

## BOARD BRIEF

Date: September 1, 2023

**BOARD INFORMATION:**   X  

**MEETING PREPARATION:**       

**FROM:** Sophie Huemer, Principal Planner

**THROUGH:** Erika Gulick, Executive Director of Facilities  
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**TO:** The Honorable Dr. Michelle Rief, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** Playground Assessment Update #2

**ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment  
Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation

**FY 2023 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

Playgrounds  
Planning for Future Projects  
Transparency and Engagement for CIP Projects

**SUMMARY:**

ACPS began the solicitation process for the Playground Condition Assessments for all schools in the Fall of 2022. Facility Engineering Associates, LLC was awarded the contract in May. Inspections and evaluation of the playgrounds began in late May and ended in mid-June. The conditions assessments will be completed for each school facility in time for incorporation into the planning cycle for the FY 2025-2034 CIP Budget. Currently, drafts of the assessments are under review and following finalization, these reports will be shared with the School Board.

The Playground Condition Assessments (PCA) will provide a benchmark of the current state of ACPS playgrounds and prioritize projects for maintenance, repair and/or replacement. This assessment, along with estimates of cost and project prioritization, will enable ACPS to make informed decisions on projects to pursue in the FY 2025-2034 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

**BACKGROUND:**

As part of the CIP project planning funds, the School Board has prioritized a review of all playground assessments in the FY 2023 CIP.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Interim Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the board brief for their information.

**IMPACT:** The Playground Condition Assessments will provide detailed, accurate information on the life-cycle of playgrounds to accurately plan for capital improvement projects.

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