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FROM: Mr. Kurt Huffman, Director of School, Business and Community Partnerships

THROUGH: Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Ramee A. Gentry, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Title IV, Part A Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant Award

SUMMARY

In the previous 2017-2018 school year, ACPS brought together a cross-departmental team to collaborate on a grant application for U.S. Department of Education’s Title IV, Part A Grant.

Title IV, Part A Grant Funds are made available to support local education reform efforts that are consistent with statewide education reform efforts to: 1) provide funding to implement promising education reform programs and school improvement programs based on evidence-based research; 2) provide a continuing source of innovative and educational improvement; 3) meet the educational needs of all students; and 4) develop and implement education programs to improve student achievement and teacher performance.

As a result of the cross departmental team collaboration in the past school year (2017-2018), ACPS received a financial grant allocation of \$81,865.25. That proposal targeted William Ramsay, John Adams, Patrick Henry and James K. Polk elementary schools with an overarching goal to educate 4th and 5th grade students about better health and nutrition. This included exploring the benefits of using heart rate monitors in PE, offering diverse food taste testing activities, and providing activities that promoted safety among our students by implementing PBIS lessons that enhance executive functioning skills.

In the spring of 2018, the cross-departmental team met again and applied for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year grant that would expand our efforts into four additional schools – Samuel Tucker, Ferdinand T. Day, Cora Kelly and Mount Vernon. The grant application also included a sustainability plan, a design for professional development, alignment to the ACPS 2020 Strategic Plan, and components that stress the essential importance of creating a healthy and safe school environment.

We are very excited to announce that for the 2018-2019 school year, ACPS will receive a substantial increase in allocation to the amount of \$279,476.88. The team is enthusiastic about moving forward with this opportunity and working through the next required action steps. This is truly a terrific example of the impact that cross departmental collaboration can play in realizing opportunities that have high impact on the success of ACPS students and educators.

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