

Budget Advisory Council Presentation to the School Board

Input on the Proposed FY 22 Budget

April 6, 2021

This presentation is a high-level summary of the BAC's 14-page report to the School Board on the same topic.

The Budget Advisory Council

The BAC is comprised of 15 Arlingtonians from across the County, 1 student representative, and 1 liaison from the AEA.

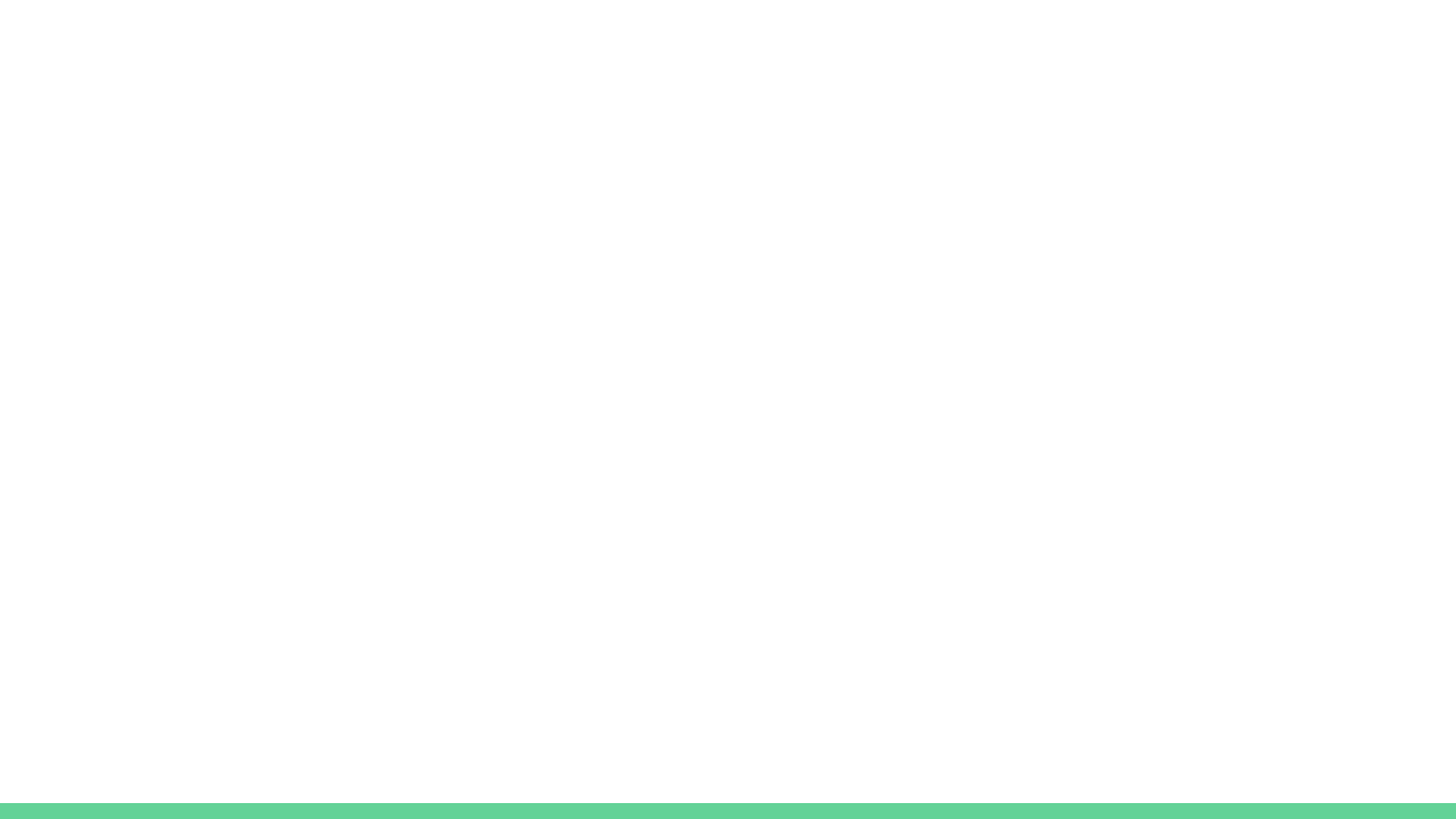
Our APS partner is Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Management Services. Our School Board partner is Monique O'Grady.

Collectively, we have 19 children attending APS schools, across Elementary, Middle, and High School, around the County, including the TJHSST pathway. We also have 3 children who are not yet in school, and 7, including grandchildren, who are successful graduates of APS. We also have committee members without children and whose children have previously attended APS but now attend another school.

We bring a diverse set of experiences, perspectives, and priorities to our discussions and our recommendations.

While we are not experts on the budget, we care deeply about APS - about educational quality, equity, outcomes and the APS staff.

We have all contributed to the input and recommendations we shared in our report.



