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THROUGH: Lois F. Berlin, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent of Schools

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

TOPIC: Regulation JHCF-R2: School Health Guidelines: Managing Food Allergies in School

BACKGROUND:

In the fall of 2016, the School Health Advisory Board (SHAB) discussed updating September 2014 food Allergy Guidelines, JHCF-R2. A work group was convened with staff members from Student Services and School Nutrition, ACPS consulting physician and School Board member. Revised guidelines were developed and shared with the work group and other stakeholders in the spring. These guidelines were reviewed and discussed by SHAB in May 2017.

SUMMARY:

ACPS' revisions to the food allergy guideline reflect goals and practices for an allergy/anaphylaxis aware school system. These are in line with recommendations from the Center of Disease Control, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the National Association of School Nurses who have determined that evidence-based best practice is for schools to be allergy/anaphylaxis aware.

Other changes to the revised guidelines include the addition of goals for the management of food allergies, guidance for developing a school-based food allergy management plan, practices for reducing the risk of exposure to food allergens, and the expansion of the previously outlined stakeholder responsibilities section.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the Regulation JHCF-R2- School Health Guidelines: Managing Food Allergies in School.

IMPACT:

By reviewing Regulation JHCF-R2, the School Board continues its commitment to ensuring the health and wellness of ACPS students.

ATTACHMENTS:

JHCF-R - School Health Guidelines: Managing Food Allergies in School

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