

BOARD MEMO

Date: October 7, 2021
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For INFORMATION _X____
Board Agenda: Yes _x____
No ____

FROM: Meagan L. Alderton, Chair, Alexandria City School Board
TO: Members of the Alexandria City School Board
TOPIC: Equity Policy Audit School Board Committee

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment

FY 2022 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Implementation of Equity Audit of School Board Policies

SUMMARY

The Chair recommends the following Board Members for appointment to the first rotation of the Equity Policy Audit School Board Committee:

October 2021-December 2021

- Jacinta Greene
- Christopher Suarez
- Heather Thornton

In late 2021, the Chair will appoint three Board Members to serve on the committee’s next three-month rotation; January 2022-March 2022.

The Equity Policy Audit School Board Committee will perform an in-depth policy review at monthly committee meetings, working alongside the ACPS/IDRA equity policy audit team to incorporate its recommendations with staff input, public comment and feedback from community focus groups. Recommendations will then be presented to the full Board at subsequent Board Meetings for review and approval.

BACKGROUND:

Based on the School Board’s approved fiscal year 2021 budget and its identification as a 2020-2021 school year focus area, Superintendent Gregory C. Hutchings directed the Department of Student Services and Equity, in collaboration with the Office of the School Board, to embark on an innovative equity audit of all School Board policies. The presentations linked as references below provide updates on the progress made since the initiative began in December 2020 and a timeline for the ongoing policy review, community engagement, recommendation and revision process.

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Board Chair recommends the School Board appoint Jacinta Greene, Christopher Suarez, and Heather Thornton to the first rotation of the Equity Policy Audit School Board Committee.

IMPACT:

Formation of the Equity Policy Audit School Board Committee will incorporate guidance, support and feedback from the School Board into the equity policy audit process.

REFERENCES:

[August 26, 2021 Board Presentation: Equity Policy Audit - Board Review and Approval Approaches](#)

[June 17, 2021 Board Presentation: Equity Policy Audit Update](#)

[April 9, 2021 Board Brief: Update- Equity Audit of School Board Policies](#)

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