

BOARD BRIEF

Date: March 31, 2023

BOARD INFORMATION:

MEETING PREPARATION:

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TO: The Honorable Meagan L. Alderton, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Update on Playground Assessments

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. There have been some challenges in procuring this work, however, negotiations are nearing completion and award of a contract is expected in April. Given the value of this contract, this will not require School Board approval. Inspections will begin this spring with the assessments to be completed for each school facility in time for incorporation into the planning cycle for the FY 2025-2034 CIP Budget.

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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ATTACHMENTS:

N/a

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