# City Council/School Board Joint Work Session

FY 2022 Approved Combined Funds Budget "Recover, Retain, Reignite"

March 3, 2021

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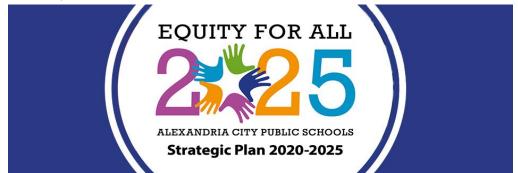
Alexandria City Public School

# **Our Commitment and Responsibility**

Mission: Ensure success by inspiring students and addressing barriers to learning.

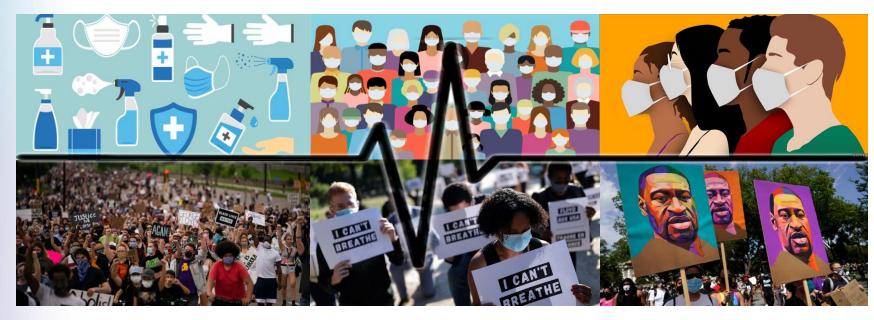
<u>Vision</u>: Empowering all students to thrive in a diverse and ever-changing world.

<u>Core Values</u> that ensure ACPS is Welcoming, Empowering, Equity-Focused, Innovative and Results-Driven.





# **Battling a Dual Pandemic**





#### **School Board FY 2022 CF Budget Priorities**



#### **Systemic Alignment**

- Implementation of 2025 Strategic Plan Alignment of KPIs and metrics across all schools, and continued implementation and review of those aligned metrics
- Implementation of Equity audit of school board policies



#### Instructional Excellence

- K-2 Literacy continued implementation (adjusted for COVID-19-related learning loss)
- Reduce disproportionality in TAG and advanced courses
- Complete educational programming design for HS project and begin building the program (academic and career counseling adjustments, CTE expansion, Industry Advisory Board collaboration, etc.) and community partners to provide more internships



#### **Student Accessibility and Support**

- MTSS implementation with restorative practices and PBIS
- Stress/counseling support especially around trauma extra support for students to compensate for COVID loss, especially K-2, EL and SWD



#### **Strategic Resource Allocation**

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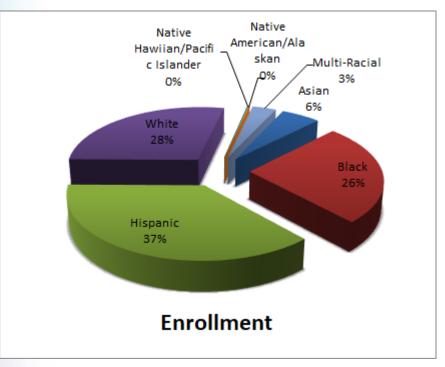


#### **Family and Community Engagement**

- Continue engagement with Hispanic families to improve graduation and chronic absenteeism
- Professional learning and cultural competency training for all staff and partners (PTAC)

# EQUITY FOR ALL

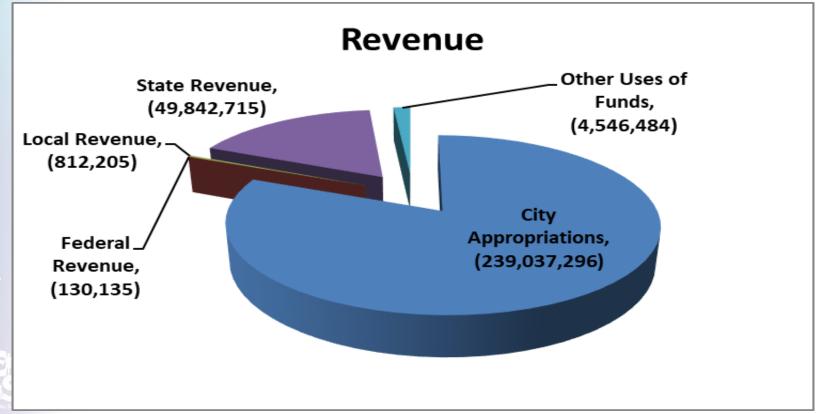
# Why Do This Bold and Courageous Work?



