



RESOLUTION TO EXPLORE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION CYCLE AND COMPOSITION ADJUSTMENTS

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City School Board serves concurrent, three-year terms and therefore may incur the loss of its knowledge base and experience every three years, and as a continuing body seeks to better maintain its institutional knowledge and increase its effectiveness; and

WHEREAS the Alexandria City School Board currently seats nine Members, three each of which are elected to represent one of three voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City School Board seeks to improve its overall efficiency, collaboration and ability to reach consensus; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City School Board supports transparency and encourages community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Virginia mandates that the Alexandria City School Board's elections must coincide with those of its governing body, the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Virginia mandates that the Alexandria City School Board's term of office must coincide with that of its governing body, the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Virginia mandates that the Alexandria City Council's and the Alexandria City School Board's terms of office are determined by the City Charter of Alexandria, Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alexandria City School Board requests that the Alexandria City Council consider exploring one or more potential amendments to its City Charter during 2018-2019 as proposed below.

The School Board further encourages the next School Board, to be elected in November 2018, to develop and present specific recommendations to City Council on the matter during 2019, and for both elected bodies to actively seek community input on the following:

- Transitioning Alexandria City School Board Member and Alexandria City Council Member terms of office from concurrent to staggered terms, and therefore the possibility of holding elections more frequently than every three years; and
- Supporting the School Board's interest in exploring a reduction from its nine-Member Board to a lesser number and to include at-large Members.

Adopted at the _____, 2018 School Board Meeting

Cindy Anderson

Hal Cardwell

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Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-50, 22.1-57.3, 24.2-222, 24.2-223.
City Charter of Alexandria, Virginia, §§ 3.01, 3.05, 10.01, 15.10.

Cross Refs.: BB School Board Legal Status
BBBA Qualifications of School Board Members