

# ACPS Planning for 2024: Alexandria City Council Retreat



**November 5, 2022** 











# **Putting Our Dollars to Work**

- ✓ Record number of advanced degrees; RAMP designation; national recognition of school leaders
- ✓ Governor's Health Sciences Academy graduates first class in 2022
- ✓ ACPS-VA Tech partnership launches pilot elementary school program
- ✓ In-person graduation back at GMU arena
- ✓ Students benefit from Daily SEAL and MTSS in schools
- ✓ Ribbon-cutting at the Newly Renovated Parker-Gray Stadium
- ✓ Addition of Electric Buses to ACPS Fleet
- ✓ MAGNA award for Identity Project
- ✓ Finding Fit wellness program revamped for staff wellness











# **Continued Collaboration**

ACPS and the City of Alexandria staff and community continue to collaborate across numerous efforts













# Tackling the Present - \$316.2 M

"Simply the Best"
Strengthen Tier 1 add
Tier 2 and
3 Supports
School Safety

Federal Funding
S.E.A.L. Recovery
COVID-19 Mitigation
Projects
Tech Infrastructure
Human Resource Needs

School Nutrition Fund
Over 54% FARM
recipients



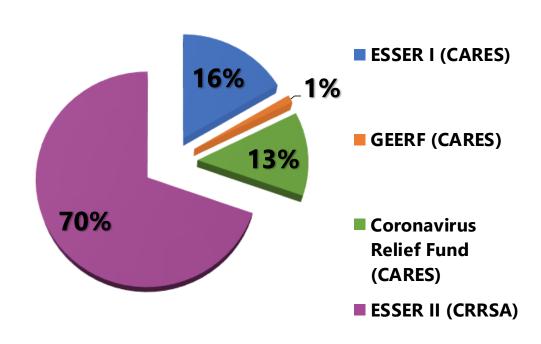








# **Federal Funding**



Note: \$411K of ESSER I allocated to Private Schools

- \$22.9M Received from the CARES, GEERS, CRF, and CRRSA acts
- ESSER I and CRF Fully Expended/Obligated
- ESSER II roughly 55% Expended/Obligated
- Priorities for these funds are:
  - S.E.A.L.
  - Technology Infrastructure
  - Covid-19 Mitigation Projects (Facilities and Bus Fleet)
  - Food Nutrition



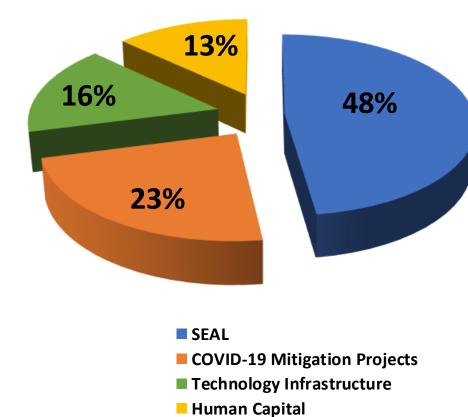








# **ESSER III (ARPA)**



- \$35.9M received from the ARP Act
- A minimum of 20% is required to be used on "Learning Loss"
- ARPA funding is being used for:
  - -S.E.A.L.
  - -COVID-19 Mitigation Projects (Facilities and Bus Fleet)
  - -Technology Infrastructure
  - -Human Resource Needs
- Balancing immediate needs and long-term infrastructure improvements
- ESSER III Plan Updates are Posted Quarterly











# **Additional Competitive Grants**

- ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) to support qualifying ventilation replacement and improvement projects in public school facilities.
  - ACPS \$3.16M available 100% Local Match Required (Match fulfilled)
- FEMA funding for COVID-19 testing and related expenditures
- NIH AIM-AHEAD Focusing on Middle School STEM opportunities \$500K year 1 with additional future opportunities











