

BOARD MEMO

REVISED 10/28/20

Date: October 29, 2020
For ACTION ___
For INFORMATION ___
Board Agenda: Yes ___
No ___

FROM: John Contreras, Director of Safety & Security Services

THROUGH: Dr. Alicia Hart, Acting Executive Director of Facilities and Operations
Dr. Stephen Wilkins, Chief of Staff
Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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

TOPIC: 2020-2022 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ACPS and the
Alexandria Police Department (APD)

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment
Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation
Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 2: Policy Equity Audit
Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation

FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY:

ALICE Training
MTSS including Restorative Practices and PBIS
Improving Customer Relationship Services and Management

SUMMARY: ACPS has a standing MOU with APD that requires review and approval every two years. The MOU must be signed no later than November 2, 2020. The Office of Safety and Security Services will provide an update on the final edited version.

BACKGROUND: Virginia code 22.1-280.2:3 requires School Boards in each school division in which the local law-enforcement agency employs school resource officers (SROs) to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU). This MOU between the school division and local law-enforcement agency will set forth the powers and duties of school resource officers.

For the 2020-2022 review process, ACPS and APD formed a joint-committee to review the past and future MOU. This review process included a public hearing, community feedback survey

and School Board work session. The presentation will highlight the latest changes incorporated into the new MOU based on recommendations from Board Members at the October 15, 2020 School Board Work Session.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the revisions to the MOU and authorize the agreement between ACPS and APD.

IMPACT: The Alexandria City Public Schools and Alexandria Police Department develop a partnership that supports a safe and secure school and campus environment for students, staff, families and all others.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. DRAFT MOU 2020-2022 (with edits) (Revised 10/28/20)
2. DRAFT MOU 2020-2022 (clean copy) (Revised 10/28/20)
3. VDOE Memo 283-20—Reports to Law Enforcement (Added 10/27/20)
4. Attachment A to VDOE Memo 283-20a (Added 10/27/20)

REFERENCES:

[201015 Alexandria City Public Schools \(ACPS\)/Alexandria Police Department \(APD\) Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#)

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