Input on Revenue



We encourage the School Board to also to and even assets like the Planetarium so that they do not get cut with our growing deficits. We encourage the Superintendent and the School Board to



and like community centers, fields, playground, pools,

Fees could save some of the Middle School and other sports and academic programs currently on the tiered cut lists.

Fees could offset some of the higher costs of transporting students to options schools (this should be studied).

Fees charged should all be on the same scale (note the difference between Montessori and Extended Day fee scales).

Aquatics fees should be sufficient to cover the full costs of operating the pools.

Input on Expenses (1 of 4)

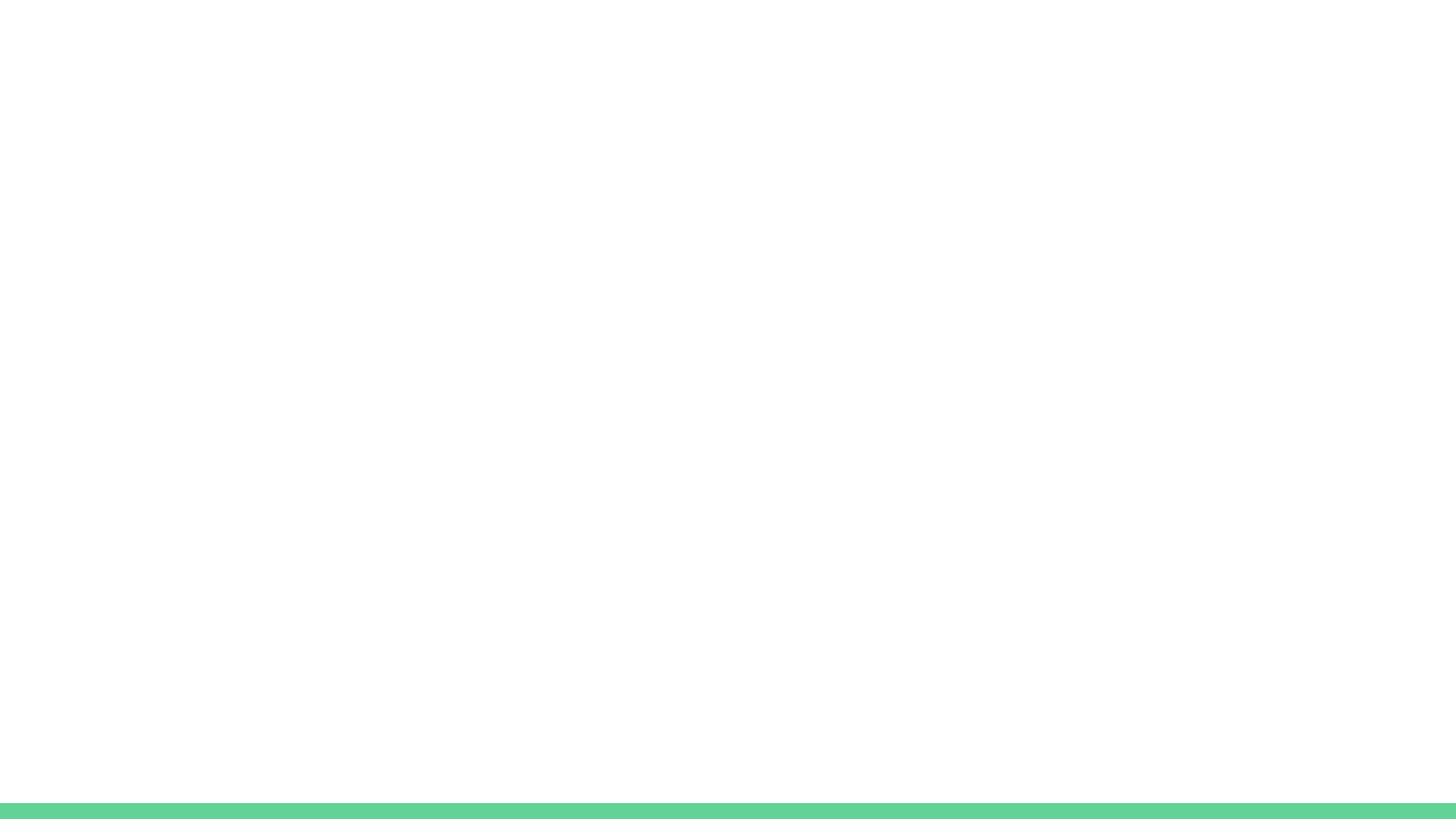
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Input on Expenses (3 of 4)

We do not support using reserves for this tier.

- BAC strongly recommends that the pools be required to operate at a profit in FY22, to cover all costs and contribute to maintenance costs.

- We recommend a closer look at the Canvas investment to evaluate a shift from Canvas to Google Classroom if not in FY22 then in FY23. Many students believe that Google Classroom is a superior tool to Canvas, despite our investment in Canvas.



Thank you
APS School Board, Administration,
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