

BOARD MEMO

Date: December 15, 2022

For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes

No

FROM: Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent of Schools
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TO: The Honorable Meagan L. Alderton, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: 2023 Proposed ACPS Legislative Agenda

SUMMARY:

The Alexandria City School Board believes high-quality public schools are fundamental to keeping our local community and Commonwealth strong. To that end, each year we communicate the needs of our local school division to legislators in the Virginia General Assembly. Attached are the proposed ACPS legislative positions for 2022-2023 school year, which align with the School Board's long-standing advocacy for increased state funding to support students, staff, and school facility modernization. In addition, the Board requests flexibility to manage resources and set policies at the local level that are in the best interest of the local community.

In addition to ACPS legislative positions, the Alexandria City School Board may recommend legislative positions to the Virginia School Board Association (VSBA) for consideration. Attached is a draft ACPS legislative plan for the upcoming year for the Board's consideration.

BACKGROUND:

Every year the School Board adopts a legislative agenda that advocates for the needs of Alexandria City Public Schools. This work is supported by Lilla Wise, ACPS legislative consultant.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Interim Superintendent recommends the School Board review the proposed ACPS Legislative Positions and proposed ACPS Legislative Plan for 2023.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. ACPS Legislative Positions 2023--DRAFT
2. ACPS Legislative Plan 2023--DRAFT

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