

Date: July 10, 2013

For ACTION\_\_ X

For INFORMATION\_\_\_ \_\_

For Agenda: yes\_\_ X

no \_\_\_ \_\_

From: GwenCarol Holmes, Ed.D., Chief Academic Officer  
John L. Brown, Ph. D., Executive Director  
Sherri Chapman, Coordinator, Career & Technical Education

Through: Margaret May Walsh, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Schools

To: The Honorable Karen Graf, Chair, and Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** CTE Annual Report and Suggested Scope of Work

**BACKGROUND:** Each year the Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee submits an annual report summarizing their work from the previous year. In addition, the Board of Education notifies the committee in regards to the scope of work that the committee is requested to address for the coming year. Major accomplishments, noted in the report, from this past year include: 1) approving a new Perkins plan for the 2013-2014 school year; 2) increasing awareness of CTE programs through CTE logos and brochures, and counselor presentations; 3) providing guidance and advice on CTE enrollments and state initiatives such as the mandated Economics and Personal Finance course and industry certifications; and 4) focusing on workplace readiness skills for teachers and students.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Important work that was identified by the CTE Advisory Committee to be addressed this coming year includes:

- 1) supporting the implementation of the general education certificate with the community college system for all students;
- 2) providing direction and advice in regards to increasing dual enrollment opportunities for students in Career and Technical Education courses (i.e. automotive technology);
- 3) providing direction and advice for expanding CTE courses in the STEM academy;
- 4) providing advice to support 2014 summer opportunities for students to meet the Economics and Personal Finance requirement; and
- 5) approving a new local Perkins plan for 2014-15.

**IMPACT:** A focus by the CTE Advisory Committee on the above recommendations would provide greater opportunities for ACPS students to graduate ready for college and career.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Sherri Chapman