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

TOPIC: High School Capacity Update

BACKGROUND: With high school enrollment currently exceeding capacity and growth expected to continue at faster rates, the School Board allocated \$100,000 in the FY 2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget to engage the community on developing solutions for needed high school capacity.

SUMMARY: ACPS is pursuing a multi-step community engagement process to ensure the best outcome to address the capacity need at high school is developed in an aggressive timeline. To assist with this process, ACPS is procuring a qualified firm to:

- Compile examples of programmatic models implemented at the high school level in school divisions/districts with similar demographics, growth and engaged community as Alexandria;
- Employ these models as possible solutions to be presented to the community to determine the best programmatic model to accommodate the projected ACPS high school population; and
- Bring a recommendation of programmatic option(s) to the School Board in the fall of 2018 as a recommendation(s) from which the School Board will determine the future programmatic model to be accommodated at the high school level.

As a second part of the community engagement phase and beginning the planning and design phase, ACPS will:

- Conduct feasibility studies incorporating available and/or obtainable land and resources to determine best site options to execute the selected program model; and
- Update cost estimates and make adjustments to FY 2020 and FY 2021 CIP requests and scopes as necessary; and
- Develop an option-specific Ed. Spec. to provide for the selected program model successfully.

Depending on the ultimate capital project needed based on the community engagement and initial planning, design and construction will likely follow with varying timelines depending on the scope of the project and availability of property and resources.

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ATTACHMENTS: Presentation