



## BOARD BRIEF

connections between the community, environment and Earth force activities for sustainability using the schools' learning gardens. The Liaison and MCS also work with teachers, PTA and community volunteers division-wide to ensure these learning gardens are maintained and planned appropriately. See Attachment 4.

Pest control services is completely outsourced division-wide. These services includes identification, prevention response and eradication of a variety of destructive pests. See Attachment 4.

Maintenance and Custodial Services manages and coordinates ACPS facilities uses. All requests for the use of schools and school grounds is coordinated by MCS including internal organizations, external sources and partners, and special events. MCS works with each school's administration to issue regulatory permits and support to these requests. Attachment 3 lists the type uses that are currently being required for planning purposes by MCS.

In April 2020, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and ensure safety of all of our staff, contractors, volunteers and visitors, MCS planned and implemented the ACPS Temperature Screening operation. MCS coordinates, provides training and management of each site team who perform screening operations including Safety and Security Services, Pupil Transportation and School Nutritional Services. The Operation supports meal distribution, facilities-related construction projects, and other ACPS activities, as required. An average of over 250 persons are being screened daily.

### **BACKGROUND:**

With the Superintendent's restructuring plan, the Office of Maintenance and Custodial Services (MCS) became its own entity under the new Department of Facilities and Operations (F&O), effective the third quarter of the school year (see Attachment 1). This shift, along with other organizational changes, requires a modified alignment and oversight between the work and the budget structures of MCS, Educational Facilities and the new Office of Capital Programs, Planning and Design. The entire Department of Facilities and Operations, also including Pupil Transportation, School Nutrition Services and Safety and Security Services, strive to provide support and coordination for essential, professional, responsive and financially efficient services to ACPS and its stakeholders.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the update.

### **IMPACT:**

These Maintenance and Custodial Services program measures limit educational downtime, extends the service life of ACPS assets and optimizes environmental, safety, and health practices and performance.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

200522\_Board\_Brief\_Attachment1\_Realignment\_of\_Educational\_Facilities

200522\_Board\_Brief\_Attachment2\_Maintenance\_Services'\_School\_2019-2020\_Accomplishments

200522\_Board\_Brief\_Attachment3\_Facilities\_Usage\_During\_School\_Closure\_Due\_to\_COVID-19

200522\_Board\_Brief\_Attachment4\_PreClosure\_During\_COVID\_Closure\_Reopening\_Planning

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