

BOARD BRIEF

Date: January 27, 2023

BOARD INFORMATION: X

MEETING PREPARATION:

FROM: Matt Smith, Policy Services Consultant

THROUGH: Melanie Kay-Wyatt Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Schools

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

TOPIC: Plan for Reaching a Decision on Staggered Terms

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

FY 2023 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Implementation of the 2025 Strategic Plan

SUMMARY:

In 2018 and 2019 the Board discussed the possibility of altering the election cycle. The discussion included concepts of staggered terms and altering the length of the term. The work was paused due to COVID-19. The Board has decided to resume the conversation with a plan to make a decision by the end of the 2022-23 school year.

BACKGROUND:

This topic was previously discussed at the following meetings, the materials are available on ESB.

- December 13, 2022
- November 14, 2019
- June 10, 2019
- June 21, 2018
- May 31, 2018
- April 26, 2018

APPROACH:

The Board Policy Subcommittee is recommending the following approach to forming a possible recommendation to revise the board election cycle.

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1. Reaffirm Board desire to resume the discussion
 - a. COMPLETE
2. Develop a set of criteria the Board will use to form a potential recommended revision to Board terms, election cycles, and Board size
 - a. The criteria will be discussed and established during the February 9, 2023 Worksession
3. Conduct a survey of stakeholders on to determine their views on the criteria
 - a. March 2023
4. Hold a Public Hearing
 - a. March 30, 2023 Board Meeting
5. Discuss the findings from the survey and Public Hearing
 - a. March 30, 2023 Worksession
6. Pass a resolution on the requested revisions
 - a. April 20, 2023 Board Meeting
7. Consideration by the City Council
 - a. Summer 2023
8. Draft revisions to the City Council Charter
 - a. Summer/Fall 2023
9. Public Hearing on the revised City Council Charter
 - a. Fall 2023
10. Virginia Legislature considers the revision to the City Council Charter
 - a. 2024 Legislative Session
11. First elections using the new terms
 - a. November 2024

RECOMMENDATION: The Interim Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the recommended plan to consider revising Board terms.

IMPACT:

By periodically reviewing ideas such as staggered terms, the Board ensures they are continuing to function in a manner that best supports the residents of Alexandria.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. NONE

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