

Alexandria City Public Schools

LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS 2022

INTRODUCTION

The Alexandria School Board believes high-quality public schools are fundamental to keeping our local community and Commonwealth strong. The Board supports increased state funding to support students, staff, and school facility modernization. In addition, the Board requests flexibility to manage resources and set policies at the local level that are in the best interest of the local community.

FUNDING

The Alexandria School Board supports the return to the General Assembly's prior practice of funding support services to school divisions based upon local school division practices.

The Alexandria School Board supports funding to protect school divisions from enrollment loss.

The Alexandria School Board supports additional funding to address lost learning due to Covid-19.

The Alexandria School Board supports the full funding of the Standards of Quality as recommended by the State Board of Education.

The Alexandria School Board supports the implementation of the Board of Education's recommendation to base EL pupil/teacher ratios by English language proficiency of students.

The Alexandria School Board supports extending the Halifax Model of 1% sales tax for school construction and modernization to all school divisions.

The Alexandria School Board supports the continued use of the Cost of Competing factor, including the restoration of funds for the inclusion of all support staff, in the reimbursement formula for Planning District Eight.

The Alexandria School Board opposes any diversion of public education funds to non-public schools including the use of tuition tax credits, tax deductions, or vouchers as a mean of reimbursing parents for their children's K-12 education expenses.

ISSUES

The Alexandria School Board supports legislation to provide mechanisms to help prevent bullying, discrimination, racism, and all forms of violence during interscholastic high school athletics.

The Alexandria School Board supports legislation that would support the option for school division advisory bodies to meet electronically.

The Alexandria School Board supports legislative changes to allow school divisions to use performance-based assessments for all end-of-course Standard of Learning Assessments.