

Date: January 24, 2019

For ACTION: _____ X _____

For INFORMATION: _____

Board Agenda: Yes _____ X _____
No _____

FROM: Mignon R. Anthony, Chief Operating Officer
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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: Strategy Vote

BACKGROUND: Our total high school enrollment currently exceeds the TC Williams design capacity with growth projected to continue. The School Board allocated \$100,000 in the FY 2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget to engage the community on solutions for needed high school capacity. In the following FY 2019 budget, with the Ad-Hoc Joint City-Schools Facilities Investment Task Force acknowledgement, the City included \$5.15M to initiate immediate planning efforts and to begin design.

This work was initiated in July 2018 with the onboarding of our consultant team, Stantec Architecture and FNI, and has been ongoing. Below is a list of our School Board meeting dates where we discussed the High School Project recommendation:

- November 8, 2018
- November 26, 2018
- December 6, 2018
- December 13, 2018
- December 20, 2018
- January 10, 2019
- January 17-23, 2019 (2x2 conversations)

In addition to the above meetings, staff and consultants also coordinated multiple town hall meetings, student and staff focus groups, and multiple interactions between the Superintendent, business community, and the community and school-based staff, since the initial November 8 meeting.

SUMMARY: Staff is recommending to continue planning for a program and capacity addition to be provided through a connected high school network strategy.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the connected high school network strategy to allow staff to continue to explore site and program options.

ATTACHMENTS: Presentation
Attachment 1: Executive Summary
Attachment 2: High School Project Recommendation FAQ
Attachment 3: [Podcast Link](#)

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