

**BOARD MEMO**

Date: March 5, 2020

For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes

No

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

**TO:** The Honorable Cindy Anderson, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** The High School Project Update

**ACPS 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Goal 4: Facilities and the Learning Environment

Goal 6: Effective and Efficient Operations

**SY 2019-2020 FOCUS AREA:**

Focus Area 3: High School Project

**FY 2020 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

Optimal and Equitable Learning Environments

**SUMMARY: Project Updates:**

The attached presentation outlines the major activities that need to occur from now until occupancy of the new building which is targeted for the 2024-25 School Year. Please refer to slides 3 and 12 of the presentation for timelines associated with this effort. The focus of these timelines is on the current fiscal year activities, starting with the extended planning period, the designing of an educational program, site-specific educational specifications, and the beginning of the design phase.

**Educational Design Team:**

The ideas emerging from the Educational Design Team (EDT) meetings include:

- enhancing Project-Based Learning across the curriculum,
- exploring ways to introduce more work-based experiences; and
- expanding STEM/STEAM and CTE at the new campus.

These ideas are consistent with the education experts' observations and recommendations that also confirm priorities set by the School Board.

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### **Industry Advisory Boards:**

The staff is finalizing the planning and logistics for the Industry Advisory Board (IAB) members' orientation on March 10, 2020. The orientation is designed to provide IAB members with a clear framework of expectations and an understanding of the teaching and learning environment at T.C. Williams High School. In addition, the staff is working with the IAB chairs and co-chairs to finalize the scope of work for the IABs.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The High School Project began in the summer of 2018 and has progressed steadily throughout the past year. On January 24, 2019, the School Board voted to continue The High School Project work with a focus on several priorities and a commitment to a multi-option evaluation process. On September 26, 2019, the School Board voted in favor of a Connected High School Network strategy to address Alexandria's future high school capacity needs that included the construction of a high school building (and associated site amenities) on the Minnie Howard campus for 1,600 students.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the attached materials and remain current with project progress.

### **IMPACT:**

Advances The High School Project 2019-2020 significant activities and milestones.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

200305\_Att1\_HSP\_PowerPoint\_Presentation  
200305\_Att2\_HSP\_IAB\_Membership\_List  
200305\_Att3\_HSP\_EDT\_Sitevisit\_Objectives  
200305\_Att4\_HSP\_02102020\_Meeting\_Summary  
200305\_Att5\_HSP\_02182020\_Meeting\_Summary

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