

BOARD MEMO

Date: September 9, 2021
For ACTION
For INFORMATION
Board Agenda: Yes
No

FROM: Julie Crawford, Ed.D., Chief of Student Services and Equity
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THROUGH: Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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

TOPIC: Update on COVID-19 Testing Program for ACPS Students

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

- Goal 1: Systemic Alignment
- Goal 2: Instructional Excellence
- Goal 3: Student Accessibility and Support
- Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation
- Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 1: Reopening of School

FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY:

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

SUMMARY:

This presentation provides an update on COVID-19 testing program for ACPS students.

BACKGROUND:

The COVID-19 case data for the City of Alexandria has been increasing, and the city is experiencing a high level of community transmission, largely due to the Delta variant. As ACPS returns to five-days a week of in-person learning, additional public health safety measures must be taken to ensure the health and safety of all staff and students. ACPS has been actively engaged with the Virginia Department of Health since June to participate in the student COVID-19 testing program known as ViSSTA. Recently ACPS learned that that program will not be ready for implementation in the next few weeks. ACPS is pursuing COVID-19 testing through an outside vendor at this time.

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve ACPS to conduct COVID-19 surveillance testing of students.

IMPACT:

This requirement safeguards the public health of the school division by establishing a health monitoring requirement for students.

ATTACHMENTS:

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