS and APD

**REFERENCES:** None.

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