

Date: May 23, 2019

For ACTION: _____

For INFORMATION: X

Board Agenda: Yes X
No _____

FROM: Mignon R. Anthony, Chief Operating Officer
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THROUGH: Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Cindy Anderson, Chair, and Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: The High School Project Update

BACKGROUND: On February 21, 2019, staff outlined a work plan to address the comparative analysis of the second comprehensive high school, and identify a program and site approach for the Connected High School Network, while aligning all work with the School Board's priorities including all elements outlined in the January 24, 2019 motion and amendment as amended on March 21, 2019. Staff gave an update to the progress of the work on the educational design team as well as site evaluation at the April 25, 2019 meeting.

SUMMARY: This presentation includes an update on the progress of the High School Project including further developments in:

- Educational Programming
- Site Evaluations
- Development Planning

This update also includes our ongoing evaluation of the Minnie Howard site. The city's adjustments to its zoning restrictions on the site indicate that the maximum space requirement might be achieved. However, further evaluation is ongoing to determine if the full parameters for high school expansion design is possible. Information will be forthcoming in the June work session.

Staff are planning to host open houses at each Alexandria district in June to discuss key topics of The High School Project and the key components of the comparative analysis between a Connected High School Network and a second comprehensive high school.

For more information, please visit the high school project webpage at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/hsproject>.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent has no recommendations for the School Board at this time.

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