

BOARD BRIEF

Date: October 3, 2018
For ACTION _____
For INFORMATION X_____
Board Agenda: Yes ___
No X____

FROM: Mr. Kurt Huffman, Director of School, Business and Community Partnerships

THROUGH: Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Ramee A. Gentry, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Annual Title I Schools Family Engagement Report

SUMMARY:

In May 2018, 1,334 parents/guardians of students attending ACPS’s six Title I schools completed the Title I Schools Family Engagement Survey. This survey was designed to provide actionable data to inform efforts to eliminate barriers to parent participation, meet parent needs in assisting student learning and implement strategies to support successful school and family interaction at ACPS Title I Schools.

BACKGROUND:

The 2018 Title I Schools Family Engagement Survey was conducted by the Office of School, Business and Community Partnerships’ Family and Community Engagement Center (FACE) in partnership with the Department of Title I Programs. The survey meets the expectation of the Department of Education’s Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA P.L. 114095) as it pertains to identifying the needs of families at Title I Schools and supports the objectives in Goal 2 of the ACPS 2020 Strategic Plan- Family and Community Engagement: ACPS will partner with families and the community in the education of Alexandria’s youth.

As referenced in the summary above, in May 2018, 1,334 parents/guardians of students attending ACPS’s six Title I schools completed the Title I Schools Family Engagement Survey. This represents a 79.7% increase in participation rate from academic year 2017-2018. Surveys were printed in English, Spanish, Arabic, Amharic, Pashto, and Dari.

The surveys were sent home to families by Thursday folders and/or U.S. mail and were also available to families at drop off, pick up, and school events. Current ACPS parents with valid email addresses and mobile phone numbers on file received an email and/or text invitation to complete the survey online. More than 2000 personal phone calls were also made by outreach workers to serve as a reminder and give parents another opportunity to complete the survey.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the School Board review for information the Annual Title I Schools Family Engagement Report.

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IMPACT:

The report has been shared with ACPS Superintendent Leadership and Title I Principal/Building Leadership Teams. It is intended to help inform the School Improvement Planning process for each school and to provide an opportunity to reflect upon the report's data, best practices and comments in meeting the needs of our parents in assisting student learning and support successful school and family interaction.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Final 2017-2018 Title I Schools Family Engagement Report

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