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Date: February 16, 2023
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Board Agenda: Yes X
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FROM: John Contreras, Director of Safety and Security Services

THROUGH: Dr. Alicia Hart, PMP, Chief of Facilities and Operations
Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent of Schools

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

TOPIC: SY22-23 School Safety Data Report (Q1 and Q2)

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 2022-2023 FOCUS AREA:

- Social Emotional and Academic Learning Recovery
- Staff Wellness and Growth
- Middle School Educational Experience
- Strategic Plan Implementation

FY 2023 BUDGET PRIORITY:

- Social and Emotional Supports for Students
- Safety and Security Upgrades

SUMMARY:

ACPS is focused on providing an equitable, high quality education to all students. The Department of Facilities and Operations (through the Office of Safety and Security Services) contributes to this overall strategic goal by working to remove unsafe school environments as a potential barrier to learning. The Office of Safety and Security Services is providing a school’s safety data update that includes Q1 and Q2 safety data for the current school year.

BACKGROUND:

Collection and reconciliation of school safety data is a requirement of both school board policy and our school law enforcement partnership memorandum of understanding (MOU).

- School Board Policy CLA, “Reporting Acts of Violence and Substance Abuse”, provides guidelines as to the situations that qualify as “incidents” for the purpose of state

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reporting.

- Virginia code 22.1-280.2:3 requires the school board in each school division in which the local law-enforcement agency employs school resource officers to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with such local law-enforcement agency that sets forth the powers and duties of such school resource officers, and other stakeholders. The MOU details the requirement to collect, review and reconcile specific data related to incidents on school campus grounds.
 - As it relates to the MOU, there is also a requirement to provide a summary of the quarterly meetings that occur with APD in regards to the SRO program:
 - The most recent SRO/MOU Quarterly Meeting occurred on February 09, 2023
 - The quarterly report related to this meeting will be shared on Friday, February 17, 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

The Interim Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the school safety data report and supporting attachments.

IMPACT:

The provision of data related to school safety allows for transparency, community engagement, and the opportunity to further promote safe and secure school and campus environments for students, staff, families and all others.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Presentation: School Safety Data Review Q1 and Q2
2. School Safety Data Report, SY22-23, Q1 and Q2

REFERENCES:

N/A

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