

**BOARD BRIEF**

Date: May 24, 2024

**BOARD INFORMATION:**   X  

**MEETING PREPARATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** Rene Paschal, Acting Executive Director of School Leadership  
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**THROUGH:** Pierrette Finney, Ed.D., Chief Academic Officer  
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**TO:** The Honorable Michelle Rief, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** Dates for 2024–2025 ACPS Back-to-School Nights

**ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

- Goal 1: Systemic Alignment
- Goal 2: Instructional Excellence
- Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

**SY 2023-2024 FOCUS AREA:**

- Academic Achievement
- Tier 1 Instruction: Alignment, Rigor, Engagement
- Student Supports
- CASEL Social Emotional Learning Competencies
- Student Connection and Attendance
- Continue Culture Building

**FY 2024 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

- Full Implementation of Students with Disabilities Action Plan
- Target Chronic Absenteeism
- Restorative Practices Supports
- Increase Support for Social and Emotional Learning
- Safe Routes to School Coordination

**SUMMARY:**

The Principal Leads and Assistant Principal Leads at Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) worked with Central Office staff and school principals to select dates for the 2024–2025 back-to-school

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nights. Back-to-School Night serves to facilitate home-school collaboration through sharing information, building relationships, addressing questions and concerns, and promoting parent engagement.

### DETAILS:

The schedule in the following table reflects alternating dates for elementary and middle schools on opposite ends of the city to (1) minimize conflicts for parents/guardians attending at both the elementary and secondary levels, and (2) streamline the provision of interpretation services.

Dates	School
August 7 and 8, 2024	Samuel Tucker (split grades)
August 27, 2024	Charles Barrett, Cora Kelly, Douglas MacArthur, George Mason, Lyles-Crouch, Mount Vernon, Naomi Brooks
August 28, 2024	Ferdinand T. Day, James K. Polk, John Adams, William Ramsay
September 4, 2024	ACHS King Street Campus
September 5, 2024	ACHS Minnie Howard Campus including early childhood programs, ACHS Satellite Campus, ACHS CFC Campus Early Childhood Center
September 9, 2024	Francis C. Hammond MS, Jefferson-Houston George Washington MS, Patrick Henry

### BACKGROUND:

Each year, back-to-school night events are scheduled within the first month of school. On these nights, parents/guardians are invited to meet the teachers and staff at each school, learn about their student(s)' classes, and engage in discussions about the curriculum. Parent/Guardian outreach is done at both the division and school levels, and interpretation services are provided. In addition, ACPS carefully reviews observed holidays to avoid any conflict.

### RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the information in this board brief regarding 2024–2025 ACPS back-to-school nights.

### IMPACT:

The dates for the ACPS 2024–2025 back-to-school nights have been spread out to increase parent/guardian participation and improve accessibility to interpretation services.

### REFERENCES:

None

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### ATTACHMENTS:

None

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