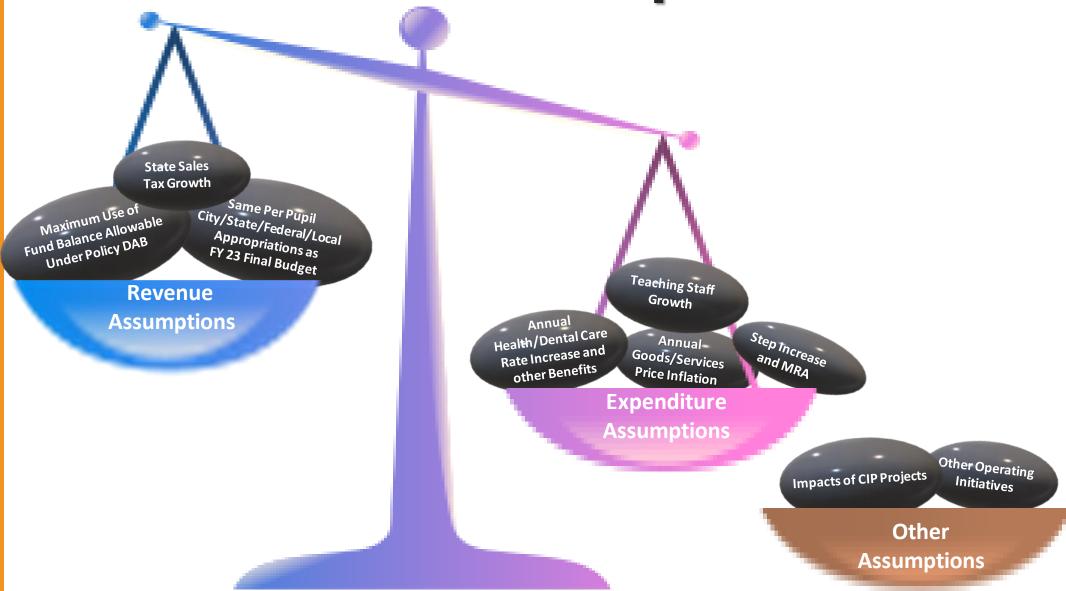
# **Envisioning the Future (CF)**

#### THE GOAL

Maximize the use of our finite resources to obtain the best student achievement results



# Fiscal Forecast Assumptions







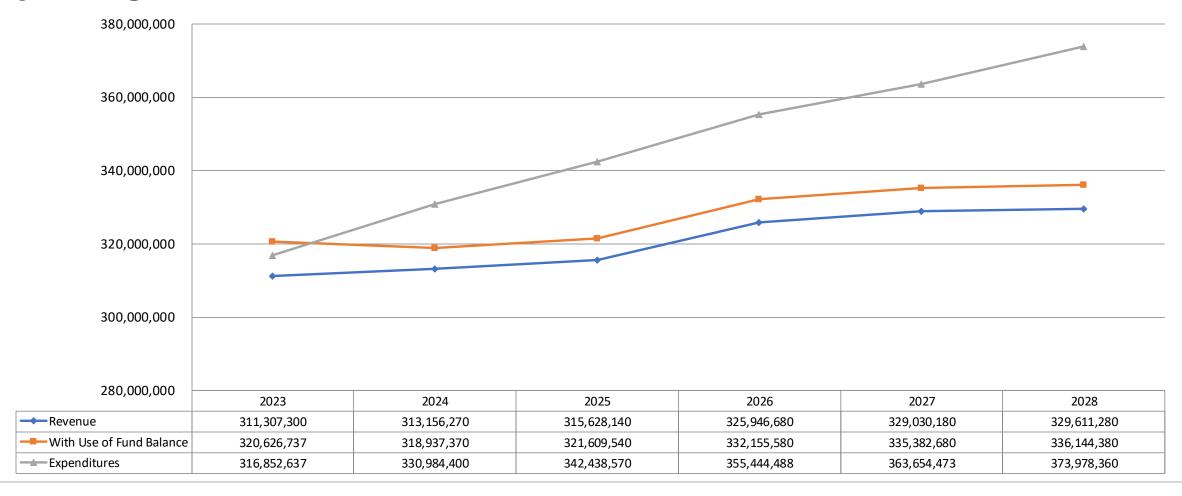






## Fiscal Forecast 2023-2028

### **Operating Fund**













### **Adopted FY 2024 Combined Funds Budget Priorities**



#### **Systemic Alignment**

→ Full Implementation of Students with Disabilities Action Plan



#### **Instructional Excellence**

- → Reduce Class Sizes
- → K-4 Literacy



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

- → Target Chronic Absenteeism
- → Restorative Practices Supports



#### **Strategic Resource Allocation**

- → Develop plan and policy for Collective Bargaining
- → Target planned compensation enhancements and staff retention efforts
- → Increase support for Social and Emotional Learning



