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BOARD INFORMATION: X

MEETING PREPARATION:

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TO: The Honorable Meagan Alderton, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for ACPS Performing Arts Programs

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 2: Instructional Excellence

SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 1: Reopening of School

FY 2022 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Implementation of 2025 Strategic Plan

SUMMARY:

Alexandria City High School (ACHS) has purchased PPE for its performing arts programs, which is being actively implemented in the curriculum. Additional PPE is being purchased for all other performing arts programs with priority to Francis C. Hammond Middle School, George Washington Middle School, and grades 6-8 at Jefferson Houston PreK-8 IB School and Patrick Henry K-8 School, as well as further needs of ACHS. PPE for elementary performing arts programs will also be purchased and distributed once there is more guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Alexandria Health Department (AHD). The tentative date to receive the PPE is October 15, 2021.

The following guidelines pertain to the use of PPE and social distancing:

- Band, orchestra, and choral programs will use masks and instrument PPE at all times while interacting and practicing in a group both indoors and outdoors.
- Additionally, the following social distancing requirements must be in place:
 - All band, orchestra, and other music programs should practice outdoors, as weather permits, while using all required PPE.
 - When practicing indoors, social distancing must be at least six feet.

- When practicing outdoors, social distancing must be at least three feet and, when possible, six feet.

BACKGROUND:

The ACPS Fine Arts Program is offering in-person instruction that adheres to CDC and AHD guidelines. As such, staff and students are required to wear masks, practice social distancing, and use PPE for musical instruments, to reduce the spread of COVID 19.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the information within this brief.

IMPACT:

ACPS students and staff will be able to safely participate in the performing arts programs in an environment that mitigates the spread of COVID 19.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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