

**BOARD BRIEF**

Date: September 10, 2021

**BOARD INFORMATION:**   X  

**MEETING PREPARATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**TOPIC:** Annual School Safety Audit – 2020-2021 School Year

**ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

- Goal 2: Instructional Excellence
- Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation
- Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

**SY 2021-2022 FOCUS AREA:**

Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation

**FY 2022 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

Improving Customer Relationship Services and Management  
Communications and Customer Service for Internal Stakeholders

**SUMMARY:**

This board brief informs of the completion of the 2021 Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) School Safety Audit.

**BACKGROUND:**

In accordance with *Virginia Code § 22.1-279.8*, all schools in Virginia are required to complete an annual safety audit. The audit is an assessment to:

- i. Identify and, if necessary, develop solutions for physical safety concerns, including building security issues and
- ii. Identify and evaluate any patterns of student safety concerns occurring on school property or at school sponsored events.

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The Virginia School Safety Audit is made up of four main components:

- School & Division Safety Surveys
- Crisis Management Plans
- Virginia Schools Survey of Climate and Working Conditions (Annually in Spring)
- School Safety Inspection Checklists (Every 3 Years)

All four components due this year were certified as completed on August 25, 2021.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the attachments on the School Safety Audit for SY 2020-2021.

### **IMPACT:**

School safety information is used to assess school safety posture and make adjustments as needed to ensure the safety of the campus.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 210910 - DCJS Safety Audit Completion Table
2. 210910 - School Safety Survey Results – All Schools

**REFERENCE:** 22.1-279.8. School safety audits and school crisis, emergency management, and medical emergency response plans required. <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/22.1-279.8/>

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