

BOARD BRIEF

Date: September 27, 2019

For **INFORMATION**: X

Upcoming Board Agenda:

Yes

No X

Agenda Date:

FROM: Clinton Page, Chief Accountability Officer

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

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

TOPIC: 2019-20 Accreditation Results

ACPS 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:
Goal 1: Academic Excellence and Educational Equity

SY 2019-2020 FOCUS AREA:
Focus Area 1: Educational Equity

FY 2020 BUDGET PRIORITY:
Gap Group Achievements
Academics

SUMMARY:
This Board Brief, along with the attached tables, summarizes 2019-20 accreditation results for all schools. All schools within ACPS are fully accredited this year, which is the first time since the inception of the state Accreditation twenty years ago. The VDOE will publicly release final school Accreditation statuses on September 30, 2019. Concurrently, VDOE will update School Quality Profiles for schools, divisions, and the commonwealth to include new accreditation ratings and federal support and improvement designations.

BACKGROUND:
The 2019-20 Accreditation Results Tables are provided to apprise stakeholders to both school accreditation results as determined by the 2018-2019 school year. As additional results become available (e.g. SAT, ACT and VA On-Time Graduation rates), supplementary analyses and reports will be provided.

Accreditation results are presented through the new state Accreditation accountability systems in Tables 1-5. All schools within ACPS are fully accredited this year, which is the first time since the inception of the state Accreditation twenty years ago. Achievement gaps remain within

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Math and English among Black students, Economically Disadvantaged students, and students with disabilities.

The next VDOE public release is currently scheduled for September 30, 2019 and will include final Accreditation statuses and SOL outcomes for all schools. Concurrently, VDOE will update School Quality Profiles for schools, divisions, and the commonwealth to include new accreditation ratings and federal support and improvement designations.

These summative results and analyses are a critical component of informing decisions across stakeholder groups and will be analyzed and reported out annually.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends review of the 2019-20 Accreditation Results Tables for possible planning, procedural, programmatic, and/or budgetary changes.

IMPACT:

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. 2019-20 Accreditation Results Tables*

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