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## **Public Comments**

**June 16, 2022**

### **School Board Meeting**

Good evening. Ladies and gentlemen of the school board and in attendance, I along with many of my peers in The ACHS TV/Media production class have watched in disappointment, as ACPS has allowed our TV production studio to fall into disarray. This disappointment is further compounded by the fact that the studio falls under the domain of central office. Until recently, ACPS has employed someone solely to help maintain the studio. However, they recently eliminated this position. As a result, the job of maintaining the studio has fallen on our TV/Media production teachers. This is not sustainable not only because it's not their job, but because they both already do so much extra work for our program not including the full classloads they also have on their plates. The care they put into our program is evident by the fact that Mrs. Vilma Zefran, one of our teachers, won teacher of the year for our whole school district last year.

This studio is necessary for a variety of reasons. Firstly, ACPS's vision of equity for all means giving students of all backgrounds the same opportunities to succeed. Having access to working gear and equipment is the only way to ensure that every student gets the same opportunities to gain more knowledge and experience. Secondly, like all Alexandria City High School Career and Technical Education, or CTE, programs, TV/media production is designed to give students the skills they need in order to get an entry level job in the field of study. Without access to the studio, students can't say, to the same extent, that they are qualified to enter the video production industry. Third of all, without access to the studio, production of a daily school show, which has been running for 15 years, with the exception of virtual learning, will cease to be possible. The show has been an avenue for titans to learn information about clubs, activities and other events. It has also been an avenue for TV production students to show their work to the titan community, with some students even taking the initiative and running weekly, or every other week recurring segments, all to expand their knowledge and skills in this field.

Allowing our studio to atrophy would prevent us from producing a daily show and we would end up having to produce 2-show or 3-show-a-week program at most. This is why it is so important to ACHS and to the tv/ production program to have a studio and why you need to make sure the proper resources are allocated to maintain it.