

BOARD MEMO

Date: November 12, 2020

For ACTION ___

For INFORMATION ___

Board Agenda: Yes ___

No ___

FROM: Susan M. Neilson, Clerk of the Board

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: Appoint Middle School Student Representatives to the School Board

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

- Goal 1: Systemic Alignment
- Goal 2: Instructional Excellence
- Goal 3: Student Accessibility and Support
- Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation
- Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation

FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Improving Customer Relationship Services and Management

SUMMARY:

Each year, the School Board appoints a Middle School Student Representative to Patrick Henry School, Jefferson-Houston K-8 School, Francis C. Hammond Middle School, and George Washington Middle School. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and school shutdown during the 2019-2020 school year, student representative terms were cut short. Student representatives from Jefferson-Houston and Patrick Henry, with the endorsement of their principal, were offered the opportunity to continue their term through the 2020-21 school year.

George Washington Middle School and Francis C. Hammond Middle School principals reviewed applications and conducted interviews of students who applied for the 2020-21 Middle School Student Representative position for their respective schools, and ultimately students were selected to fill the positions. The following student have been selected:

- Giselle Hughes, Jefferson-Houston K-8 School
- Caleb Bonga, Patrick Henry School
- Sarah Murphy, Francis C. Hammond Middle School
- Scott Price II, George Washington Middle School

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BACKGROUND:

In April 2019, the School Board revised Policy BBBB to create four non-voting Middle School Student Representative positions. The students will serve in an advisory capacity to the high school Student Representatives to the School Board, and do not participate in School Board Meetings. Regulation BBBB-R2, created in May 2019, outlines this program. The Middle School Student Representative positions are open to rising 7th and 8th grade students from each of the four middle schools and serve an annual term from July 1 through June 30th.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board reappoint Giselle Hughes and Caleb Bonga, and appoint Sarah Murphy and Scott Price as Middle School Student Representatives for the 2020-2021 school year.

IMPACT:

Appointing Middle School Student Representatives provides middle school students with a leadership opportunity at their school, as well as strengthening communications between middle schools and the Alexandria City School Board.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Middle School Student Representative Applications
- Policy BBBB: Student Representatives to the School Board
- Regulation BBBB-R2: Middle School Student Representatives Regulations and Application

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