

## BOARD MEMO

Date: June 26, 2020

For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes

No

**FROM:** Terri H. Mazingo, Ed.D, Chief Academic Officer

**THROUGH:** Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**TO:** The Honorable Cindy Anderson, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** Enhanced Continuity of Learning Plan 4.0: Reimagining Schools

### ACPS 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

Goal 1: Academic Excellence and Educational Equity

### SY 2019-2020 FOCUS AREA

Focus Area 1: Educational Equity

### FY 2020 BUDGET PRIORITY

Academics

### SUMMARY

The purpose of the presentation is to provide all stakeholders with an overview of the planning efforts to date as well as the next steps essential for reopening schools in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the presentation we will address the following:

1. Recommendations from our Thought Partners that will guide our reopening process;
2. Summary of the three potential planning scenarios essential for protecting our staff and students' health, safety, and wellness;
3. Overview of action plans that will be developed by the cross-functional planning teams to guide preparations and operations before reopening our schools and buildings; and
4. Strategic efforts to involve and engage community members and stakeholder groups to support our reopening plans.

### BACKGROUND

Since the closing of our schools resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic, Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) continued to provide students and families with various educational opportunities. Our school division has provided students and families access to technology, learning materials, educational resources, meals, and *support* services during the crisis. As you know, our *Enhanced Continuity of Learning Plan 1.0* addressed student and staff needs following the school buildings closing; *Enhanced Continuity of Learning Plan 2.0* extended and redefined educational resources available to students, including both instructional packets, synchronous learning, asynchronous learning, and online lessons; *Continuity of Learning Plan 3.0: Summer Learning through Engagement and Enrichment for All Plan* will address learning loss, engagement, and enrichment; and *the Enhanced Continuity of Learning Plan 4.0: Reimagining Schools* will guide the reopening of our schools.

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The development of *ACPS' Enhanced Continuity of Learning Plan 4.0: Reimagining Schools* is aligned with national, federal, state, and local guidelines. The plan will ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for our students, staff, and families. As we work to reopen schools, it is critical that we continue to seek feedback from our leaders, teachers, staff, students, families, and community so that we can collectively put forth our very best ideas and actions for what is possible, achievable, and essential when reopening. Ultimately, the plan will address the critical components for reopening schools and buildings.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the information within this brief and attachment.

### **IMPACT**

ACPS will develop and implement a reopening plan to ensure that all students and staff are healthy, safe, and engaged during the reopening process including following required health and sanitation procedures. The reopening plan will also ensure that students receive personalized support and interventions to address any learning losses resulting from school closings.

### **ATTACHMENT**

1. 200626\_PowerPoint\_Enhanced\_Continuity\_of\_Learning\_Plan\_4.0\_Reimagining\_Schools

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