

BOARD MEMO

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

TOPIC: Areas of Focus SY 2022-2023

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

- Goal 1: Systemic Alignment
- Goal 2: Instructional Excellence
- Goal 3: Student Accessibility and Support

SY 2021-2022 FOCUS AREA:

- Focus Area 1: Social Emotional and Academic Learning Recovery
- Focus Area 2: Hispanic Males
- Focus Area 3: Middle School Educational Experience
- Focus Area 4: Early College
- Focus Area 5: Talented and Gifted

FY 2022 BUDGET PRIORITY:

- Implementation of 2025 Strategic Plan
- Implementation of Equity Audit of School Board Policies
- K-2 Literacy Continued Implementation
- Reduce Disproportionality in TAG and Advanced Courses
- Complete Educational Programming Design for HS Project
- Implement Monitoring System for Specialized Instruction Action Plan
- MTSS Implementation with Restorative Practices and PBIS
- Stress/Counseling Support especially around Trauma
- Continue Engagement with Hispanic Families to Improve Graduation and Chronic Absenteeism

SUMMARY:

The attached presentation presents key division-level data from SY 21-22 and the ACPS Areas of Focus for the 2022-2023 school year. This information was previously presented and discussed with the Board at the August 25 Work Session. Based on feedback from the Board, KPI areas for continuous improvement have been added for the student groups showing the greatest disproportionality within suspension and chronic absenteeism. The Areas of Focus represent multi-year efforts in critical areas identified through data and aligned with the ACPS Equity for All strategic plan and the FY 23 Board Budget Priorities. The Areas of Focus allow for clear organizational alignment and prioritization of work across the entire system.

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BACKGROUND:

The ACPS Areas of Focus highlight specific areas for intentional prioritization and aligned efforts during the course of the current school year. As in previous years, the 2022-23 Areas of Focus were arrived upon through the utilization of data-informed decision making within this specific process as well as within other key governance structure processes such as the implementation of the strategic plan and FY 2023 budget prioritization. The ACPS Equity for All 2025 strategic plan serves as the overall roadmap for the Areas of Focus by setting the organizational vision, mission, core values, goals, and strategies. Likewise, the Board Budget Priorities set last fall and last year's Areas of Focus inform the current year.

Along with alignment to the overall guiding documents of the strategic plan and budget priorities, the Areas of Focus are key priorities set to guide reconnection, support, and recovery from the continuing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the 2022-23 Areas of Focus.

IMPACT:

The 2022-2023 Areas of Focus provide the organization with a clear set of priorities with racial equity at the heart and by building off of past areas of focus to reach the ultimate goal of empowering all students to thrive in a diverse and ever-changing world.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Presentation – SY 2022-23 Areas of Focus
2. Equity Climate Survey Results Summary
3. Historical Developmental Assets Survey Summary Tables
4. Preliminary School Accreditation Statuses
5. Board Brief Federally Adjusted SOL Results
6. Chronic Absenteeism SY 21-22 Division Analysis

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