

Public Comments for Virtual School Board Meetings #7

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In the strategic plan, I applaud the acknowledgement of our city's history of racism and how systemic racism still exists in our community. The equity focus of the plan is laudable and necessary. There are a few areas for clarification or addition I had. For the theory of action, I didn't see data-informed decision-making noted. There are many measures listed in the plan, but it wasn't as clear to me how data would be regularly used for continuous improvement by the central office, the school board, and at the building level. For "Measuring Our Impact" on page 8, are the measures listed those for the VA accountability system? These are important measures of student performance, but I wonder about other measures we care about in our community. Is there a measure of school culture and climate that we could use, or do already use, to measure the quality of our school learning environments? A school culture and climate measure (there are many evidence-based instruments – UChicago's 5 Essentials, Panorama, Washoe County's, etc), that, if done well, also include student, teacher and parent surveys, so we'd know if students feel supported, challenged, valued and safe at school. There are many data points from an Equity Audit and other surveys listed on other pages of the strategic plan, but they aren't rolled up to show measures we care about as a city. We value other things outside of academics at ACPS, but our measures of continuous improvement aren't reflecting that clearly on page 8. Finally, I didn't see called out enough our vision for a more relevant, personalized high school experience for kids. The High School Project is a historic opportunity for ACPS over the next five years, but it sounds like the same high school experience will exist for kids, if we're only looking at the strategic plan. I'd like to see more emphasis on a vision for high school redesign. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.