

Date: January 6, 2017

For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes
No

FROM: Erika Gulick, Facilities Planner & GIS Specialist
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THROUGH: Alvin L. Crawley, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
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TO: The Honorable Ramee Gentry, Chair, and Members of the Alexandria
City School Board

TOPIC: High School Educational Specifications for ACPS

BACKGROUND: On Thursday, June 16, 2016, ACPS staff presented the Educational Specifications (Ed. Specs.) for a high school and pre-k center to the School Board. Following the presentation of the Ed. Specs., ACPS compiled comments from the School Board and other interested parties who have provided feedback on the Ed. Specs. The High School Ed. Specs. were also presented to the School Board on July 5, 2016. At that time, the School Board requested that staff research the utilization at the High School to determine if it is more feasible to have every teacher assigned to a classroom. The School Board also requested that the staff solicit feedback from the high school staff and high school students.

Facilities staff met with T.C. Williams staff on October 24, 2016, and November 18, 2016, and received substantial feedback on the document. Staff also met with T.C. Williams students on December 5, 2016, and received more input on the Ed. Specs. Along with the consultant, staff reviewed all input and incorporated suggested revisions into the Ed. Specs. where warranted.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the School Board approves the High School Ed. Specs.

IMPACT: The adoption of these educational specifications will be used to benchmark the existing school facilities and inform the focus of future resources and building projects.

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ATTACHMENTS: Attachment 1 – Presentation – High School Ed. Specs.
Attachment 2 – DRAFT ACPS High School Ed. Specs.