

**BOARD MEMO**

Date: June 20, 2024

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**FROM:** Dr. Alicia Hart, PMP, Chief Operating Officer

**THROUGH:** Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**TO:** The Honorable Michelle Rief, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** Weapons Abatement Update, Pt. 2

**ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment  
Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation  
Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

**SY 2023-2024 PRIORITY AREA:**

N/A

**FY 2024 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

Safety and Security Upgrades

**SUMMARY:**

The Department of Facilities and Operations, Office of Safety and Security Services, is providing a final update on the weapons abatement pilot program.

**BACKGROUND:**

- The School Board approved the implementation of a weapons abatement pilot program in March 2023
- The pilot program began in all secondary locations in May 2023
- An update was provided to the School Board on the weapons abatement pilot program on February 22, 2024
- A stakeholder survey on the weapons abatement pilot program was opened on April 5, 2024 and closed on April 28, 2024
- Survey results and final recommendations on the future of the weapons abatement pilot program was presented to the School Board on May 23, 2024
- School Board vote requested on June 20, 2024 to remove program from “pilot status” so program can become a formal part of security posture at secondary schools

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review staff recommendations and to vote on removing the weapons abatement program from “pilot” status so the program can become a formal part of the security posture at secondary schools.

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### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Presentation

### REFERENCES:

N/A

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