

**Date:** August 17, 2017

**For ACTION**   X  

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

**Board Agenda: Yes**   X    
**No** \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** David Remick, Career and Technical Education Advisory (CTEAC)  
Committee Chair

**THROUGH:** Sherri Chapman, Coordinator, Career and Technical Education  
Lois Berlin, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent of Schools

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

**TOPIC:** **2016-2017 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Committee  
Annual Report**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee (CTEAC) is pleased to submit the 2016-2017 annual report to the Alexandria City School Board. The committee met four times during the school year and provided input, feedback, and recommendations on the many topics covered pertaining to Career and Technical Education. The committee consists of 16 members representing teachers, students, parents, workforce, business, labor union, CTE staff, and school board liaison.

A major function of the committee was the approval of spending \$220,934.18 federal Perkins funds for the expansion and improvement of Career and Technical Education programs in Alexandria for the 2016-2017 school year. The committee also approved the new Perkins plan for the 2017-2018 school year including the \$216,575.02 budget. The committee received updates on mandated state and federal reports dealing with enrollments, demographics, program completers, and co-op statistics, and celebrated student achievements in awards, scholarships, and recognitions during the spring. The committee has also been kept up-to-date on dual enrollment for CTE and academic classes at T.C. Williams High School.

The CTE Advisory Committee was treated to a dinner provided by the Culinary Arts II students at T.C. Williams at the March meeting. A major focus throughout all meetings was dual enrollment options and industry certifications to meet the new graduation requirement for students who graduate with a standard diploma. The need for improved

workplace readiness skills continues to be a concern and focus in the business community, and the advisory committee supports the continued focus of these skills in CTE classes. The committee supports continuing a marketing and awareness campaign to increase awareness of CTE programs by enhancing outreach and program publicity to stakeholders (students, parents, businesses, middle school guidance counselors, etc.).

Strengths of the CTE programs identified by the committee include the diverse course offerings and numerous completer sequences, industry certification testing options available for student credentialing, CTE student organizations, dual enrollment opportunities giving students college credits, career pathway development, and teaching workplace readiness skills.

Major highlights from CTE Advisory Committee for 2016-2017 include:

- presentation from Zuzana Steen of Micron Technology
- presentation from Bekkah Lampe of NOVA Systemic Solutions
- tour of the ACPS television studio and presentation from the T.C. Williams TV Production faculty
- review of House and Senate bills affecting Career and Technical Education
- review of the CTE Annual Performance Report for 2015-2016 (attached) and
- approval of the new Arts, Audio/Video pathway as part of the local Carl Perkins plan submitted to VDOE (attached)

Goals for next school year include increasing committee membership; reviewing and monitoring CTE course offerings relevant to workforce needs; reviewing CTE annual performance report, industry certification test results, and student enrollment data; and creating scholarship opportunities for students to participate in NOVA Systemic Solutions STEMinars and STEM camps.

**IMPACT:** The CTE Advisory Committee continues to support Career and Technical Education classes that provide greater opportunities for ACPS students to graduate ready for college and career.

**ATTACHMENTS:** 170914\_ACPS\_CTE\_TV\_Production\_Pathway\_17\_v1.pdf  
170914\_ACPS\_CTE\_Annual\_Performance\_Report\_v1.pdf

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the CTE 2016-2017 Annual Report.

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