- Majority, diverse school division
  - 63.7% F.A.R.M.
  - 31% English Learners
  - 10% Specialized Instruction
- 145 Countries of Birth
- 132 Native Languages
- Over 2600 FTEs



# Fiscal Stewardship







# **Meeting Student Needs During the Pandemic**

#### **Challenges**

**Opportunities** 

Abrupt changes to the traditional learning Environment



Reimagine Education and Instructional Delivery

Strained Staffing/Capacity



Expand opportunities via technology

**Economic Downturn** 



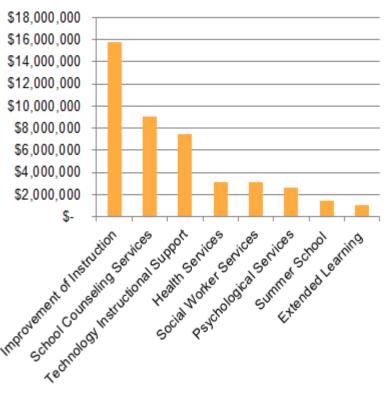
Infrastructure improvements/strategic resource allocation





## **Strategic Resource Allocation**

#### S.E.A.L. Recovery

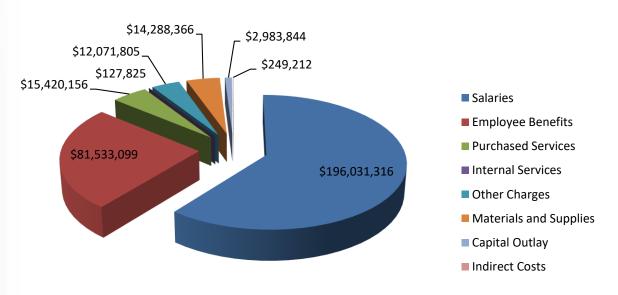






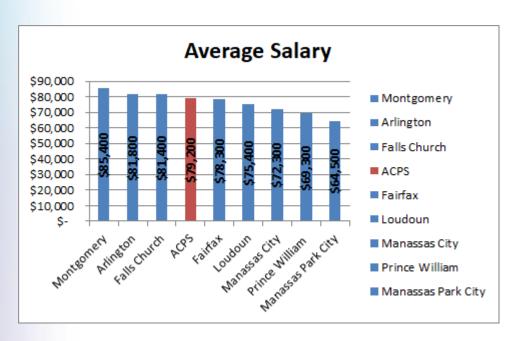
# **Investing In Our Staff**

#### **Combined-Funds Budget**





### **Committing to Competitive Compensation**



- Step Increase for ALL Eligible Staff
- 1% one-time payment to top of scale and hold step
- Market Rate Adjustments for specific job classes based on Compensation Study data





# Reigniting Our Students' Desire To Learn

- High School Project (HSP) and Career Pathways
- Innovative Educational Experiences

   Flexible Scheduling, Paid employment, Internships, Work and project-based learning
- Renaming of Thomas Chambliss (T.C.) Williams High School and Matthew Maury Elementary School
- Summer Learning for All





# Reigniting a Passion for the Profession



- Professional Learning focus on racial equity and Learning Loss recovery
- Expand graduate program cohort to include doctoral program with emphasis on ACPS 2025 strategic plan for leaders
- Grow A Teacher







#### **Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) II**

ACPS staff are currently preparing grant application due April 1, 2021. Funding is anticipated to support the:

- hiring of classroom monitors;
- academic learning recovery;l
- social and emotional trauma support;
- technology infrastructure; and
- COVID-19 risk mitigation projects.

#### **American Rescue Plan (ARP)**



ACPS staff are monitoring the progress of President Biden's \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan. Among many things, the Plan seeks to provide \$130 billion to help schools to safely reopen. These resources will help schools serve all students, no matter where they are learning, and help with the goal to open the majority of schools in the US.

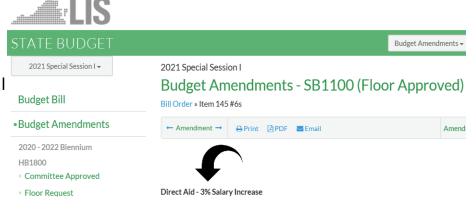


#### **Commonwealth of Virginia – Budget Amendments**

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› Floor Request	Compensation Adju	stment - 5.0 Percent in FY2022		

To access these funds, each school division must provide at least an average 2.0 percent pay increase during the 2020-22 biennium, and funding provided is prorated for school divisions providing between 2.0 percent and 5.0 percent pay increases over the biennium

Senate Bill would <u>not</u> require any additional salary increase for ACPS employees due to current Approved salary enhancements





# **Next Steps**

Date	Description		
February 9, 2021	Staff Deadline to Publicly Post Co-Sponsorships and Updated Superintendent's Recommendations		
February 10, 2021	School Board CF Add/Delete Work Session #1		
February 16, 2021	School Board CF Add/Delete Work Session #2		
February 18, 2021	School Board Approval of the FY 2022 CF Budget		
March – Late April	City Council Operating and CIP Work Sessions and Add/Delete Sessions		
April 2021 (est)	City Council Budget Adoption (Including Appropriations to ACPS)		
Early May – Early June	SB CF and CIP Work Sessions, Add/Delete Sessions, Budget Questions and Public Hearings		
June 3, 2021	School Board Adoption of Final FY 2022 CF Budget and FY 2022-31 CIP		



#### **QUESTIONS?**



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