

**BOARD MEMO**

Date: May 22, 2020

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For INFORMATION   x  

Board Agenda: Yes   x  

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**FROM:** Clinton Page, Ed.S., Chief Accountability Officer  
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**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:** Equity for All 2025: Draft Strategic Plan

**ACPS 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Goal 6: Effective and Efficient Operations

**2019-2020 FOCUS AREA:**

Focus Area 1: Educational Equity

Focus Area 5: Strategic Plan

**FY 2020 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

Specialized Instruction  
English Learner Services  
Gap Group Achievements  
Academics  
Retention and Recruitment

Safe Schools for Students and Faculty  
Optimal and Equitable Learning  
Environments  
Mental and Social/Emotional Health

**SUMMARY:**

Through the work of the Strategic Planning Committee over the past year, a five-year strategic plan has been drafted to serve as the roadmap for ACPS through 2025. The draft plan will be presented to the School Board across two sessions. This first presentation will highlight the key principles in the development of the plan, the work of the Strategic Planning Committee, and the plan's framework as well as the division's vision, mission, and core values. The second presentation will focus on the specific goals within the plan, associated measures designed to determine the extent to which goals are being implemented, and strategies and highlighted actions, which specify key actions to help achieve each goal.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Code of Virginia § 22.1-253.13:6 provides that each local school board shall adopt a division-wide comprehensive, unified, long-range plan based on data collection, an analysis of the data, and how the data will be utilized to improve classroom instruction and student achievement. The plan is to be developed with staff and community involvement and is to

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include, or be consistent with, all other division-wide plans required by state and federal laws and regulations. Each local school board shall review the plan biennially and adopt any necessary revisions. ACPS Board policy, AF - Comprehensive Plan, implements the Code of Virginia's requirement.

The Strategic Planning Committee, over the course of the past year, has drafted a five-year strategic plan to serve as the roadmap for ACPS through 2025. The plan is based on the principles of: being data-informed, incorporating internal and external stakeholder voice, focusing on equity, ensuring alignment within the organization as well as with city organizations, and prioritization. A diverse group of staff representing all schools, School Board members, community partners, parents, and students served as the Strategic Planning Committee. The School Board set the vision, mission, and core values, which served as an important foundational element for the Strategic Planning Committee's work. Work began with an extensive analysis of existing data and a needs assessment conducted by FourPoint Education Partners, which informed goal areas. Then, within each goal, the Strategic Planning Committee developed measures, strategies, and highlighted actions.

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends the School Board review the attached ACPS 2025 Draft Strategic Plan for information and feedback.

### **IMPACT:**

The Draft Strategic Plan will serve as the roadmap for the division's work for the next five years and is focused on establishing an equitable system of public education that eliminates gaps in opportunity and achievement within Alexandria's student population.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Equity for All 2025: Draft Strategic Plan
2. Draft Strategic Plan Presentation – Part I

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