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Board Agenda: Yes   X  

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**FROM:** Peter Balas, Principal, T.C. Williams High School  
Gerald R. Mann, Jr., Executive Director of Secondary Instruction

**THROUGH:** Lois Berlin, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent of Schools

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

**TOPIC:** Extracurricular Activities

**BACKGROUND:** As ACPS expands its opportunities in athletics and student activities to an increasing number of campuses that house secondary students, Principal Balas has proposed a change in staffing to more adequately handle the day-to-day operations of athletics and student activities. This will ultimately allow for genuine strategic planning and goal setting around enhancing opportunities, increasing early Titan pride and developing more partnerships, both within Alexandria and beyond.

When the team is in place, they will have several initial actions, which include:

- Developing a strategic plan that supports ACPS 2020 and clearly outlines the parameters on what constitutes a sport, club, team, or activity in grades 6-12 and in alignment with the Virginia High School Leagues (VHSL) policies and regulations. The new athletics and student activities strategic plan will be drafted for presentation before the first budget work session for FY2020.
- Exploring how surrounding jurisdictions define teams, clubs and other student activities
- Developing parameters and guidelines that clearly define teams, clubs and other student activities and how they will be supported by ACPS.

**IMPACT:** The athletics and student activities office will be able to operate more effectively, including answering long standing issues on clubs, partnerships, and sportsmanship.

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