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For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes
No

FROM: Sherri Chapman, Coordinator, Career and Technical Education

THROUGH: Dr. Alvin L. Crawley, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. GwenCarol Holmes, Chief Academic Officer
Dr. John L. Brown, Executive Director, Curriculum Design and Services

TO: The Honorable Karen Graf, School Board Chairman
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: 2014-2015 Local Plan for Career and Technical Education (CTE)
Federal Perkins Funds

BACKGROUND: The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 and Standards of Quality require each school division to develop and receive local school board approval of a plan for Career and Technical Education that includes specific information regarding program and service descriptions and how grant funds will be used.

The Alexandria 2014-2015 Local Plan for Career and Technical Education describes activities and services proposed for the Alexandria City Public Schools Career and Technical Education Program. The plan also assures that all program activities and expenditures are in accordance with the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 and all applicable Virginia Public School Laws.

The Alexandria Plan will provide \$201,296.06 to improve and modernize existing Career and Technical Education program offerings, update technology to align with industry standards, and provide staff development opportunities for instructional staff. Grant funding is allocated by formula, based on ACPS enrollment and special populations served.

The Alexandria Plan contains local assurances and conditions of the grant; Virginia and Perkins performance standards and those that do not meet the state level Perkins Performance Standards as identified in the Career and Technical Education Annual Performance Report; CTE Management Schedules; proposed new pathway plan of study; financial data; and proposed budget for use of 2014-2015 federal funds.

Pages 48-49 of the Alexandria Plan contain the 2014-2015 budget and description of how the Perkins funds will be allocated:

- \$12,000 to permit Career and Technical Education teachers, administrators, and counselors to attend local, state, and national CTE professional conferences, institutes, and workshops/courses to receive research-based training designed to improve course content, assessment, instruction, and curriculum design for all students. Activities will also include teacher training to maintain and obtain certification in specific areas.
- \$16,000 to purchase services for required programs such as help with CTE (Technology Education) in Math classes, surgical technologist program accreditation, and assistance with follow-up phone calls for CTE reporting.
- \$30,000 to improve and modernize Technology Education labs with appropriate equipment, tools, hardware, and software necessary to provide students with appropriate instruction. All equipment will be from the state approved equipment list.
- \$68,847.28 to improve and modernize computer labs with appropriate equipment by updating hardware and software necessary to provide students with appropriate instruction. All middle school business labs will be replaced. All equipment will be from the state approved equipment list.
- \$20,000 to assist students who have won local student organization honors (FBLA, FCCLA, DECA, SkillsUSA, TSA, and HOSA) as well as one adviser, with expenses to and from state and/or national leadership conferences.
- \$44,383.98 to purchase professional equipment from the state equipment list including computers, mixers, editing software, and cameras for TV Production and Photography; servers, peripherals, and electronic equipment for Computer Network, Repair, and Maintenance; automotive equipment for Automotive Technology; basic Firefighting I equipment, and hair dryers and equipment for Cosmetology classrooms.
- \$10,064.80 for support of grant operations through indirect costs.

RECOMMENDATION: The Local Plan has been approved by the CTE Advisory Committee. The new STEM Engineering Plan of Study has been approved by Northern Virginia Community College. This plan is due in Richmond by April 30, 2014. Staff requests Board approval at the April 24, 2014 School Board meeting.

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