

BOARD BRIEF

Date: March 19, 2021

BOARD INFORMATION: X

MEETING PREPARATION:

FROM: E. Scott Merriman, Director of Pupil Transportation and Fleet Management

THROUGH: Dr. Alicia Hart, PMP, Executive Director of Facilities and Operations
Stephen M. Wilkins, Ed.D., Chief of Staff
Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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

TOPIC: Electric Bus Update

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment
Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation
Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation

FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Improving Customer Relationship Services and Management
Communications and Customer Service for Internal Stakeholders

SUMMARY:

The Office of Pupil Transportation and Fleet Management has received three electric buses, and anticipate receiving another two by March 19, 2021. As we await the easement to be completed at the ACPS Transportation facility, we have been granted permission to park and charge the electric buses at the DASH facility. We will begin utilizing the electric buses to transport students by the end of May 2021, which will allow the necessary time to train drivers and complete a required incident simulation with Fire and Rescue.

BACKGROUND:

In the summer of 2020, ACPS agreed to participate in a Dominion Energy-sponsored electric school bus program. Based on this agreement, Dominion Energy committed to funding the cost difference between electric and diesel buses for each participating school division. Included in the agreement is the complete cost of charging station infrastructure, paid for by Dominion Energy.

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the board brief and attachment on the electric buses.

IMPACT:

Advances the Facilities and Operations Department Improvement Plan

ATTACHMENTS:

Electric Bus Photos

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