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FROM: Alexandra Griffin, Chair, Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee (TAGAC)

THROUGH: Frances Donna Brearley, Talented and Gifted Coordinator

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

TOPIC: 2015-2016 Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee Memorandum

Background

The Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee focused its attention over the past year on current metrics used to measure the success of Alexandria's TAG program, culminating in providing inputs in a collaborative way to the ACPS TAG program evaluation. Members of the TAGAC contributed questions, suggestions, and conducted data analysis using publicly available data to better understand how ACPS currently measures its TAG program, and how evaluation could be better improved. As part of this work, TAGAC invited Clinton Page from the Office of Accountability (OA) to discuss current data collected, and determine whether collecting other data points currently not collected were feasible. Questions and responses from this meeting can be found in Appendix A.

When funds were secured within the Alexandria City budget for a TAG evaluation, TAGAC engaged with ACPS to ensure alignment of all TAGAC recommendations around evaluation, measures of success identified in the TAG Local Plan, and throughout TAGAC's work this past year. This report details specific TAGAC recommendations for ensuring robust evaluation of Alexandria's TAG program.

To include:

Recommendations

- Review AP data and compare to TAG data to see how students are doing
- Ensure that data needed for reviewing the TAG program is made available in the spring, so TAGAC can include in its fall annual report

Conclusion