

**BOARD MEMO**

Date: December 16, 2021

For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes

No

**FROM:** The Honorable Meagan L. Alderton, Chair of the Alexandria City School Board

**THROUGH:** Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**TO:** The Honorable Meagan L. Alderton, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** New School Board Advisory Committee for the Spanish Speaking Community

**ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

**SY 2021-2022 FOCUS AREA:**

Focus Area 1: Social Emotional and Academic Learning Recovery

Focus Area 2: Hispanic Males

Focus Area 3: Middle School Educational Experience

Focus Area 4: Early College

Focus Area 5: Talented and Gifted

**FY 2022 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

Implementation of 2025 Strategic Plan

**SUMMARY:**

The Alexandria City School Board is interested in forming a new School Board Advisory Committee for the Spanish speaking community to create opportunities for engagement to better understand their needs, barriers, as well as resources and services needed to engage families. The formation of this new advisory committee would increase communication, trust, and involvement in decision-making.

The new advisory committee will begin meeting in the next school year.

**BACKGROUND:**

Policy BCE—School Board Committees and BCF/BCR-R—Advisory Committees to the School Board give the School Board the authority to form additional School Board Advisory Committees as it deems necessary. Advisory Committees provide opportunities for citizens to advise the Board on major issues pertaining to Alexandria City Public Schools.

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the formation of a new advisory committee for the Spanish speaking community.

### **IMPACT:**

Creation of this additional advisory committee will encourage engagement by underserved communities in ACPS.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

### **CONTACT:**

Meagan L. Alderton, Chair