

**BOARD MEMO**

Date: December 17, 2020

For ACTION   x  

For INFORMATION       

Board Agenda: Yes   x  

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**FROM:** Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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

**TOPIC:** 2021 ACPS Legislative Agenda Revision

**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 3: Strategic Plan Implementation

**FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

- ALICE Training
- K-2 Literacy Programming
- Specialized Instruction Audit Implementation
- MTSS including Restorative Practices and PBIS
- Chronic Absenteeism among Hispanic Students
- Increased Staff Retention
- Human Resources Audit Implementation
- Facilities Audit Implementation
- Cultural Competence for All Staff
- Outreach to Hispanic Families to Improve Attendance and Graduation
- Outreach to Underserved Communities to Increase Engagement
- Improving Customer Relationship Services and Management

**SUMMARY:**

The Alexandria City Public Schools believes that local school divisions are best positioned to respond to the needs of students and families with the provision of adequate funding from the state to address mandates. To ensure that Virginia provides sufficient educational funding for its citizens, the Alexandria City School Board adopts a legislative agenda. ACPS will continue working with similar school divisions in our advocacy.

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The 2021 Proposed Legislative Agenda was first reviewed at the October 21, 2020 Work Session and adopted at the November 23, 2020 Special Called School Board Meeting. The adopted legislative agenda has been revised to include language in support of legislation to provide college and university tuition grants to DACA students.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Every year the school board adopts a legislative agenda which advocates for the needs of Alexandria City Public Schools.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends the School Board approve the revised ACPS Legislative Agenda for 2021.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Revised 2021 ACPS Legislative Agenda

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