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Date: February 22, 2024
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FROM: John Contreras, Director of Safety and Security Services

THROUGH: Dr. Alicia Hart, PMP, Chief Operating Officer
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 School Safety Data Report (Q1 and Q2)

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

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

SY 2023-2024 FOCUS AREA:

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

FY 2024 BUDGET PRIORITY:

- Increase Support for Social and Emotional Learning
- 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 a school’s safety data update that includes Q1 and Q2 safety data for the current school year.

DETAILS:

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).

- School Board Policy CLA, “Reporting Acts of Violence and Substance Abuse”, provides guidelines as to the situations that qualify as “incidents” for the purpose of state reporting.

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- 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 with the Alexandria Police Department occurred on November 7, 2023.
 - The next SRO/MOU Quarterly Meeting with the Alexandria Police Department is scheduled for February 20, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

This report is the fifth report compiled by Safety and Security Services and provides specific data for incidents that took place during Q1 and Q2 of the current school year. Such data may be used for improving safety and security operations that may have a positive impact on instructional excellence and strategic resource allocation.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the school safety data report and supporting attachment.

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. Presentation: School Safety Data Review Q1 and Q2
2. School Safety Data Report, SY23-24, Q1 and Q2

REFERENCES:

N/A

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