

School Board Questions to Board Briefs dated June 12, 2020

Due to COVID-19, staff is providing information to the School Board via Board Briefs. The School Board can ask their questions through Wednesday of the following week. Staff will post responses to those questions by the following Monday.

| Date | Board Member | # | Question | SLT/Staff Member | Response |
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| Board Brief: LCTA HVAC RTU Replacement | | | | | |
| 6/17/20 | M. Rief | 1 | Since the HVAC installation won't be complete at LCTA until November, will this impact the indoor air temperature at the beginning of the school year? | A. Hart | <p>The project is anticipated to go into the fall months but may be completed prior to November, as there is usually some time contingency built into the schedule. Please note that the preliminary schedule from the awarded contractor has completion, commissioning and closeout at the end of October. Demobilization takes the project out another month into November.</p> <p>Nonetheless, the project work will potentially have an impact on the indoor air temperature. We will be prepared to mitigate any issues with spot coolers on the early, hot days of the school year and heaters should the project drag into the cooler months of fall. We will also work with the contractor on starting the system up by zones of the school to address the classroom spaces early and the larger, interior spaces (multi-purpose room/gymnasium) later. We will work with the school to minimize impact and ensure the space is conditioned and comfortable for students and staff should we return to a traditional/modified school model in the fall.</p> |

Board Brief: Donation to ACPS

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| 6/17/20 | M. Rief | 2 | <p>I'm interested in an update on home internet access. Are we still meeting the needs of all students with the newly-purchased Kajeets, or is the need for home internet access increasing due to the financial crisis and/or expiration of Comcast Internet Essentials free offer? I know Dr. Hoover was exploring some additional solutions.</p> <p>Do we know how many ACPS students/families signed up for Comcast's free program? This can help with understanding the needs of our students and future planning.</p> <p>I've also been wondering if we've attempted to ensure K-2 families have home devices and internet access? I recall hearing that we were gathering data this. My 1st grade son's class uses Seesaw and Zoom, which means families without home internet can't access this content.</p> | E. Hoover | <p>We do not know how many families have signed up for Comcast's Internet Essentials program. Information has been requested but no data has been provided at this time. There has been some anecdotal information that families have requested kajeets out of concern of not being able to afford the program after it expires.</p> <p>As of June 19th, there were no outstanding requests for internet access but we do anticipate future need due to the ongoing economic impact of COVID 19 and with plans to expand distribution of Chromebooks to second graders for the 20-21 school year. In addition, we are looking to provide a tablet-type solution to families of kindergarten and first graders without devices and internet access at home. Additional kajeets will be acquired for this need.</p> <p>We are still seeking possibilities to provide more sustainable and permanent solutions for families. This includes technology that could address entire neighborhoods rather than individual households.</p> |
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