

## Message from the Superintendent

### *We Will Know Every Student*

Dear Albemarle County Public Schools Students, Employees, Families, and Community Members,

Thank you for your engagement with Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS). I thank our families for enrolling your children in our schools and trusting us to provide a safe and fun learning environment every day. I thank our educators, support staff, and administrators for working so hard to ensure that the quality instruction, learning environment, and care that our families desire is consistently provided. I thank our community. As of 2021, Albemarle had 113,535 residents, and you can see that we are projecting just about 14,000 students this coming fall.

This means that tens of thousands of community members without children in our schools advance, through their contribution of tax revenues, material resources, business, and philanthropic partnerships, our vision that all of our learners be engaged in authentic, challenging, and relevant learning experiences, becoming lifelong contributors and leaders in our dynamic and diverse society.

Again, I thank you all, our students, employees, families, and community members for helping us to make great things happen for our children every day.

We owe it to you to be transparent and responsible in our budgeting process and our use of your resources, combined with state and federal dollars, to ensure that students are well-educated and that we truly get to know each child to ensure equity in providing all students what they need to access school opportunities and to reach their full potential.

As you read this document, you will see that all our investments align with our strategic plan Learning for All, which was developed with community input and approved by our School Board in the fall of 2021. Specifically, you will find investments in safety enhancements, directed staffing for reading and intervention specialists at all schools, staffing to keep our class sizes low, and compensation that is highly competitive in our market to recruit and hire outstanding school and departmental staff to augment our already outstanding team, nearly 2,700 strong.

Public education has faced challenging times over the past few years at the national and state level; however, I believe Albemarle County residents, families and students, value our schools. As superintendent, I want you to know that I appreciate the premium you place on the work we do to make good on your investment. I pledge to make the most of your investment and to constantly strive for improvement for our children. This budget document reflects this promise.

Sincerely,



Dr. Matthew S. Haas  
Superintendent of Schools

