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

TOPIC: Program of Studies for 2019-20 for Secondary Schools

BACKGROUND: February 4, 2019 marks the start of the enrollment process for secondary students for the 2019-20 school year. Students and their families are provided with a Program of Studies which provides information on graduation and school practices that support student learning. The Program of Studies also includes a comprehensive list of courses available to meet graduation requirements; provides opportunities to explore a wide-range of disciplines; and meets diverse student needs and interests.

A committee of administrators and guidance staff from each secondary school, along with Curriculum & Instruction and Communications staff, worked to design and develop the proposed Program of Studies for the 2019-20 school year. The committee members worked with various departments in each school to solicit recommendations for course revisions, additions and deletions that incorporated trends in student interest and demand.

Once the Program of Studies is approved, it will be published on the ACPS website and printed in hard copy form for distribution to students, parents/guardians, and school staff at the end of January 2019.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the proposed 2019-20 Program of Studies.

IMPACT: The adoption of the Program of Studies for 2019-20 will affect Secondary programming in the options students have for classes.

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ATTACHMENT: Draft Program of Studies for 2019-20