

Motion Regarding COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing of ACPS Staff

Madam Chair, COVID-19 continues to pose a serious health risk around the world, especially to unvaccinated individuals. Recent COVID-19 health metrics, including rising caseloads reflecting the impact of the highly contagious Delta variant, compel us to take proactive measures to protect our students, teachers and staff.

As we return to five-day a week, in-person learning in our school buildings for the 2021-22 academic year, we must come together to do our part. Therefore, Madam Chair, I move that ACPS require vaccination or weekly COVID testing for staff, in an effort to reduce transmission and exposure to COVID-19 and its variants. Staff must submit vaccination documentation by August 27 or submit to required, weekly COVID testing beginning August 30. This requirement will be added to Policy GBE: Staff Health, effective immediately, and remains in effect pending any future Board review.

Working in partnership with the Alexandria Health Department, we will provide updates to the community as conditions evolve, and will continue acting in the best interests of our ACPS community, especially the children we are dedicated to serve.

The Superintendent is instructed to proceed with the dates outlined above to the fullest extent possible and provide updates to the Board should any adjustments be anticipated.