



Test scores in the Alexandria City Public Schools continued their rise across the district, and student enrollment continued to increase. Throughout the school year, teachers, parents, administrators, and students celebrated the first schools to be accredited and the first school to be built in 30 years.

Did You Know?

* Last year more than 4,200 residents enrolled in an Alexandria City Public Schools Adult and Community Education course. More than 100 different day and evening courses are offered. For more information, call the ACPS Adult and Community Education Office at (703) 824-6845 or e-mail at www.acps.k12.va.us.

* More than 2,500 people volunteer at City schools.

BARRETT AND MACARTHUR BECAME CITY'S FIRST TWO ACCREDITED SCHOOLS

While all City schools made significant progress toward reaching state achievement benchmarks, Charles Barrett Elementary and Douglas MacArthur Elementary distinguished themselves as Alexandria's first schools to become fully accredited. This status was awarded by the state based on their outstanding performance on the rigorous Standards of Learning tests administered in the spring of 2000. Based on early estimates of 2001 scores, both schools will again be accredited this year as well as several more schools, which will be announced by the state later in the year.

TEST SCORES CONTINUED TO RISE

Across the district, Standards of Learning test scores rose for the third year in a row as teachers and principals become more familiar with the standards and how to teach them most effectively. Gains or steady results were seen in 23 out of 27 subject areas, with the most dramatic improvements seen in fifth grade mathematics, eighth grade writing, and high school world history. Improvements are expected to continue as administrators and teachers keep their focus on attaining state benchmarks.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT INCREASES

For the sixth year in a row, Alexandria's public school enrollment increased. In September 2000, 11,167 students were enrolled in the City's 18 public schools (11,104 in September 2001). To



meet the demands of an increasing student population and to maintain educational excellence, major renovations and expansions were approved for both George Washington Middle and Francis C. Hammond Middle Schools.



Over \$16 million in renovations and new construction began at Hammond in July and is designed to serve 1,500 students in grades six through eight when completed in September 2002.

G.W.'s \$17.8 million renovation and expansion will begin fall 2001, with completion set for September 2003.

CITY'S FIRST NEW SCHOOL IN 30 YEARS OPENED

Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School, Alexandria's first new school in 30 years, opened with nearly 600 children on the first day of school in September 2000. Featured as a model for elementary schools across the country, an annual school design magazine named Tucker as one of the nation's top 10 schools designed for excellence. The school houses a science lab, an art room, two music rooms, a media center with extended learning areas located throughout the school for small group activities. A covered playground area lets students enjoy recess during inclement weather.

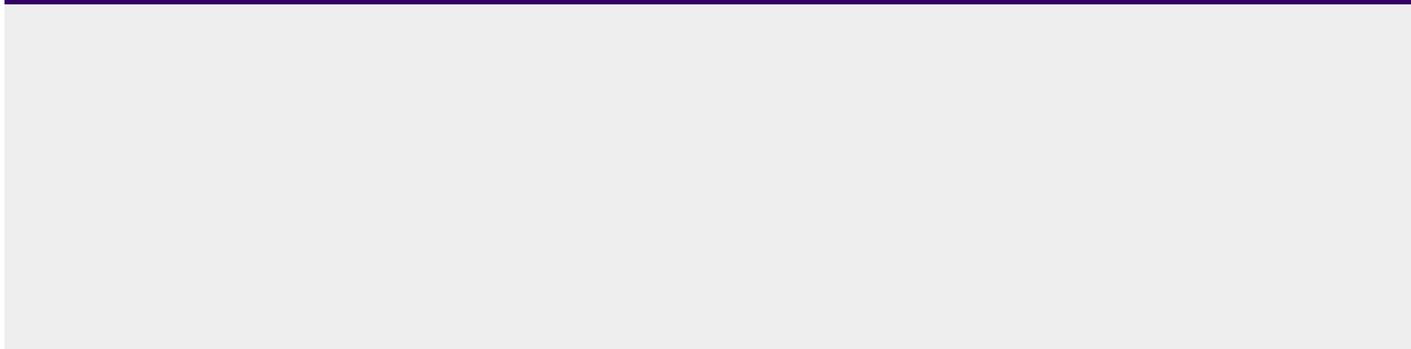
SCHOOL LEADERSHIP SLATED TO CHANGE

After six years of distinguished leadership, Herbert M. Berg resigned as superintendent of Alexandria City Public Schools to become executive director of the Association for the Advancement of International Education.



The new superintendent, Rebecca Perry, began work on August 1. Perry, a veteran educator, was most recently the superintendent of Mecklenburg County Public Schools in southside Virginia. Before Mecklenburg, she served 21 years in the Fauquier County Public Schools in Warrenton, Va., five of which were spent as an associate superintendent and two as director of instructional technology and vocational and adult education.

Alexandria City Public Schools At A Glance



SCHOOL YEAR 2000 - 01

Enrollment:	11,167
Per pupil expenditure:	\$10,982
Operating budget:	\$122,640,308
Capital improvement budget:	\$12,525,000

Number of schools:

18 (13 elementary, 2 middle, 1 ninth grade, 1 high school, 1 alternative high school)

Average class size:

Elementary-20, Middle-21, High-23

Percentage of students eligible for free or reduced price meals: 51%

Graduates

Graduates (June 2001):	530
Students to post-secondary education (1999):	84%
AP and honor courses offered at T.C. Williams High:	19
National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists:	2
National Achievement Scholarship semi-finalist:	1
AP exams taken:	391
AP scores of 3 or higher:	74%
SAT scores:	Mean Verbal-477 Mean Math-476

Students

Black:	44.9%
Hispanic:	26.3%
White:	22.2%
Asian Pacific:	6.3%
Native American:	0.2%
Countries of birth:	66
Native languages:	45

Faculty

Number of teachers:	1,186
Number of support staff:	708
Advanced degrees:	66%
Starting salary:	\$31,945
Average salary:	\$43,737

Volunteers

Business and community partnerships:	100
School volunteers:	2,500

More Information

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