

BOARD BRIEF

Date: December 2, 2022

BOARD INFORMATION: X

MEETING PREPARATION:

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THROUGH: Pierrette Finney, Ed.D, Executive Director of School Leadership
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TO: The Honorable Meagan L. Alderton, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Make-Up PSAT Date for Alexandria City High School, Minnie Howard Campus

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 2: Instructional Excellence

Goal 3: Student Accessibility and Support

SY 2022-2023 FOCUS AREA:

Social Emotional and Academic Learning Recovery

Hispanic Males

Continued SST Support Expansion

Strategic Plan Implementation

Implementation of Student with Disabilities Plan

Continuous Improvement in KPI Disparities

FY 2023 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Equitable TAG Identification of Black and Hispanic Students

Address Chronic Absenteeism & High School Graduation Rate Among Hispanic Male Students

Social and Emotional Supports for Students

Expand Access and Improve Quality of Out of School Learning

SUMMARY:

Students in grade 9 who attend Alexandria City High School, Minnie Howard Campus were scheduled to take the PSAT 8/9 on October 27, 2022. Due to complications related to the College Board testing sites, the students at Minnie Howard Campus were unable to test. The administration has worked with the Minnie Howard staff to select a make-up testing date within the College Board approved window. The Minnie Howard Campus ninth grade students will now take the PSAT 8/9 on January 17, 2023. ACHS will follow the same testing procedures and protocols as were planned in October, including:

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- students taking the test will be released upon completion at approximately 1:15pm,
- students who have extra time accommodations will have transportation available at 3:15pm, and
- breakfast and lunch will be served.

BACKGROUND:

Each school year, students in grades 9-12 have the opportunity to participate in school day testing for the PSAT/SAT. The dates are selected in collaboration with the College Board and the Titan Testing Team. Testing usually occurs in October and April of a given school year. These school testing days affords Titans greater access to assessments that can be highlighted on college resumes, allows students to qualify for National Merit Scholarships, and have SAT scores for the early college application process. There are no fees to students for these assessments.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Interim Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the information regarding the make-up.

IMPACT:

Students will be able to participate in the PSAT 8/9 as scheduled on a make-up day.

REFERENCES:

Please reference September 2, 2022 School Board Brief: SY 2022-2023 PSAT/SAT Testing Schedule at Alexandria City High School (ACHS).

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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