

Date: August 15, 2019

For ACTION

For INFORMATION X

Board Agenda: Yes X

No

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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: The High School Project

BACKGROUND

The High School Project began in the summer of 2018 and has progressed steadily throughout the past year. On January 24, 2019, the School Board voted to continue high school project work with a focus on several priorities and a commitment to evaluate multiple options. This work has since developed into an expanded project team including additional consultant support and the establishment of an Educational Design Team (EDT).

SUMMARY

In response to the School Board's motion to progress The High School Project, Operations and Curriculum and Instruction Department staffs and many others have put forth an extensive effort to engage in a thorough evaluation process as well as develop options for the School Board to consider for the future of Alexandria City's public high school experience.

This work included:

- An assessment of the current high school course curriculum and the development of programmatic approaches by the Educational Design Team (EDT) for both a Two High School Model and the Connected High School Network Model;
- The search for appropriate sites and locations that could be developed for both models; and
- The evaluation of logistical and operating factors and potential costs.

The full draft report and summary presentation on the research, process, development, and findings are attached. During the August 22, 2019, School Board work session the project team and Educational Design Team (EDT) will focus its presentation and lead a discussion on the extensive in-depth work of the EDT and high level programmatic recommendations. A summary of the site alternatives and analysis of Minnie Howard will be introduced.

In order to provide the School Board with ample time for a discussion on the site alternatives and cost, the project team recommends an additional work session prior to the September 26, 2019, School Board vote on The High School Project.

RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the attachments for discussion at the work session.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 190822_PowerPoint_The_High_School_Project
2. 190822_The_High_School_Project_Draft_Report
3. 190805_The_High_School_Project_Meeting_Minutes

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