

Social Studies Advisory Committee 2023-2024 Recommendation (DRAFT 2.23.24)

Recommendation: The Social Studies Advisory Committee (SSAC, see Appendix A) recommends that the School Board hire a full-time elementary school specialist in Social Studies

Providing professional learning opportunities for teachers, experiential learning opportunities for students, and aligning curricula to standards set by the Office of Academics

Reviewing textbooks for classroom use by elementary school teachers, and acquiring social studies materials for elementary school teachers that align with Virginia Standards of Learning

Encouraging and effectuating peer-to-peer learning among K-5 teachers

Budgetary Implications: The permanent budgetary implications for this would be \$105,000 per fiscal year, inclusive of the incumbent's salary and benefits.

Strategic Plan Alignment: This request fulfills APS's [Strategic Plan](#). In addition, [research has shown that integrating social studies curricula into other subjects like reading and math can improve student performance in these "core" academic areas](#). When students apply mathematical or literary knowledge in a social science context, the application reinforces their knowledge, and demonstrates the utility of what they have learned.

Appendix A: 2023-24 SSAC Members and Leadership

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Appendix B: Social Studies Advisory Committee 2021-2022 Recommendation