

# Public Comments for School Board Meetings

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I would like to provide: \*

Written Public Comments

My public comments are related to: \*

Strategic Plan: ACPS 2025

Topic \*

School & Student Safety

Full Name \*

Catherine Patterson

What is your relationship to ACPS? \*

Parent/Guardian of an ACPS Student

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I am an Alexandria parent whose child is set to attend Brooks elementary. As such, I have followed the public discussion about student safety and our public schools. I am concerned that this conversation, and the proposed School Law Enforcement Partnership advisory group is overly focused on our police officers. Instead, I ask that you center the name and the mission of the proposed advisory group on student health and safety. Because ACPS leadership repeatedly mistakes a student health issue as a policing issue, I ask that you please ensure that ACPS representatives (not including student representatives) constitute a minority of the task force. The majority should be members from the community, including parents and students.