

BOARD BRIEF

Date: March 6, 2020

BOARD INFORMATION: X

MEETING PREPARATION:

FROM: Ms. Anita Cordova, Director of Maintenance and Custodial Services
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Mr. James Bartlett, Director of Safety and Security

THROUGH: Mignon Anthony, Chief Operating Officer
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TO: The Honorable Cindy Anderson, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: George Washington Middle School, Maintenance, Facilities and Safety & Security
Updates

ACPS 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 2: Family and Community Engagement
Goal 4: Facilities and the Learning Environment
Goal 6: Effective and Efficient Operations

SY 2019-2020 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 5: Strategic Plan

FY 2020 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Communications and Customer Service for External Stakeholders
Optimal and Equitable Learning Environments
Communications and Customer Service for Internal Stakeholders

SUMMARY:

In recent weeks, the offices of Maintenance and Custodial Services, Educational Facilities and Safety and Security have been actively engaged with George Washington staff, students and community stakeholders. There has also been forward momentum on two priority testing efforts. A summary of noted efforts is below:

1. PTA Meeting (1/27/2020)- Provided a Facilities and Operations presentation. The presentation spoke to historical facility issues, the ongoing water quality assessment and upcoming summer projects. The presentation allowed for PTA stakeholders to provide feedback on the updates, ask questions and voice additional concerns. The presentation is currently posted on the GW website.
2. Tour with "Standing 4 Tomorrow" Student Group (2/3/2020) - The ACPS Interdepartmental team toured the building with the students. The students identified areas needing attention from Maintenance, Educational Facilities and Safety & Security. The identified items have been

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put into a comprehensive matrix; the matrix is being updated as items are being addressed and/or completed.

3. GW Staff Meeting (2/18/2020) - Provided a Facilities and Operations presentation. The presentation offered an opportunity to have a collaborative discussion on all issues, including the work order request process. In short, many of the staff's process recommendations are being adopted to ensure Maintenance and Educational Facilities are aware of issues and provide a timely response.
4. Water Quality, Retesting Update for GW – Retesting of elevated outlets was completed on 02/19/20. Results of the retesting effort are projected to be received on 03/11/2020.
5. Indoor Air Quality Assessment for GW – The comprehensive Indoor Air Quality Assessment was scheduled to occur over two consecutive weekends. The first part of the assessment occurred on Saturday, 02/29/2020 and the second part of the assessment occurred on Saturday, 03/07/2020. Results are projected to be received by 03/31/2020. There was extensive coordination with GW administration and RPCA in order for this assessment to occur over the weekend with minimal interruption to previously scheduled activities.

Spring Break and Summer Project Timelines

Educational Facilities and Maintenance and Custodial Services are currently in the process of completing scopes of work for projects anticipated to occur over Spring Break and Summer. Once the scope of work for those projects have been fully developed, more information will be shared pertaining to schedules for work completion.

BACKGROUND:

ACPS Facilities and Operations Department is continuing efforts to be more attentive, transparent and responsive to our schools. Specifically, we have been working to address concerns, provide updates and create opportunities for partnership with George Washington Middle School. The Interdepartmental Team (comprised of Facilities and Operations, Communications and Student Services) has met with the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Standing 4 Tomorrow Student Group and George Washington administration and staff. The ACPS Interdepartmental Team has provided general updates, an understanding of upcoming projects and a forum for all stakeholders to speak to their concerns and offer recommendations. Collectively, the ACPS Interdepartmental Team is developing an action and communication plan which captures the issues, addresses them, and provides transparent updates.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the George Washington Middle School, Maintenance, Facilities and Safety & Security Updates.

IMPACT:

Provides timely updates and transparent communication to internal and external George Washington Middle School stakeholder groups.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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