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

→ Safe Routes to School coordination



# **Primary Budget Drivers**

- Quality Staff Compensation
- Student to Teacher Ratio
- Tier 2 and 3 Supports
- Continued Hardware Support for K-2
- Maintenance for Increased Square Footage
- Stormwater Management Fees
- School Security











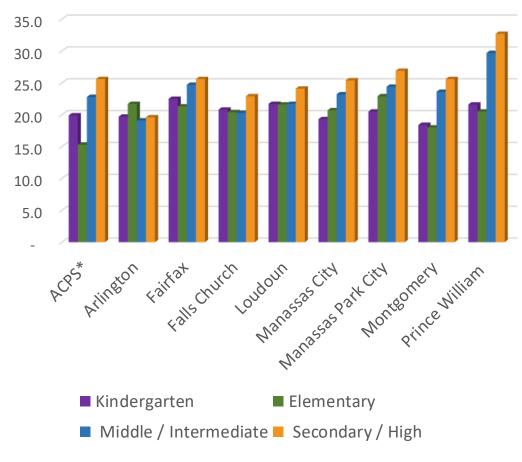
# **Maintaining a Quality Workforce**

Average Teacher Salary



# Students per Classroom Teacher Ratio

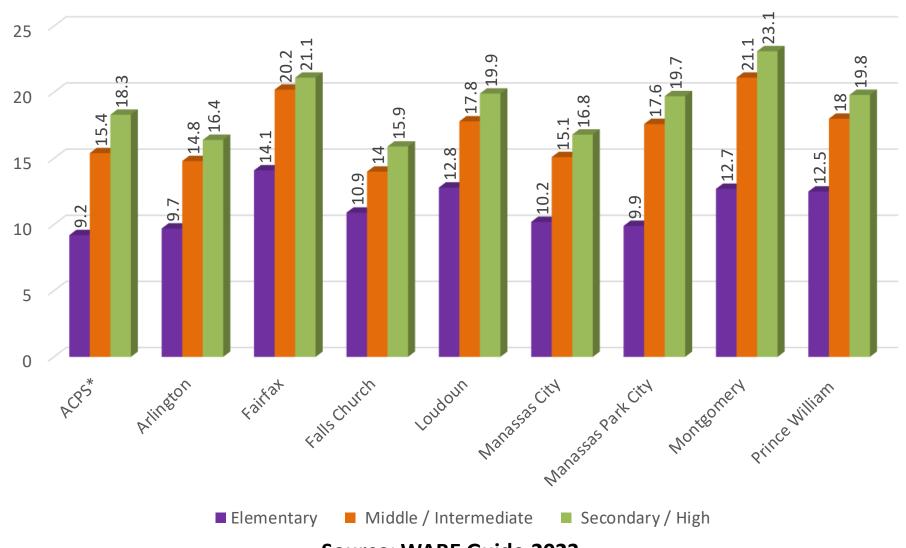
	Students per Classroom Teacher			
School Division	Kindergarten	Elementary	Middle / Intermediate	Secondary/ High
ACPS*	19.9	15.3	22.8	25.6
Arlington	19.7	21.7	19.1	19.6
Fairfax	22.5	21.3	24.7	25.6
Falls Church	20.8	20.4	20.3	22.9
Loudoun	21.7	21.6	21.7	24.1
Manassas City	19.3	20.7	23.2	25.4
Manassas Park City	20.5	22.9	24.4	26.9
Montgomery	18.4	18	23.6	25.6
Prince William	21.6	20.5	29.7	32.7



\*ACPS employs an Instructional Assistant for every Kindergarten Class Source: WABE Guide 2023



# **Students per Teacher Scale Position**



**Source: WABE Guide 2023** 



# Questions?

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2025 STRATEGIC PLAN: EQUITY FOR ALL