

BOARD BRIEF

Date: April 28, 2023

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: Dates for 2023–2024 ACPS Back-to-School Nights

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

- Goal 1: Systemic Alignment
- Goal 2: Instructional Excellence
- Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

SY 2022-2023 FOCUS AREA:

- Social Emotional and Academic Learning Recovery
- Hispanic Males

FY 2023 BUDGET PRIORITY:

- Address Chronic Absenteeism & High School Graduation Rate Among Hispanic Male Students
- Social and Emotional Supports for Students

SUMMARY:

The Principal Leads at Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) worked with Central Office staff and school principals to select dates for the 2023–2024 back-to-school nights. The schedule in the following table reflects alternating dates for elementary and middle schools on opposite ends of the city to (1) minimize conflicts for parents/guardians attending at both the elementary and secondary levels; and (2) streamline the provision of interpretation services.

Dates	Schools
Aug 15 & 17 (Tu & Th)	Samuel Tucker (split grades)

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Dates	Schools
Sep 6 (W)	ACHS Minnie Howard Campus, ACHS Satellite Campus, ACHS Chance for Change Campus
Sep 7 (Th)	ACHS King Street Campus
Sep 12 (Tu)	Early Childhood Center
Sep 13 (W)	F.C. Hammond MS, Jefferson-Houston, Charles Barrett, Cora Kelly, Douglas MacArthur, George Mason, Lyles-Crouch, Mount Vernon, Naomi Brooks
Sep 14 (Th)	George Washington MS, Patrick Henry, Ferdinand T. Day, James K. Polk, John Adams, William Ramsay

BACKGROUND:

Each year, back-to-school night events are scheduled within the first month of school. On these nights, parents/guardians are invited to come meet the teachers and staff at each school, learn about their student(s)' classes, and engage in discussions about curriculum. Parent/Guardian outreach is done at both the division and school levels, and interpretation services are provided. In addition, ACPS carefully reviews observed holidays to avoid any conflict.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Interim Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the information in this board brief regarding 2023–2024 ACPS back-to-school nights.

IMPACT:

The dates for the ACPS 2023–2024 back-to-school nights have been spread out to increase parent/guardian participation and improve accessibility to interpretation services.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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