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Date: October 15, 2020

For ACTION _____

For INFORMATION x

Board Agenda: Yes x

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FROM: John Contreras, Director of Safety & Security Services

THROUGH: Dr. Alicia Hart, Acting Executive Director of Facilities and Operations
Dr. Stephen Wilkins, Chief of Staff
Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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

TOPIC: Draft Review of the 2020-2022 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between
ACPS and the Alexandria Police Department (APD) on the employment of School
Resource Officers (SROs)

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment

Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation

Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 2: Policy Equity Audit

Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation

FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY:

ALICE Training

MTSS including Restorative Practices and PBIS

Improving Customer Relationship Services and Management

SUMMARY: ACPS has a standing MOU with APD that requires review and approval every two years. The MOU must be signed not later than November 2, 2020. The Office of Safety and Security Services will provide an update of the review and approval process for this MOU.

BACKGROUND: Five SROs are assigned to ACPS by the Alexandria Police Department on a daily basis during the school year. There are two SROs assigned to T.C. Williams High School, one SRO is assigned to the Minnie Howard Campus, and one SRO each is assigned to Francis C. Hammond and George Washington Middle Schools.

Virginia code 22.1-280.2:3 requires the School Board in each school division in which the local law-enforcement agency employs school resource officers to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with such local law-enforcement agency that sets forth the powers and

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duties of such school resource officers.

For the 2020-2022 review process, ACPS and APD formed a joint-committee to review the past and future MOU. This review process included a public hearing, community feedback survey and the Board work session on October 15. The briefing will inform the Board of this process. Board guidance will be incorporated into the new MOU and presented to the School Board for a final review at a late October date.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the attached information for the work session.

IMPACT: The Alexandria City Public Schools and Alexandria Police Department develop a partnership that supports a safe and secure school and campus environment for students, staff, families and all others.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Code of Virginia (School boards; local law-enforcement agencies; memorandums of understanding for school resource officers)
2. VA Center for School Safety Definition and School-Law Enforcement Partnership Curriculum
3. 2020 Community Survey feedback
4. Current MOU (2018-2020)
5. Working draft-MOU-2020-2022-not-for-approval (Discussion Only)
6. School Climate Survey: Division-wide 2020
7. School Climate Survey: Division-wide 2019
8. VA School Quality Profile TCW (2017-2019)
9. School Climate Survey TCW 2020
10. School Climate Survey TCW 2018
11. School Climate Survey FC Hammond 2019
12. School Climate Survey GW 2019

REFERENCES: None.

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