

**BOARD MEMO**

Date: January 20, 2022

For ACTION   x  

For INFORMATION       

Board Agenda: Yes   x  

No       

**FROM:** E. Scott Merriman, Director of Pupil Transportation and Fleet Management

**THROUGH:** Dr. Alicia Hart, PMP, Acting Chief of Facilities and Operations  
Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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

**TOPIC:** VADEQ Electric Bus Grant

**ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation

**SY 2021-2022 FOCUS AREA:**

Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation

**FY 2022 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

Implementation of 2025 Strategic Plan

**SUMMARY:**

The VADEQ Grant is an “encouragement” grant that supports school divisions in Virginia to transform diesel bus fleets to electric bus fleets. If awarded, this grant will provide \$300,000 per bus to go toward 10 new electric buses. This would increase our electric bus fleet to 15 buses. Dominion Power has also committed to covering all costs pertaining to expanding our charging infrastructure to support the additional electric buses. Any cost not covered by this grant and/or Dominion Power support will be paid for from the Transportation CIP allocation.

Funding had been set aside (as part of the CIP budget) for the purpose of replacing buses prior to this grant opportunity becoming available. This grant is timely in that we qualify for the maximum allotment of \$3,000,000 in this budget cycle.

**BACKGROUND:**

VADEQ is requesting basic information to be considered for the grant, to include a list of the buses that are intended to be replaced (to determine eligibility), along with a School Board resolution. There is no narrative required to justify bus fleet transformation.

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the VADEQ Grant Proposal and School Board Resolution required for application (see attachment).

### **IMPACT:**

This grant will further ACPS's efforts to modernize our transportation system and as well as act responsively to the growing concerns of fossil fuel emissions produced by diesel buses.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

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