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FROM: Alvin L. Crawley, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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

TOPIC: Ad Hoc Joint City-Schools Facility Investment Task Force

BACKGROUND: In March 2017, the Alexandria City Council and School Board held a joint work session related to the school division's ten-year Capital Improvement Plan. At that time, there was a discussion about pursuing opportunities for better collaboration and planning of future projects given fiscal constraints and importance of good community engagement. During a Council budget work session on April 19, 2017, the City Manager shared a draft proposal to establish an Ad Hoc Joint City-Schools Facility Investment Task Force.

The proposal includes the following components:

- Formation of a nine member "blue ribbon" committee (Task Force) with expertise in different fields including: architecture, engineering and urban planning; education; facilities planning; asset management; construction; finance; business; real estate development; and legal expertise on one of the aforementioned areas. The Task Force would be appointed by the City Manager with three nominees proposed by the Superintendent of Schools.
- The Task Force would complete its work by the end of calendar year 2017 and focus on:
 - Developing a long range municipal facilities CIP with prioritization of City and School facilities utilizing identifiable funding;
 - Determining opportunities for joint facility/site co-location opportunities for City and School programs;
 - Reviewing and recommending municipal planning and civic engagement principles, standards and practices;

- Reviewing and recommending alternative capital project delivery methods and project management structures;
 - Reviewing and recommending governance of the capital planning and project delivery; and
 - Reviewing and recommending asset management.
- Documents used in the process include: City and ACPS CIPs, Long Range Educational Facilities Plan; ACPS Adopted Redistricting Plan; City and ACPS Strategic Plans; Fire Station Optimal Location Study; Housing Master Plan; City Strategic Facility Plan; City Facility Conditions Index reports and other identified documents.
 - The Task Force would be staffed by the City Department of Planning and Zoning with assistance from other City and ACPS departments.
 - Funding in the amount of \$414,000 would be made available for staffing and consultant support.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the proposal for feedback including suggested revisions to the City Manager and Council, if needed.

IMPACT: The formation of the Task Force would further the school division and City's goal of a joint review and prioritization of projects based on identified funding options. The work of the Task Force would also inform policies, formal agreements (MOUs), partnerships, funding decisions and timelines related to capital projects and planning.

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Attachment: City Manager's Proposal for an Ad Hoc Joint City-Schools Facility Investment Task Force