

BOARD BRIEF

Date: August 25, 2023

BOARD INFORMATION: X

MEETING PREPARATION: _____

FROM: Alexander Duncan, Executive Principal/Principal Lead, Alexandria City High School

THROUGH: Pierrette Finney, Ed.D., Chief Academic Officer
Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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

TOPIC: Date Change For ACHS Back-to-School Nights

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

- Goal 1: Systemic Alignment
- Goal 2: Instructional Excellence
- Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

SY 2023-2024 FOCUS AREA:

N/A

FY 2024 BUDGET PRIORITY:

- Target Chronic Absenteeism
- Increase Support for Social and Emotional Learning

SUMMARY:

The Office Of School Leadership works very closely with school principals to select dates for the 2023–2024 back-to-school nights. Dates are typically selected in the Spring of the prior school year. Back-to-school night dates reflect alternating dates for elementary and middle schools on opposite ends of the city to (1) minimize conflicts for parents/guardians attending at both the elementary and secondary levels, and (2) streamline the provision of interpretation services.

DETAILS:

Mr. Duncan, Executive Principal of Alexandria City High School (ACHS) worked with the Chief Academic Officer to review the dates previously selected for the 2023–2024 ACHS back-to-school nights. In reviewing the previously selected dates, it was determined that the ACHS King Street Campus Back To School Night coincided with a scheduled Alexandria City School Board Meeting. To ensure that the Senior Leadership Team is able to engage with high school staff and parents, new dates have been provided in the table below. The schedule in the following table reflects the new dates for the ACHS back-to-school nights.

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Dates	Schools
Sep 19 (T)	ACHS Minnie Howard Campus, ACHS Satellite Campus, ACHS Chance for Change Campus
Sep 20 (W)	ACHS King Street Campus

BACKGROUND:

Each year, back-to-school night events are scheduled within the first month of school. On these nights, parents/guardians are invited to come to meet the teachers and staff at each school, learn about their student(s)' classes, and engage in discussions about the curriculum. Parent/Guardian outreach is done at both the division and school levels, and interpretation services are provided. In addition, ACPS carefully reviews observed holidays to avoid any conflict.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the information in this brief regarding the date change for 2023–2024 ACHS back-to-school nights.

IMPACT:

The date changes for the ACHS 2023–2024 back-to-school nights will ensure have been spread out to increase parent/guardian participation, improve accessibility to interpretation services, and ensure that the ACPS Senior Leadership Team is able to be in attendance.

REFERENCES:

April 28, 2023

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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