

Alexandria City Public Schools - Special Education Advisory Committee
Alexandria, Virginia
November 13, 2017

**Resolution on Expanding the Scope of the Special Education/ Specialized Instruction
Evaluation currently being conducted by The Public Consulting Group**

Whereas, the Alexandria City Public School System (ACPS) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) per the Virginia State regulations 8VAC20-81-230-D function is to provide the School Board of ACPS with advice on the needs in the education of students with disabilities;

Whereas, the passing rates of reading, math and other SOL area scores of students receiving special education or specialized instruction in the Alexandria School System (ACPS) have been stagnant or declining for a period of ten years or more;

Whereas, there have been substantial gaps of 10+ points for more than a decade between the SOL passing rates of ACPS' students with disabilities and students with disabilities in Arlington County, Va., Loudon County, Va., Falls Church City, Va., Fairfax County, Va. public school systems;

Whereas, in 2016 SEAC asked the ACPS School Board to commission a robust, "get to the root of" evaluation to *fully assess* the long-standing special education/specialized instruction student outcome problems and such request was granted;

Whereas, while SEAC thanks the Alexandria School Board and applauds the new evaluation, we feel that it needs to be expanded to incorporate *all* schools in the Alexandria City Public School System; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that SEAC asks the ACPS School Board to:

- 1) expand the scope of the evaluation to include *all* schools in the ACPS system so that every school building administrator(s) is equipped with the insights unique to their individual school as to how each individual school-based climate and culture operates and how this impacts their student outcomes and not just high-level systemic information that may or may not impact their school's functioning or cultural microcosm;
- 2) SEAC respectfully asks that the School Board approve the additional \$118,000 that is needed to expand the evaluation.

Resolved, this day xxxx, by xxxxxx vote, by SEAC.

Chair and Vice-Chair:
Co-Secretary:
SEAC Members: