

**BOARD MEMO**

Date: November 23, 2020

For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes

No

**FROM:** Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**TO:** The Honorable Cindy Anderson, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** 2021 ACPS Legislative Agenda

**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 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA:**

- Focus Area 1: Reopening of School
- Focus Area 2: Policy Equity Audit
- Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation
- Focus Area 4: Renaming of Schools
- Focus Area 5: Academic Disparities

**FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

- ALICE Training
- K-2 Literacy Programming
- Specialized Instruction Audit Implementation
- MTSS including Restorative Practices and PBIS
- Chronic Absenteeism among Hispanic Students
- Increased Staff Retention
- Human Resources Audit Implementation
- Facilities Audit Implementation
- Cultural Competence for All Staff
- Outreach to Hispanic Families to Improve Attendance and Graduation
- Outreach to Underserved Communities to Increase Engagement
- Improving Customer Relationship Services and Management

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### **SUMMARY:**

The Alexandria City Public Schools believes that local school divisions are best positioned to respond to the needs of students and families with the provision of adequate funding from the state to address mandates. To ensure that Virginia provides sufficient educational funding for its citizens, the Alexandria City School Board adopts a legislative agenda. ACPS will continue working with similar school divisions in our advocacy.

The 2021 Proposed Legislative Agenda was first reviewed at the October 21, 2020 Work Session. Board Member feedback from that work session was incorporated on page 2 of the legislative agenda to include language to support funding and financing of capital projects.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Every year the school board adopts a legislative agenda which advocates for the needs of Alexandria City Public Schools.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends the School Board approve the proposed ACPS Legislative Agenda for 2021.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

ACPS 2021 ACPS Legislative Agenda

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