

Date: May 10, 2018

For ACTION: _____ X _____

For INFORMATION: _____ X _____

Board Agenda: Yes _____ X _____
No _____

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THROUGH: Lois F. Berlin, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent of Schools
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TO: The Honorable Ramee A. Gentry, Chair, and Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Long Range Educational Facilities Plan: Phase II

BACKGROUND: The LREFP reviews current capacity, projected growth and the effectiveness of current facilities in meeting the need throughout ACPS. The first phase of the LREFP, which determined needs and potential solutions for the elementary and middle school levels, was finalized in the summer of 2015 and adopted and endorsed by the School Board and City Council, respectively. ACPS and the City of Alexandria intend to go through a similar process with the School Board and City Council this spring to adopt the second phase of the LREFP beginning with this presentation to the School Board. The final addendums for the LREFP were presented to the School Board on April 26, 2018.

SUMMARY: The Long Range Educational Facilities Plan (LREFP) Work Group recently made final recommendations to address high school and pre-K capacity through its completion of the second phase of the LREFP. During the April 26, 2018, presentation to the School Board, clarification on the options and process was requested. Below are the School Board’s options for this action item:

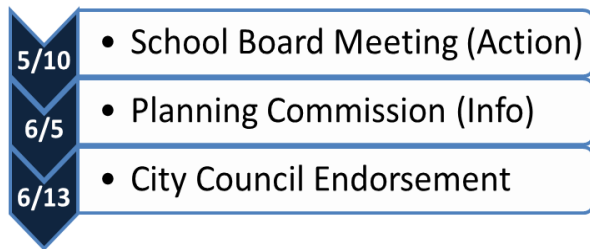
Adopt As Is: The School Board is set to vote on the final addendums during this regular Board meeting. The School Board can choose to adopt the addendums as they are written and proposed by the LREFP Work Group. If this option is pursued, the process will continue as planned in the below adoption process. Adopting the LREFP will complete the original plan for all grade levels and serve as a reference document for current and future capacity planning.

Process Result:

- 5/10 • School Board Meeting (Action)
- 6/5 • Planning Commission (Info)
- 6/13 • City Council Endorsement

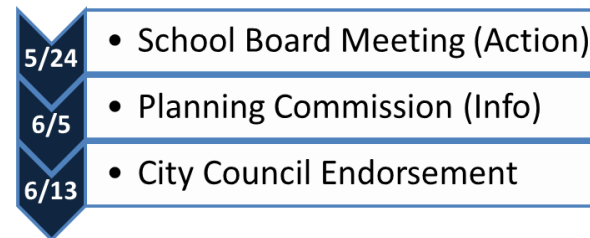
Adopt with Modifications or Comments: Similar to most other committee or work group driven recommendations, the School Board can vote to adopt the final addendums with additions, deletions and/or edits to the addendums as they have been proposed by the LREFP Work Group. Additions, deletions and/or edits would need to be determined and agreed upon during this Board meeting. If this option is pursued, the process will continue as planned in the process chart on the following page of this document. A cover letter/memo explaining the change will be included in the presentation to the Planning Commission and City Council. If City Council votes to support the LREFP addendums, it will be doing so with the adjustments made by the School Board. The final document will incorporate all changes. Again, adopting the LREFP will complete the original plan for all grade levels and serve as a reference document for current and future capacity planning.

Process Result:



Delay Adoption: The School Board may choose to delay the adoption of the addendums in order to obtain more information to inform staff of revisions. This may result in a pause the process until the School Board is prepared to adopt the addendums; the document will not be brought to the Planning Commission or City Council until the School Board adopts the addendums. The School Board may request that the Work Group reconvene; however, it was conveyed to the members of the Work Group that their charge was fulfilled.

Process Result:



Any delay in adoption beyond May 24th will result in an indeterminate delay in approval. Planning Commission and City Council meetings will need to be re-scheduled.

Reject Addendums: The School Board may choose to reject the addendums in their entirety from the LREFP Work Group. This will result in a termination of the process and project. At the School Board's direction, the project may be pursued again in the future. Rejecting the addendums may cause a credibility gap for ACPS and maintains the incomplete status of the LREFP.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the School Board reviews and approves the LREFP Phase II Addendums.

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ATTACHMENTS: Attachment 1 – LREFP Phase II Presentation
Attachment 2 – Final Draft Addendums
Attachment 3 – AlexEngage Survey Results