



THREE MORE SCHOOLS BECAME ACCREDITED

Five schools reached the state accreditation benchmark this year and division-wide scores continued their upward trend with increases in 22 of the 27 tested areas. George Mason Elementary, Samuel W. Tucker Elementary, and Minnie Howard Ninth Grade School received the accreditation ranking for the first time, while Charles Barrett Elementary and Douglas MacArthur Elementary were accredited for the second year in a row. Early estimates from the 2002 spring testing cycle indicate that more schools will show much improved scores. Other schools received accreditation status this fall.

Did You Know?

* The Alexandria Library Talking Books Division received a \$5000 LSTA EZ mini-grant and was handpicked by the Library of Congress to engage in a promotional initiative.

* The John Alexander Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution funded a Local History/Special Collections preservation microfilming project.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

In September 2001, 10,979 students were enrolled at the City's 18 public schools. School enrollment is projected to increase over the next five years to 10,501 students by September 2006. Major renovations and expansions were launched at both George Washington Middle and Francis C. Hammond Middle Schools. Hammond's expansion, which was substantially completed by the opening of school in September, entails \$16.5 million in renovations and new construction that will serve up to 1,500 students in grades six through eight. George Washington's \$17.8 million renovation and expansion began this past spring with a scheduled completion date of fall 2003.

In May, Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy formally celebrated its new \$1.8 million, 12,000- square-foot addition, which includes a new media center with a television production studio, extra classrooms, a larger computer lab, a renovated lobby, and front office.



SECONDARY EXPANSION PLANNING UNDERWAY

Anticipating ongoing student population growth, Superintendent Rebecca Perry, staff, faculty, and the community began planning for significant changes at T.C. Williams High and Minnie Howard Ninth Grade Schools. This spring, two committees met extensively for intense brainstorming on how these two schools should serve their students over the next 20 to 30 years. Some exciting and innovative ideas have been generated by educators and community leaders that will result in an architectural design some time in 2003, with construction beginning shortly thereafter.

EDUCATION DAY CELEBRATION

In May, more than 500 public and private school employees gathered in Market Square to hear words of praise and appreciation at the first-ever



celebration to honor their work on behalf of Alexandria's children. Sponsored by the Alexandria Education Partnership, the event was held on National Teacher Appreciation Day and was broadened to all others who are employed by public and private schools. Mayor Donley, Superintendent Perry, and Partnership Chairman Andrew Blair personally delivered thanks to the cheering crowd.



SCHOOLS EARN PUBLIC ACCOLADES

John Adams Elementary and Francis C. Hammond Middle Schools received the Governor's Award for Outstanding Improvement after exceeding the State Board of Education's provisional accreditation benchmarks by at least 10 percentage points on the 2001 SOL test results. This award, announced in June, was given to schools across the state that made significant progress toward reaching the goal of full accreditation before the state deadline of 2006-07.



numbers of low-income or minority students.

In December, Charles Barrett Elementary, James K. Polk Elementary, and Minnie Howard Ninth Grade School were selected as "high flying" by the national non-profit, non-partisan organization Education Trust. These Alexandria schools were among the 48 identified in the Washington metropolitan area and 4,577 nationwide that had high test scores as well as high

Did You Know?

- * The Beatley Central Library issued more than 30,000 new cards and hosted nearly 600 meetings in its meeting and conference rooms.
- * The City's recycling program generated over 34,000 tons of newspaper, plastic, aluminum, metal, glass, leaves and trees last year. During the City's annual spring clean-up 705 tons of dirt, rocks, whitegoods and refuse was collected. Recycling delivered more than 400 loads of leaf mulch to residents and distributed more than 4,000 tons of leaf mulch to residents visiting the leaf mulch site. Three hundred fifteen drums of household hazardous waste was disposed of safely.

Alexandria City Public Schools At A Glance

SCHOOL YEAR 2001 - 02

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| Enrollment: | 10,979 |
| Per pupil expenditure: | \$11,158 |
| Operating budget: | \$131,623,186 |
| Capital improvement budget: | \$17,784,000 |

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: 50%

Students

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| Black: | 44.2% |
| Hispanic: | 26.6% |
| White: | 22.5% |
| Asian Pacific: | 6.4% |
| Native American: | 0.3% |
| Countries of birth: | 86 |
| Native languages: | 65 |

Faculty

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| Number of teachers: | 1,237 |
| Number of support staff: | 761 |
| Advanced degrees: | 68% |
| Starting salary: | \$33,000 |
| Average salary: | \$49,875 |

Graduates

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| Graduates (June 2002): | 570 |
| Students to post-secondary education (1999): | 86% |
| AP and honor courses offered at T.C. Williams High: | 19 |
| National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists: | 6 |
| National Achievement Scholarship semi-finalist: | 1 |
| AP exams taken: | 501 |
| AP scores of 3 or higher: | 340 |
| SAT scores: | Mean Verbal = 478 Mean Math = 485 |

Volunteers

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| Business and community partnerships: | 145 |
| School volunteers: | 2,500 |

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