

BOARD MEMO

Date: May 5, 2022

For ACTION _____

For INFORMATION x

Board Agenda: Yes x

No _____

FROM: Robert Easley, Director of Budget & Financial Systems
Erika Gulick, Director of Capital Programs, Planning, and Design
John Finnigan, Director of Educational Facilities

THROUGH: Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Alicia Hart, Acting Chief of Facilities and Operations
Dominic B. Turner, Chief Financial Officer

TO: The Honorable Meagan Alderton, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Recommendations for Superintendent’s Adjusted Combined Funds (CF) and
Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budgets

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

- Goal 1: Systemic Alignment
- Goal 2: Instructional Excellence
- Goal 3: Student Accessibility and Support
- Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation
- Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

SY 2021-2022 FOCUS AREA:

- Focus Area 1: Social Emotional and Academic Learning Recovery
- Focus Area 2: Hispanic Males
- Focus Area 3: Middle School Educational Experience
- Focus Area 4: Early College
- Focus Area 5: Talented and Gifted

FY 2023 BUDGET PRIORITY:

- Implementation of 2025 Strategic Plan
- Implementation of Equity Audit of School Board Policies
- K-2 Literacy Continued Implementation
- Reduce Disproportionality in TAG and Advanced Courses
- Complete Educational Programming Design for HS Project
- Implement Monitoring System for Specialized Instruction Action Plan
- MTSS Implementation with Restorative Practices and PBIS
- Stress/Counseling Support especially around Trauma
- Customer Management System
- Continue Engagement with Hispanic Families to Improve Graduation and Chronic Absenteeism
- Professional Learning and Cultural Competency Training for all Staff and Partners

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SUMMARY:

On Thursday, May 5, 2022, the Superintendent will submit his Adjusted Combined Funds and CIP Budgets which must factor in any changes since the School Board approved the budget on February 10, 2022. Revenue and Expenditure adjustments, to the Combined Funds (Operating, Grants & Special Projects, and School Nutrition Services) and adjustments to the CIP, since the budgets were approved are enumerated below:

Combined Funds Budget (Operating Fund, Grants and Special Projects Fund, and School Nutrition Services Fund)

Operating Fund:

Add the Use of Fund Balance totaling \$3,774,100 to support the CIP Budget. Per policy DAB, funds exceeding the maximum allowable fund balance reserve of 5% (of total expenditures) may be appropriated for one-time use. This transfer of \$3,774,100 to the CIP will help support capital project needs.

Grants and Special Projects Fund:

There are no adjustments to Grants and Special Projects Fund.

School Nutrition Services Fund:

There are no adjustments to School Nutrition Services Fund.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP):

There are no adjustments to the CIP.

BACKGROUND:

FY 2023 Combined Funds Budget

The City of Alexandria, which is the largest revenue source to ACPS, has thus far maintained the ACPS requested City appropriation at approximately \$248.7 million. The City appropriation is scheduled to be adopted by the City Council on May 4, 2022.

Final state revenue is still being decided at the state level. Our current budget projects this revenue based on information currently available. Adjustments will be made upon the finalization of the state's budget.

To support our capital project needs, included in these adjustments is a Use of Fund Balance totaling \$3.8 million. This amount is the portion exceeding the 5% (of total expenditures) maximum that may be kept in Fund Balance. Appropriating this one-time use, to transfer to the CIP will help limit the need for borrowing to complete CIP projects.

FY 2022-2031 Capital Improvement Program

The Superintendent has no proposed adjustments for the CIP

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the Superintendent's adjustments to the Alexandria City Public Schools Combined Funds Budget and Capital Improvement Program Budget, as submitted.

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