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

TOPIC: 2021-2022 Areas of Focus

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 3: Strategic Plan Implementation
- Focus Area 5: Academic Disparities

FY 2022 BUDGET PRIORITY:

- Implementation of 2025 Strategic Plan
- Implementation of Equity Audit of School Board Policies
- K-2 Literacy Continued Implementation
- Reduce Disproportionality in TAG and Advanced Courses
- Complete Educational Programming Design for HS Project
- Implement Monitoring System for Specialized Instruction Action
- Plan MTSS Implementation with Restorative Practices and PBIS
- Stress/Counseling Support especially around Trauma
- Customer Management System
- Continue Engagement with Hispanic Families to Improve Graduation and Chronic Absenteeism
- Professional Learning and Cultural Competency Training for all Staff and Partners

SUMMARY:

The attached presentation highlights the ACPS Areas of Focus for the 2020-21 school year and presents the ACPS Areas of Focus for the 2021-2022 school year. The areas of focus are

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updated annually based on current and historical data and to ensure organizational alignment as well as prioritization of work efforts across the system. The areas of focus are created to align with and support the Equity for All 2025 strategic plan, FY 2022 Board Budget Priorities, and to sustain areas of focus from last year.

BACKGROUND:

The ACPS Areas of Focus highlight specific areas for intentional prioritization and aligned efforts during the course of the current school year. As in previous years, the ACPS Areas of Focus for the 2021-22 school year were arrived upon through the utilization of data-informed decision making within this specific process as well as within other key governance structure processes such as the implementation of the strategic plan and FY 2022 budget prioritization. The ACPS Equity for All 2025 strategic plan serves as the overall roadmap for the areas of focus by setting the organizational vision, mission, core values, goals, and strategies. Along with alignment to the overall guiding documents of the strategic plan and budget priorities, the Areas of Focus must also attend to our current dual pandemic context of systemic racism and COVID-19.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the 2021-2022 Areas of Focus for future budget and programmatic implications.

IMPACT:

The ACPS Areas of Focus for the 2021-22 school year provide the organization with a clear set of priorities with racial equity at the heart and by sustaining past areas of focus to reach the goal of empowering all students to thrive in a diverse and ever-changing world.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. PowerPoint - SY 2021-22 Areas of Focus
2. SOL 2021 and 2019 Cohort Analysis
3. ACPS Academic Year 2020-21 Chronic Absenteeism Data

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