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FROM: Jennifer Abbruzzese, Director of Policy & Board Initiatives

THROUGH: Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Superintendent of Schools
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TO: The Honorable Cindy Anderson, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Policy Revisions: BDD, BDDH/KD, EEA, IKC, IKFA
Regulatory Revisions: BDDH-R/KD-R, EEA-R/EEAB-R, IKC-R

SUMMARY:

As part of the Board’s continuing policy review, we recommend that it examine the proposed policy and regulatory revisions below. (Hyperlinks to the current policies and regulations are included for reference.)

[Policy BDD: Electronic Participation in Meetings from Remote Locations](#)

Last revised in 2017, Policy BDD has been updated to reflect the amendment of Va. Code §§ 2.2-3701 and 2.2-3707, repeal of Va. Code §§ 2.2-3708 and 2.2-3708.1, and enactment of Va. Code § 2.2-3708.2 by HB 907. This policy meets the Virginia Freedom of Information Act’s requirement to allow for and govern the participation of School Board members by electronic communication means. In addition to defining “electronic communication,” this revision clarifies that the policy is applied uniformly to all Board Members, and that electronic participation due to a personal matter is limited to two times per calendar year. Electronic participation due to illness is not limited in such a manner.

[Policy BDDH/KD: Public Participation at School Board Meetings](#)

Last revised in 2017 and 2018 respectively, Policy BDDH and [Regulation BDDH-R/KD-R](#) have been updated to reflect current practice and to clarify the public comment time allocations for members of the public and for heads of organizations.

[Policy EEA: Student Transportation Services](#)

Last revised in 2018, Policy EEA and [Regulation EEA-R/EEAB-R](#) have been updated to reflect the Superintendent’s recommended adjustment to high school walk zones, from a 1.5 mile radius to a 1.5 mile walking distance. Although no revisions are proposed for [Policy EEAB: School Bus Scheduling and Routing](#), it is included for reference.

[Policy IKC: Grading](#)

Last revised in 2016, Policy IKC and [Regulation IKC-R](#) have been updated to reflect that the practice of including high school students' class rank on their transcripts will be phased out over the next two years.

[Policy IKFA: Locally Awarded Verified Credits](#)

Last revised in 2016, Policy IKFA has been updated to reflect the September 2018 adoption of revised BOE Guidelines for Standard Diploma Credit Accommodations for Students with Disabilities. Although no revisions are proposed for [Regulation IKFA-R](#), it has been included for reference.

BACKGROUND:

The Code of Virginia § 22.1-253.13:7 and Policy BF require the School Board to maintain and follow up-to-date policies, and that all policies shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the attached revisions to Policies BDD, BDDH/KD, EEA, IKC and IKFA, and Regulations BDDH-R/KD-R, EEA-R/EEAB-R and IKC-R.

IMPACT:

By reviewing policies periodically, the School Board ensures that ACPS operations are aligned to support excellence and high performance.

ATTACHMENTS:

Policy BDD
Policy BDDH/KD
Policy EEA
Policy IKC
Policy IKFA
Regulation BDDH-R/KD-R
Regulation EEA-R/EEAB-R
Regulation IKC-R

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