

## BOARD BRIEF

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**BOARD INFORMATION:**   X  

**MEETING PREPARATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**TO:** The Honorable Michelle Rief, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** Performance Matters Test History Portal Launch

**ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment

Goal 2: Instructional Excellence

Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

**SY 2023-2024 PRIORITY AREA:**

Academic Achievement

Student Supports

**FY 2024 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

N/A

**SUMMARY:**

The Performance Matters Test History Portal (THP) will be launched to parents on October 27th through ACPS Express. The THP provides parents the ability to view their student's ACPS and Virginia assessment history across current and prior school years. Parents log in using the guardian email on file with ACPS through PowerSchool. They will be provided with step-by-step instructions, documentation, and a short video to guide them in accessing the portal.

**DETAILS:**

The launch of the Performance Matters Test History Portal (THP) is Phase 1 of a three-phase project aimed at supporting the division in the three key areas of: parental access to historical assessment results; formatively monitoring individual student progress as part of an overall Student Success System; and monitoring MTSS interventions at the student, classroom, school, and division levels to accelerate learning and close student learning gaps.

The THP will be officially launched on October 27th to parents via the ACPS Express newsletter.

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The THP is accessed through Performance Matters, a web platform owned by PowerSchool. Parents can use their guardian email to register for an account, and will be able to view information for their children. Guidance, written and video, will be provided to parents across languages on how to access their accounts and interpret the information present to them. One staff member from each school will be the initial point-of-contact regarding questions, and central office staff in Technology Services and Accountability and Research will provide additional support as necessary.

Current year assessment data will be loaded to Performance Matters as it comes available throughout the year. In the coming weeks, a calendar will be provided to inform parents on when they can expect to see results for each assessment in the portal.

### **BACKGROUND:**

ACPS must provide a way for parents to access student assessment history data, as required by state statute (Va. Code § 22.1-215.2). This project involves ensuring that all relevant student assessment data are available through an online parent portal.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the Performance Matters Test History Portal launch information for possible planning, procedural, and programmatic changes.

### **IMPACT:**

The Performance Matters Test History Portal allows parents to view both current and prior year ACPS and Virginia assessment data for their students in one location.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Performance Matters Test History Portal Log In Instructions

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