

**BOARD BRIEF**

Date: September 25, 2020

**BOARD INFORMATION:**   X  

**MEETING PREPARATION:**       

**FROM:** Clinton Page, Ed.S., Chief of Accountability and Research

**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:** Virtual Plus+ Survey: Your Thoughts on School Opening

**ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

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

**SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA:**

Focus Area 1: Reopening of School

**FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

- K-2 Literacy Programming
- Specialized Instruction Audit Implementation
- MTSS including Restorative Practices and PBIS
- Chronic Absenteeism among Hispanic Students
- Increased Staff Retention
- Outreach to Underserved Communities to Increase Engagement

**SUMMARY:**

From September 25 to October 4, Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) will administer a survey to stakeholders to seek additional feedback on how we can improve Virtual PLUS+ and next steps in planning for the transition back into our schools. The five-minute survey is designed to better understand needs and provide options that work for staff, students and families to the best of our ability.

**BACKGROUND:**

ACPS will be administering surveys to students (grades 3-12), staff, and families aimed to measure Virtual PLUS+ services and next steps in planning for the transition back into our schools. The surveys are designed to be brief allowing the most critical information to be collected from as many stakeholders as possible to best inform decision-making moving forward.

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The division has a detailed outreach plan that will be enacted over the course of the next week to ensure high response rates from all stakeholder groups. This will include both census efforts such as text messaging and emails to all families as well as targeted outreach through parent liaisons and school staff to those who require additional supports. Further adjustments will be made as necessary in real time next week based on incoming participation data.

Attached, please find electronic copies of the three survey forms (family, staff, and student) that are currently being administered via an online survey platform.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the information contained in this brief as well as the attachments for an understanding of the current Virtual PLUS+ survey administration.

### **IMPACT:**

Data from this survey administration will be used in conjunction with multiple other data sources to best inform decision-making regarding adjustments to the current Virtual PLUS+ model and the potential transition back to in-person learning options.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Virtual PLUS+ Family Survey
2. Virtual PLUS+ Staff Survey
3. Virtual PLUS+ Student Survey

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