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To: The Honorable Sheryl Gorsuch, Chair, and Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: TAG Advisory Committee Annual Report and Suggested Scope of Work

BACKGROUND: Each year the Talent and Gifted Advisory Committee submits an annual report summarizing their work from the previous year. In addition, the Board of Education notifies the committee in regards to the scope of work that the committee is requested to address for the coming year. Major accomplishments, noted in the report, from this past year include: 1) overseeing the implementation of the majority of the goals outlined in 2005-11 TAG Local Plan; 2) exploration of co/extra curricular activities available with limited funding; 3) exploration of mentoring resources; and 4) monitoring the identification of underrepresented minorities for participation in TAG and endorsement of the CoGAT and Young Scholar's Program to address this issue.

RECOMMENDATION: Important work that could be addressed by the TAG Advisory Committee this coming year include: 1) assisting with the development of a revised ACPS TAG Local Plan for implementation in 2012-13; 2) ensuring the new TAG Local Plan meets latest research on identifying and providing service to TAG students, 3) outreach to communities and parents of underrepresented minorities for participation in TAG, and 4) increased parent engagement opportunities for TAG students.

IMPACT: A focus by the TAG Advisory Committee on the above recommendations would provide a premiere program for the identification of and service to TAG students and significantly address the underrepresentation of minorities in the ACPS TAG program.

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