

Date: October 5, 2017
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For INFORMATION ___
Board Agenda: Yes ___
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FROM: Jennifer Abbruzzese, Clerk of the Board & Policy Liaison

THROUGH: Lois F. Berlin, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent of Schools
Helen Lloyd, Director of Communications

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

TOPIC: Policy KL

SUMMARY:

As part of the Board's continuing policy review, the Board reviewed the proposed revisions to Policy KL at its September 14, 2017 Board Meeting. **Blue text reflects changes to the Code of Virginia that were discussed at that meeting. Orange text reflects Board Member feedback.** (A hyperlink to the current policy is included for reference.)

[Policy KL – Public Complaints](#)

Last reviewed by the School Board in 1996, this policy has been updated to reflect the revision of Virginia Code § 22.1-87. The current statute requires that parents/guardians of students who are aggrieved by an action of the School Board may petition the local circuit court for judicial review. The court will uphold the Board's action unless the Board exceeded its authority, acted arbitrarily or capriciously, or abused its discretion. **Because the statute does not address judicial remedies for aggrieved students who have reached the age of majority, Policy KL has been revised to address such instances.**

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 approve Policy KL.

IMPACT:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed revisions to Policy KL

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