

Date: January 11, 2018

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Board Agenda: Yes  \_\_\_\_\_  
No  \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** Erika Gulick, Facilities Planner/GIS Specialist  
Michael Herbstman, Chief Financial Officer

**THROUGH:** Lois Berlin, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Richard Jackson, Interim Chief Operating Officer

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

**TOPIC:** Budget Advisory Committee Feedback on Ad-Hoc Joint City-Schools Facilities  
Investment Task Force Memo and FY 2019 CIP Proposal Feedback

**BACKGROUND:**

On Thursday, November 9, 2017, the Ad-Hoc Joint City-Schools Facilities Investment Task Force (Task Force) presented its deliverable for the first phase of its work which included project prioritization. These recommendations were incorporated into the Superintendent's proposed CIP, which was presented on Thursday, November 30, 2017. The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) has reviewed the Task Force's recommendation and Superintendent's Proposed FY 2019-2028 CIP and offered feedback.

**SUMMARY:**

The following key points were made by the BAC in response to the Task Force's first deliverable, project prioritization:

- BAC supports the proactive approach of the Task Force in their recommendation for funding for land acquisition, planning and a joint master plan.
- BAC supports the prioritization reflected in the Task Force's FCIP-A and states that the deferred capacity additions in FCIP-B will be very problematic for ACPS.
- BAC advocates for the prioritization of swing space in 2019-2020 as is indicated in FCIP-A due to the urgency of this need. However, delaying the project to ensure that it is constructed to meet the needs of a permanent school is understandable.
- BAC comments on the need for adequate time for community engagement to develop a solution to high school capacity and supports planning funds in FY 2019 to address this need.
- BAC acknowledges that, due to delayed modernizations, additional funding will be needed to maintain building systems and infrastructure and fund interim capacity solutions, such as relocatables.
- BAC states that decisions about potential usage need to be made more quickly in the future, such as with Lee Center. Staff would note that, although the Task

Force did not consider the Lee Center a favorable solution for swing space, the feasibility study conducted by City and ACPS staff indicated that the Lee Center would be a viable solution for swing space.

- BAC indicates that \$50 million for land acquisition may not be sufficient for all facilities needs of the City and Schools. BAC also states that robust assessment of the feasibility of building on site, as recommended by the Task Force for several projects, would need to be conducted.

The following key points were made by the BAC in response to the Superintendent's Proposed CIP:

- BAC reiterates that delaying elementary modernizations will require additional funding for interim capacity solutions and maintenance of aging facilities.
- BAC supports the proposed funding for a joint master plan and land acquisition and states that a clear timeline and priorities for execution of these funds will need to be developed and communicated.
- BAC expresses concern about the lack of funding for pre-K capacity in the Superintendent's proposed CIP and states that this should be addressed in either the CIP or Combined Funds budgets.
- BAC requests clarification is made in the final CIP documents about the discrepancies between the Task Force recommended funding and funding included in the FY 2019-2028 Superintendent's Proposed CIP.

Please note that the feedback from BAC was prepared prior to the School Board's Add-Delete process and Superintendent's Proposed Adjustments. Some of the comments may have been addressed since the date of the BAC's memo.

For reference, the Task Force's FCIP-A, FCIP-B, Superintendent's FY 2019-2028 Proposed CIP Budget Summary and the Lee Center Feasibility Study are attached.

**RECCOMENDATION:** The Superintendent recommends that the School Board accept the BAC report and consider the committee's feedback throughout the CIP process.

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**ATTACHMENT:**

- Attachment 1: BAC Task Force and Proposed CIP Feedback Memo (12/12/17)
- Attachment 2: FCIP-A
- Attachment 3: FCIP-B
- Attachment 4: FY 2019-2028 Superintendent's Proposed CIP Budget Summary
- Attachment 5: Lee Center Feasibility Study