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FROM: Terri Mozingo, Ed.D., Chief Academic Officer

THROUGH: Alvin L. Crawley, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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

TOPIC: Comprehensive Policy Review: 4/25/16 School Board Work Session

As part of the Board’s continuing policy review, we recommend that the Board consider the following policy at its work session. (The regulation is included for reference.)

Policy IKD – Instructional Assignments – Elementary (This newly proposed policy mirrors Policy IKB: Course Assignments-Secondary.)

IKD-R - Regulations Pertaining to Instructional Assignments – Elementary (The time allocations for out-of-class assignments presented in this newly proposed regulation represent a synthesis of recommendations presented in multiple studies and professional organizations, (Cooper (2007), National Education Association, and National PTA) related to the effects of homework on student achievement. Generally, the research (as reflected in the policy) confirms that the minutes assigned to homework at the elementary level should parallel the age of the student (e.g., 10 minutes for a ten year old). The research (Anderson, et. al, 1988) also confirms that approximately 20 minutes per night significantly reduces the word gap and leads to increased literacy achievement.)

BACKGROUND:

The Code of Virginia § [22.1-253.13:7](#) requires that each local school board shall maintain and follow up-to-date policies, and that all policies shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed. In addition, the Alexandria City School Board’s Policy BF provides that policies will be reviewed at least every three years and revised as needed.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the attached Policy IKD.

IMPACT:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Newly proposed revisions to Policy IKD

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