

Date: January 12, 2017

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Board Agenda: Yes X \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** Mary Beth Chambers, Interim Chief Financial Officer

**THROUGH:** Alvin L. Crawley, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**TO:** The Honorable Ramee A. Gentry, Chair, and Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** Presentation of the Proposed FY 2018 Combined Funds Budget

**BACKGROUND:**

On Thursday, January 12, 2017, the Superintendent will present the FY 2018 Combined Funds Budget for School Board consideration. The adoption of the Combined Funds Budget is an annual commitment to programs and activities for Alexandria City Public Schools.

ACPS is moving forward in our efforts to realize the mission and vision established in *ACPS 2020* strategic plan, and to prepare every student to have the skills necessary to be successful in the 21st century. We are guided by a commitment to achieving academic excellence, where every school is high performing and every student succeeds.

Over the course of this school year, our leadership team has worked to develop a FY 2018 combined funds budget that is responsive to the diverse and differentiated needs of our growing student population. Despite significant fiscal challenges, the budget reflects a commitment to established initiatives that have been implemented to decrease gaps in achievement across various economic, educational and racial achievement groups.

Below are additional key dates when the FY 2018 Combined Funds Budget will be discussed in more detail and approved by the School Board.

1. Tuesday, January 24, 2017 – Budget Work Session
2. Thursday, January 26, 2017 – Public Hearing and Budget Work Session
3. Tuesday, January 31, 2017 – Budget Work Session
4. Monday, February 6, 2017 – Budget Work Session
5. Thursday, February 16, 2017 – Public Hearing and Preliminary Add/Delete Work Session
6. Tuesday, February 21, 2017 – Final Add/Delete Work Session
7. Thursday, February 23, 2017 – Adoption of the Combined Funds Budget

**Recommendation:** The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the FY 2018 Combined Funds Budget.

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