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Date: November 30, 2023
For ACTION _____
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THROUGH: Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
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TO: The Honorable Michelle Rief, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Redistricting Process and Timeline

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 PRIORITY AREA:

- Redistricting
- Student Supports
- K-8 School Analysis
- Class Sizes and Capacity Transfers

FY 2024 BUDGET PRIORITY:

- Reduce Class Sizes
- Transportation
- Modernizations
- Capacity Projects
- Planning for Future Projects
- Communications Support
- Transparency and Engagement for CIP Projects

SUMMARY:

Redistricting is a multi-year process that the School Board voted last June 2023 to implement after the findings of a boundary analysis conducted by ACPS. School Board policy JCE requires a boundary analysis be conducted every five years or with the opening of a new school. ACPS opened the new Douglas MacArthur building this Fall and will open the new Minnie Howard campus next Fall 2024. The last Redistricting process was implemented in September 2018 and

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this year marks five years. ACPS is also committed to enable students to attend their boundary school with equitable access to instructional programs and services. The Redistricting process will take into account this commitment while seeking equitable outcomes for all students.

DETAILS:

This presentation to the School Board will highlight the Redistricting criteria to include why ACPS is Redistricting, the decision points, input and feedback from diverse stakeholder groups, impact on policy, varying options, adoption of options and implementation. The feedback from the School Board will inform next steps which include selecting a vendor through the RFP process, selecting a Steering Committee made up of ACPS staff and selecting a Redistricting Review Committee made up of diverse stakeholders. The work of the steering committees will be directed by the School Board and will include recommendations to the School Board on the options selected for implementation.

BACKGROUND:

A boundary analysis was conducted last Spring. The findings informed the School Board's decision to begin the Redistricting process this year which will conclude with implementation in the 2025-26 school year.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the information provided to inform the School Board members about the current plans to implement the multi-year Redistricting process.

IMPACT:

The School Board's review of the multi-year Redistricting process and proposed timeline will increase their understanding of the issues involved and the factors impacting schools, students, families and the community.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Redistricting Process and Timeline PowerPoint

REFERENCES:

Boundary Analysis - June 15, 2023

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