

BOARD MEMO

Date: February 20, 2020

For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes

No

FROM: Mignon R. Anthony, Chief Operating Officer
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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:

Educational Design Team

Since the last School Board meeting, the Educational Design Team (EDT) visited the Academies of Loudoun on February 11, 2020. The visit allowed the EDT members to observe flexibly designed space in a school with programming focused on STEM and CTE. After the tour and discussion with the school's principal, the EDT shared observations, questions, and takeaways, including how the design of the learning environment can help meet our educational goals.

Industry Advisory Boards

The staff has scheduled an orientation for the Industry Advisory Boards (IABs) members on March 10, 2020 at T.C. Williams High School, King Street Campus. The orientation will provide IAB members a better understanding of the different work-based learning opportunities available. This will include a discussion of what is required to administer these types of opportunities and a framework for managing their respective IABs.

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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 August 22, 2019, the School Board had a work session that focused on the EDT's models of what a two high schools model or Connected High School Network could look like, as well as a preliminary discussion on the site analysis. The School Board Work Session on September 19, 2019, focused on the detailed site analysis and cost comparison between two high schools model and Connected High School Network. 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 the School Board to stay current with project progress. The project team will respond to and accommodate inquiries from the Board on an as-needed basis.

IMPACT:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

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